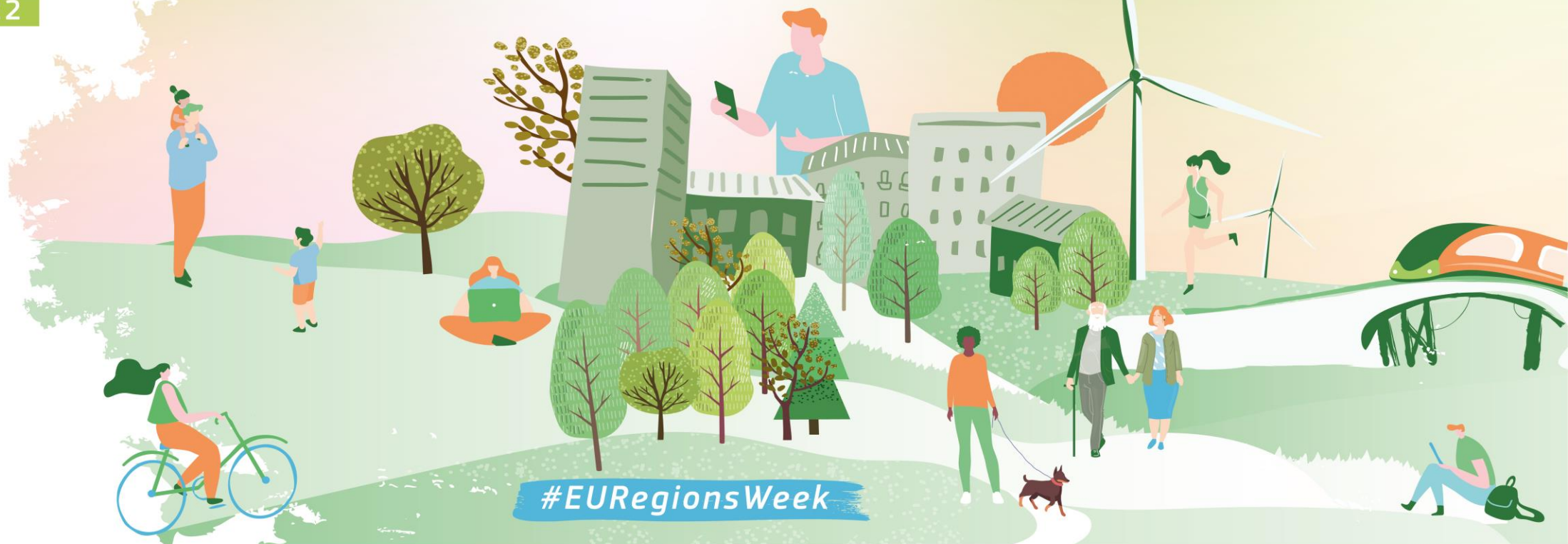




Rural Development Programme in Slovakia

New Challenges for
Europe's Cohesion

supporting activities to help refugees and people in need



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Charity organizations and food bank

Target group

- most deprived persons/people in need
- social facilities
- accommodation facilities for refugees

National legislation on food donation/redistribution

- obligation to offer the food after minimum shelf life to charity
- food safety provisions applies to charity organizations

Support for charity organizations

- investment support – Rural Development Programme
- support for operational/running costs – State Budget



Support from Rural Development Programme

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Eligible beneficiary:

- Non profit NGOs or church organizations engaged in charity activities, Red Cross, Food Bank

Eligible investments:

- Storage facilities, equipment, cooling/freezing storage units
- Vans, pick-ups, refrigerated vans
- Soup kitchens and kitchen equipment

Aid intensity:

- 100%, up to 250 000 EUR depending on past activities regarding food aid distribution

Eligibility conditions:

- Minimum of 10 tons of food collected and distributed to refugees/most deprived persons
- Registered food establishment according to national law



Challenges – targeted, effective support

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Avoiding the state aid provisions - no economic activities

Records and documentation regarding the food redistribution

Distribution:

- food after minimum shelf life, unsold fresh produce/bakery products, food close to expiration date
- safe food from food processors that cannot be sold due the factors that do not effect the quality of food
- distribution of cooked meals
- additionally also basic material aid

Eligibility condition relating to the rural areas

- RDP targets the rural population and aims at improving the quality of life
- people in need, refugees and most deprived persons do not have many options to choose the residency



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Challenges – protection of financial interests

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Provisions regarding controls:

- investments are used only for charity activities, economic activities are excluded
- food and basic material aid is distributed to the target group only

Protection of financial interests:

- 5 year sustainability of projects
- establishing a lien
- investments in reconstruction of storage facilities is also eligible even that the establishing the lien is not possible

Financing possibilities:

- reimbursement of costs/pre-financing possibility
- Advances (bank guarantee)





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Thank you for your attention

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