THE FUTURE OF FOOD BANKS IN EUROPE

Quantifying the Impact of European Food Banks

From Farm to Fork

REPORT

Workshop Meeting

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Welcome & introduction

The Workshop 4 of the project of Data Collection & Digital Transformation “Quantifying the Impact of European Food Banks - from Farm to Fork” started with an introduction made by Angela Frigo, FEBA Secretary General and Laura Gavinelli, Management Consultant & Trainer.

They welcomed the participants and recalled about the previous steps of this project. As Laura Gavinelli underlined, this session was the opportunity to see the return of the investment in terms of efforts, knowledge and what the Pilot Group, together with FEBA and external experts, shared in the previous workshops.

The online Observatory on Food Donation is taking shape day by day. Laura reminded participants that in the past months, the work of the external experts and FEBA staff was mainly on 2 levels:

- Classification of the indexes and indicators to find the best way to transform data into information and work on the taxonomy (shared list of definition)
- Implementation of the online platform
Fabio Fraticelli reminded participants about the steps undertook during the last months to develop an ad hoc online Observatory on Food Donation.

In the first release the aim is to create an online platform where members of the Pilot Group can insert data manually through a form. Fabio explained the work behind on the data storage to make easier the modelling approach and the tool found that can help FEBA members to create and display data through charts in one unique dashboard.

This first version lets FEBA members to input data, storage them in the internal database and at the same time modelling those data thanks to a data visualization tool to arrive at the very end to embed the charts in the final dashboard.

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In the dashboard each element can be customized and edited because the system used is very flexible.

FEBA and external experts will organise ad hoc sessions to train members in using the platform with all its functionalities.

Possibility to aggregate data in an unlimited way.
The first release of the platform is designed to be simple and easy to use, to make the Pilot Group and FEBA able to use it and to take the first steps towards a more complex and complete releases in the months and years to come broadening step by step the number of FEBA members that use the platform to store data and create dashboards and reports – both at national and European level.

Moreover, there is the possibility to download the charts. In fact, for each chart, a user can download the chart in SVG, PNG, or CSV formats. In addition, directly from the platform, FEBA and its members will be able to share the charts on different social media channels, via email etc., customising the colours or logos.

The final goal of this session was to present members of the Pilot Group the first release of the online Observatory on Food Donation and explain them the work behind the scenes of the Leading Team (FEBA and external experts) to select the KPIs and have a first final set of indicators for the release of the platform at the end of the first year of the project.

External experts started showing participants the main features and functionalities of the platform.

As from mid-November FEBA, together with the external experts, will conduct one-by-one meetings to train members of the Pilot Group and finetune the first release of the platform for the benefit of the entire membership and to reach the goal set for the first year of the project of Data Collection & Digital Transformation.