

Espigoladors (gleaners): from imperfect fruits and vegetables, second opportunities grow



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**Call for best practices  
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### Practice description:

- Born in 2014, Espigoladors carries out its main activities in the region of Catalonia and has also impact in Spain and Europe.
- The organisation aims at tackling food waste; giving access to safe, healthy and nutritious food for vulnerable groups and giving job/traineeship opportunities for these people.
- Its main activities comprehend gleaning in the fields with volunteers, distribution of fresh food to social entities, elaboration of *es im-perfect*® products, awareness raising projects for healthy nutrition and food waste saving.

### Outcomes/Results:

Number of gleaners involved	2878
Tonnes of fresh produce recovered	670
Nº of collaborating farmers	95
Millions of portions delivered	2
Saved economic value (€)	292 K
Saved carbon emissions (ton CO <sub>2eq</sub> )	313
Saved water footprint (million liters)	409
Number of <i>es im-perfect</i> ® sold	147500

In order to create a systemic change and not waste food, the main action is educating and creating awareness.