

FEBA Partnerships & Capacity Building

2023 REPORT



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1. About this report

This report aims to give an overview of all the partnerships and capacity building activities carried on in 2023 by the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) to pursue the objective of strengthening and developing the network to support FEBA Members to increase their impact in preventing food waste and reducing food insecurity.

In times in which a nutritious meal is unaffordable for many European citizens (7.3% of European citizens cannot afford a quality meal every second day (Eurostat, 2022) and, at the same time, 59 million tonnes of food (131 kg/inhabitant) are wasted every year, the activities of Food Banks are more vital than ever. At the same time, it is now more expensive to recover and redistribute food donations and this has placed pressure on those dealing with food redistribution. Given these circumstances, Food Banks depend on solidarity and financial support to keep their activities running smoothly.

In this context, in 2023 FEBA reinforced the **dialogue with a wide range of companies, organisations, and foundations presenting the mission and activity of FEBA and its members, developing partnerships, and undertaking joint projects to improve the sustainable impact of the entire network.**

FEBA **facilitated connections** between companies and Food Banks, in some cases also locally, and **engage corporate employees in volunteering opportunities.**



**Jacques Vandenschrik,
President, European
Food Banks Federation**



In 2023, the cost-of-living crisis strongly impacted FEBA Members' daily activities. To satisfy the demand from the people in need, Food Banks needed to increase their efficiency and develop their donor network to achieve their mission. The generosity of private and corporate donors from every corner of the world encouraged us immensely. It allowed FEBA to take on the challenge and assist its members in these difficult times.



Key achievements in 2023

+40

More than 40 companies, organisations, and foundations committed to supporting FEBA and its members



Multiple surveys to assess the needs of FEBA Members aiming at building capacity and further developing partnerships.

11

new or renewed partnerships for the benefit of FEBA and its members.



Multiple online and in-presence activities with partners and supporters aiming to support members' capacity building.

3

online fundraising campaigns to engage corporate employees.



Facilitation of in-kind donations such as food, carton boxes, crates, and much more.

2. Scope of activity



During FEBA's 35th Anniversary on 24 September 2021, the FEBA Board of Directors and the Presidents of the members finalised the Strategic Plan 2022-2026. In particular, the Strategic Plan identified the strategic objective of raising sufficient funding through corporations, foundations, other organisations, individuals, and other financial donors to support FEBA's development and assist members in need of financial support.

One of the core activities of FEBA, indeed, consists in supporting members in strengthening the network, sharing knowledge and best practice, contributing to building expertise, and ensuring efficiency for its membership.

This is structured into the following actions:

- Assessing the needs and the progress of FEBA Members enabling FEBA to strategically support the network;
- Strengthening the capacity of members' organisations enabling them to be effective, efficient, and professional partners;

- Facilitating training and knowledge exchange to improve and retain the skills;

- Teaming up with corporations, foundations, and other organisations by initiating, establishing, and reinforcing partnerships which can support the growth and sustainable development of FEBA and its members by raising funds and food and encouraging joint actions and volunteering activities;

- Expanding the reach of partnerships to more members.

FEBA Strategic Plan 2022-2026



1.

10% increase of food redistributed



2.

Increase of the ratio persons helped/ persons at risk of poverty



3.

Raise sufficient funding to support FEBA's development and assist members in need



4.

Promote the use of REACT-EU, ESF+ and other EU funding



5.

Federate all existing Food Banks in Europe



6.

Promote integrative national representation



7.

Adherence to the data collection system

3. FEBA meets the members



In 2023, FEBA reinforced the **dialogue with its members to exchange information and good practice, share challenges and opportunities, and build on learnings**. With this aim, FEBA organised **several on-site visits and meetings to assess the needs, support the growth, and track the progress of its members**.

23-26 January / Banca de Alimente Moldova



FEBA visited its Associate Member, Bancă de Alimente Moldova, with the aim of assessing the membership and evaluating and monitoring the donations for 2022 and 2023.

In addition, on 24 January 2023, the European Union donated two transport units to make the operation of the Food Bank more efficient and FEBA participated to the giving event, part of the project *“Partnerships for inclusive and resilient social canteen services”*, which aims to develop social canteen services in the country.



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15 February / Fédération Française des Banques Alimentaires

FEBA visited the headquarters of the FFBA to share and exchange on partnerships.



