THE FUTURE OF FOOD BANKS IN EUROPE

Food Rescue: The New Future of Food Donation

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The landscape for food redistribution is evolving due to many factors including a growing focus on circular economy, sustainability, manufacturing advances and innovations, increased attention on nutrition and health, technology and digital transformation, and a stronger interest in public-private partnerships in order to build a more resilient food system.
The Future of Food Banks in Europe. Preparing the ‘20s

As food redistribution is evolving and becoming more diversified, FEBA aims to support its membership in acquiring news skills and competences needed to deliver the core tasks in a changing environment and sharing best practice and knowledge to support recovery and redistribution of surplus food to feed people in need.

As a contribution to the achievement of the UN SDGs, in particular SDG 12.3 by preventing food waste through the redistribution for human consumption.
Challenging Food Banks

Not only traditional Food Banks but also new models and sources of opportunities:

• Analysing the existing capacities
• Assessing possible involvement of extra resources cooperating with stakeholders
• Creating a cost/benefit model
• Assessing the possibility of integration with different programs
Delegated distribution allows increased amounts of edible surplus food to be recovered from the retail and food service actors. It is complementary to the traditional model of Food Banks (based on warehousing and logistics), and consists of the direct recovery and redistribution of safe and nutritious food products, especially fresh products and cooked meals, to charitable organisations and their final beneficiaries.
Delegated distribution

What kind of donors do you have?

Whole sellers – Food Service – Retailers

Do you have a delegated distribution?

The majority already use delegated distribution but not always in the same way

What kind of charity do you have?

Every type of organisation. Main challenges for the charities: equipment, food safety, having enough volunteers

What are the challenges and opportunities to adopt this model?

- Cost for employees
- Food safety
- Lack of supermarket interest
- Age of volunteers
- Lack of funding
- Food Banks don’t want to change
- Transport/collection > logistics
- Education of charities/stores
- Food transport
- Is it cheaper to buy food?
- Risk for food bank reputation
- Managing multiple partners + managing expectations/needs
- Gathering feedback

- Many supermarkets (in Norway) are already doing it without food banks
- Cruise lines
- It is cheaper, simpler, there are a lot of options
- Improve the balance of nutritional impact
- A lot of EU funding
- Food variety
- Supermarkets are everywhere
- Education of charities
- Tax incentives
- Good quality food
- Fresh food
- CSR initiatives supported by companies
Meals on Wheels

Working closely can allow to **identify key issues and put plans in place together** to support causes to address them.

- lack sufficient refrigerated storage facilities for food;
- lack transport options with volunteers using their own personal cars and vans to carry out the day-to-day services of local groups and organisations across the country.
Tasty ugly fruit & veg
A project without borders for a goal with infinite horizons
OVER 100,000 PORTIONS DONATED
Frozen ready-to-eat meals
Community Cookery School

“...It is all about giving otherwise wasted ingredients some love, and transforming them into tasty, nutritious meals.”
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