1-2 March / Federația Băncilor pentru Alimente din România (FBAR)

In March 2023 FEBA visited its Associate Member in Romania, Federația Băncilor pentru Alimente din România (FBAR), in order to evaluate the membership and monitor donations for 2023. FBAR is the main actor dealing with food redistribution in Romania and consists of 9 regional Food Banks in Bucharest, Brasov, Cluj, Constanta, Craiova, Galati, Oradea, Roman, and Timisoara.



20-23 February, Food Bank Albania

Established in 2013 and became a FEBA Associate Member in 2014, FEBA visited Food Bank Albania (FBA) to assess the membership and the status was upgraded to Full Member. During the visit, the FEBA was able to meet the FBA team, exploring its activities across the country and, in particular, in the headquarters in Tirana.



15-16 April / Magyar Élelmiszerbank Egyesület



5-7 May / Federația Băncilor pentru Alimente din România (FBAR)

FBAR organised its annual meeting with the participation of the 9 Regional Food Banks from Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Craiova, Cluj, Galati, Oradea, Roman, and Timisoara.

FEBA Secretary General attended the meeting and shared updates on topics such as FEBA priorities for 2023 and current activities, for instance, the project **“Quantifying the Impact of European Food Banks. From Farm to Fork”**.



23 April – 2 May / Ukrainian Food Banks Federation

FEBA Project Manager – Ukraine Crisis visited the Ukrainian Food Banks Federation (UFBF) to assess their daily operations and management. This assessment confirmed that the organisational level of UFBF is in line with FEBA recommendations and the organisation is transparent enough to keep FEBA membership status.



11 May / MaistoBankas

FEBA organised a visit to the Banque Alimentaire Bruxelles-Brabant for a representative from MaistoBankas.



7 July / Tafel Deutschland e.V.

Both FEBA President and Secretary General attended the Bundestafeltreffen 2023 in Mannheim, Germany.



26 June / Banca de Alimente Moldova

Representatives from Bancă de Alimente Moldova visited the FEBA office to exchange on future developments and growth support in Moldova.



18 September / Die Tafel Österreich

As Wiener Tafel entered the 25th year of activity, they continued to evolve their brand into Die Tafel Österreich. On this occasion, FEBA Secretary General was invited to participate in the Future Dialogue, including a world café discussions on topics such as food insecurity, digital food redistribution, circular economy, CO2-emissions, and many other topics.



2-14 October / Ukrainian Food Banks Federation (UFBF)

A FEBA delegation visited Ukraine to assess the humanitarian situation in the country and to evaluate the work of UFBF. The delegation was chaired by FEBA President Jacques Vandenschrik and consisted of Bernard Valluis, member of FEBA Board of Directors, and Sofiiia Vara, FEBA Project Manager – Ukraine Crisis. In addition, Christopher Rebstock, GFN's Canada, Europe, and South Asia Programme Director joined the visit.



During the visit the delegation was inspired by the level of UFBF's operations. In under a year, UFBF has delivered 10.7 million meals to almost 325,000 people in 21 of the 25 oblasts (regions) in Ukraine — including communities on the front lines of the conflict. It was important to see that

the charitable organisations were distributing food kits by the prepared lists of people and checked their passports to confirm the identity, in this way accountability and traceability is being maintained at the highest level.



16 October / Federația Băncilor pentru Alimentație din România (FBAR)

FBAR celebrated World Food Day as a collaborative effort, involving FEBA and the 9 regional Food Banks in Bucharest, Brasov, Cluj, Costanța, Craiova, Galați, Oradea, Roman, and Timișoara.

International partners, national and regional authorities, and partner organisations joined this collective mission to support people in need and reduce food waste.

20 November / Federacja Polskich Banków Żywności

FEBA visited the headquarters of its Polish member in Warsaw. This was a great opportunity to meet the staff and discuss common projects and ideas, as well as understand the work and needs of the Polish Federation of Food Banks.



4. Partnerships & Capacity Building



European Food Banks are a critical lifeline to promote access to food. Impact of the socio-economic crisis on FEBA Members.

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The cost-of-living crisis across Europe continues to have a significant impact on the communities in which we live and operate. The challenges resulting from this remarkable socio-economic uncertainty led to an **increased need for financial support** for Food Banks in Europe.

FEBA was able to support this call thanks to the engagement of corporations, foundations, and other organisations which share the same values and ambitions as FEBA. The gathered support was dedicated to respond to concrete needs: higher costs of daily activity (rent, utilities, fuel, etc.), additional staff for handling the recovered food, new vehicles to ensure food redistribution, equipment for the warehouses and IT systems, among others.

JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

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JPMorgan Chase & Co. supported those most heavily impacted by the crisis. The firm's philanthropic contribution to FEBA Members was part of a larger regional and global commitment of up to \$5 million to respond to the cost-of-living crisis in order to drive a more inclusive economy.



\$5m

ICG

ICG

ICG, launched an initiative to support charities providing food to individuals and families in need due to the cost-of-living crisis. This initiative provided a concrete support to six leading charities delivering support to people in need in each of the cities in which ICG has major operations worldwide, including FEBA and some of its members.



General Mills

For many years, across Europe, General Mills has been committed to supporting Food Banks. Since 2018, the long-lasting partnership with FEBA has helped to strengthen the activity and to increase food security and prevent food waste throughout Europe. In 2023, General Mills continued to provide philanthropic support to FEBA and some of its members. In addition, surplus food was donated from General Mills factories, and hundreds of General Mills employees volunteered for the Food Banks.



The FEBA Annual Convention 2023, the flagship event of the organisation, was organised thanks to the support and participation of General Mills.

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Tetra Pak

FEBA signed a partnership agreement with Tetra Pak to identify opportunities for collaboration with FEBA Members and facilitate the exchange of relevant information as well as participating in events. FEBA created the connection between Tetra Pak and some of its members in order to verify concrete collaboration possibilities at a national level. In addition, Tetra Pak actively took part in the FEBA Annual Convention 2023, contributing actively and constructively to the working sessions.



FEBA also reinforced collaborations with long-lasting partners, developed ties with new partners, renewed its eligibility for global grant-making organisations, and signed **10 new or renewed Donation Agreements**.

FEBA also worked on engaging **corporate employees as volunteers** by promoting solidarity opportunities such as national Food Collections and warehouse activities and by facilitating connections between employees and Food Banks.



In this regard, FEBA launched **3 online corporate fundraising campaigns** for the benefit of its members. In addition several companies committed to engaging their employees in this solidarity action raising meaningful economic resources to support the activities of FEBA Members. In addition, FEBA jointly set up an online campaign with JustEat Takeaway.com (JET) through which the customers could use their JET's loyalty points to be donated to the Food Banks in Belgium.



ADM

On 24 May 2023, ADM Cares invited the European Food Banks Federation for a virtual session dedicated to learning more about food waste, hunger and Food Banks in Europe. More than 80 ADM employees joined the meeting. The session took place during the EMEA's Volunteer Week, in which 670 ADM colleagues across 26 countries in Europe, the Middle East and Africa came together to take part in more than 35 activities, for a total of more than 1,000 volunteer hours.

In addition, on 6 October FEBA recorded an ADM Cares Community podcast, speaking about Food Banks in Europe and the specific support ADM provided to FEBA's member in Ukraine.



Medtronic



Medtronic

Medtronic employees from across the globe embraced the opportunity to create solutions that make an impact and are sustainable organising The Pay IT forward global IT event which took place between 11 and 13 July. This event was organised for all Medtronic IT employees to come together live onsite in various office locations or remotely to create food and non-food kits for families in need. The event took place in 30 countries, 89 locations, seeing the participation of 386 volunteers split into 18 onsite events and resulting in about 1,360 kgs/175 boxes of food donated.

In addition, FEBA took part in 2 Pay IT Forward Streaming Events live sessions (out of 8 with more than 442 employees attending) with Medtronic IT Employees from across the globe.



During the year, FEBA organised various activities customised to the needs of its members and external stakeholders to **broaden the expertise of its members and facilitate exchanges of mutual learning within the network**. The activities were varied and mainly online to ensure greater participation. FEBA planned or facilitated **several peer-to-peer sessions** to promote the exchange of information and best practices between members.

FEBA Members also actively organised activities to exchange information and best practices. In addition, FEBA organised **events involving external stakeholders** to create awareness about Food Banks, and put Food Banks, even local ones, in contact with international companies.



23 January

Skill-sharing triologue between the Česká Federace Potravinových Bank, Tafel Deutschland e.V., and Wiener Tafel in Vienna



22 June

Česká Federace Potravinových Bank visits Potravinová Banka Slovenska



21-23 March

A fruitful exchange between Federația Băncilor pentru Alimente din România and Banco Alimentare



24 October

Learning and sharing: Banca de Alimente Moldova and Banco Alimentare

15-16 November

FEBA organised the skill-sharing session **“Exchange of expertise between Fondazione Banco Alimentare ONLUS and Food Bank Albania”** in collaboration with Fondazione Banco Alimentare ONLUS (FBAO).

The session took place in Milan, Italy and it was organised to enrich the skills of the Food Bank Albania and focused on FBAO’s role and processes to operate, representing an opportunity to deepen and learning by seeing, the operational activity of surplus food recovery. This was possible also thanks to the participation of Associazione Banco Alimentare della Lombardia “Danilo Fossati” Onlus (ABAL).

Finally, FBAO had the opportunity to transfer skills to FBA concerning design activities, delving into the tools useful depending on the life cycle of the project.





Cargill

On 6 July, Cargill organised a Cares Council Lunch & Learn together with FEBA and 42 colleagues from the EMEA region with the goal of raising awareness about the current state of food insecurity in Europe, highlighting the work of Food Banks to combat food insecurity, rescuing food that can still be saved and highlighting best practices of Cargill's Food Bank partnerships in Cargill's communities.



10 years of Eurostep

Since 2013, university students at Sciences Po Bordeaux and the University of Nantes organized "Eurostep", an annual charity race through the Schengen area.

Every year, these university students have 72 hours to reach a European city by hitchhiking and the money raised during the race is for the benefit of a Member of FEBA. In 2023, from 14-16 April, 157 students hitchhiked from Bordeaux to Budapest and on their way they raised donations to support Magyar Élelmiszerbank Egyesület, FEBA Member in Hungary. The Food Bank and FEBA celebrated the students with a welcome event and prize-giving ceremony at the French Institute in Budapest with the participation of Ambassador of France to Hungary, Ms. Claire Legras, together with representatives from FAO and Auchan.



Carrier Transicold

On 19 September FEBA organised together with Carrier Transicold a Lunch and Learn Session to highlight the Carrier's commitment to support FEBA in the fight against hunger and food. The session aimed to talk about the activities carried out by FEBA and Carrier and involve Carrier employees in various countries to be even more involved in supporting Food Banks across Europe.



Live Nation

In this context, FEBA started a new collaboration with Live Nation Entertainment, the world's leading live entertainment company that promotes, operates, and manages ticket sales for live entertainment, mainly music concerts. Live Nation asked FEBA



Moreover, FEBA encouraged and facilitated **in-kind donations** providing tangible support to the members. Several companies donated food, equipment, or transport for the benefit of FEBA Members.



to engage local Food Banks in recovering and redistributing surplus cooked meals from Depeche Mode's European tour catering. The tour took place in the stadiums of several European cities from May to August 2023.

5. FEBA Partners & Supporters

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6. What is next?

FEBA is committed to continuing to support the growth of its members and assist those more in need through the development of partnerships and the sharing of skills and knowledge.

➤ In 2024 we look forward to deepening relationships with our existing partners and supporters, and identify opportunities to develop new partnerships with companies that share FEBA's vision to reduce food insecurity through food waste prevention and the call for solidarity to support and develop Food Banks in countries where they are most needed.

➤ We also plan to identify specific projects at the FEBA level that would benefit from support from our partners that will help us achieve our goals funding and input so that we can maximise the partnerships that we have.

➤ Most importantly we will continue to share and update our partners on the FoodAidUkraine campaign, launched for winter 2023/2024 and garner support for those in need.



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7. Acknowledgement

The European Food Banks Federation takes this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the European Commission for supporting the capacity building of FEBA and its membership.

A sincere thank you to our partners and supporters for their trust and the work done together over the years. During these times, the pledges of corporations, foundations, organisations, and individuals endorsed FEBA to fulfil its mission. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnership with all of you in the months and years ahead.

Finally, many thanks to all our members for the life changing work you do through your daily activities. We are extremely proud to be able to support you.



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