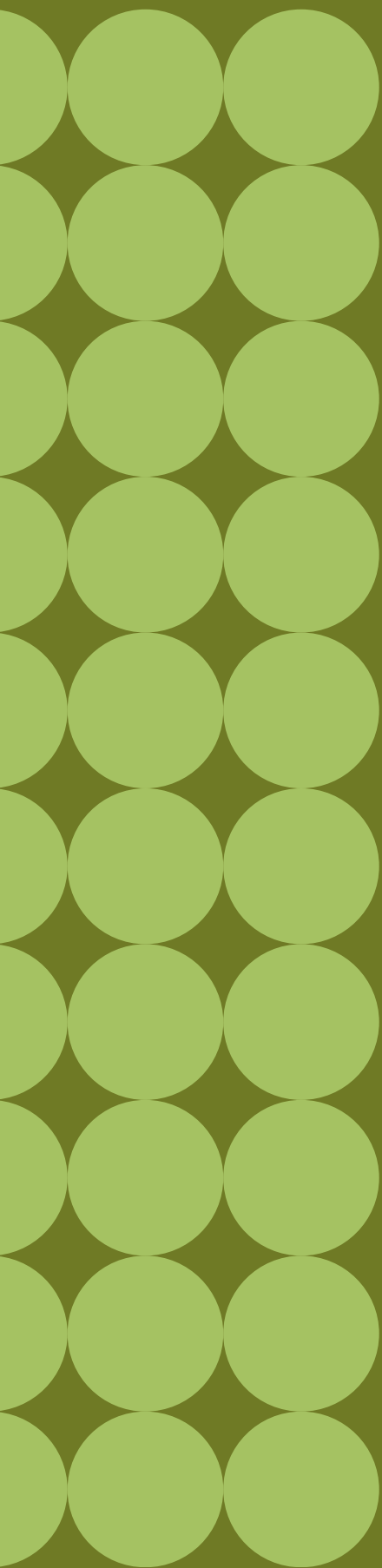




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2025 Report →



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INTRODUCTION

Food loss and waste is indicative of not only inefficiency but also a missed opportunity to feed those in need and mitigate the associated adverse environmental consequences. Globally, 783 million people are food insecure, yet over 1 billion tonnes of food is wasted every year, representing 10 per cent of global emissions. Access to food is not guaranteed, and Europe is no exception. The EU continues to waste 59 million tonnes of food per annum, and yet 8.5 per cent of the population is unable to afford a proper meal every other day.

Food banks offer a tangible solution to this paradox of abundance and scarcity by collecting and redistributing surplus food from upwards in the food value chain (where 45 per cent of all food waste occurs) to charitable organisations serving those in need.

The European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) consists of 30 national-level food banking organisations and a total of 351 individual food banks in 30 countries across continental Europe, supporting its members' mission to reduce food loss and prevent food waste. It does so largely through building member capacities across food banking operations as well as through policy and advocacy, data collection, communications, and resource mobilisation to support development and resilience in the long run.

FEBA itself engages with a diverse array of partners from the public and private sector to facilitate the above, and drive solidarity to engage with the needs and mission of food banks.

This report aims to summarise the partnerships and capacity-building activities FEBA has fostered over the course of 2025 across the aforementioned areas and highlight the organisation's key achievements in doing so.

The tasks of strengthening food banking capacities across FEBA's membership and extending FEBA's reach throughout Europe is chiefly led by the Network Development department. This team builds and sustains close relationships with members through consistent communication, assessing their strengths, challenges, and priorities to deliver tailored support. It also undertakes comprehensive data collection to capture and communicate the collective impact of the network.

"In 2025, FEBA members continued to face the ongoing repercussions of the cost-of-living crisis. To respond to the growing demand for essential food and non-food items from an ever-wider range of people in need, food banks across our network have further intensified their efforts, enhanced their operational efficiency, and strengthened collaboration with their donor communities.

Amid these challenges, we remain profoundly grateful for the continued generosity and commitment of our partners, whose support makes our mission possible."



Esteban Arriaga Miranda

CEO of the European Food Banks Federation

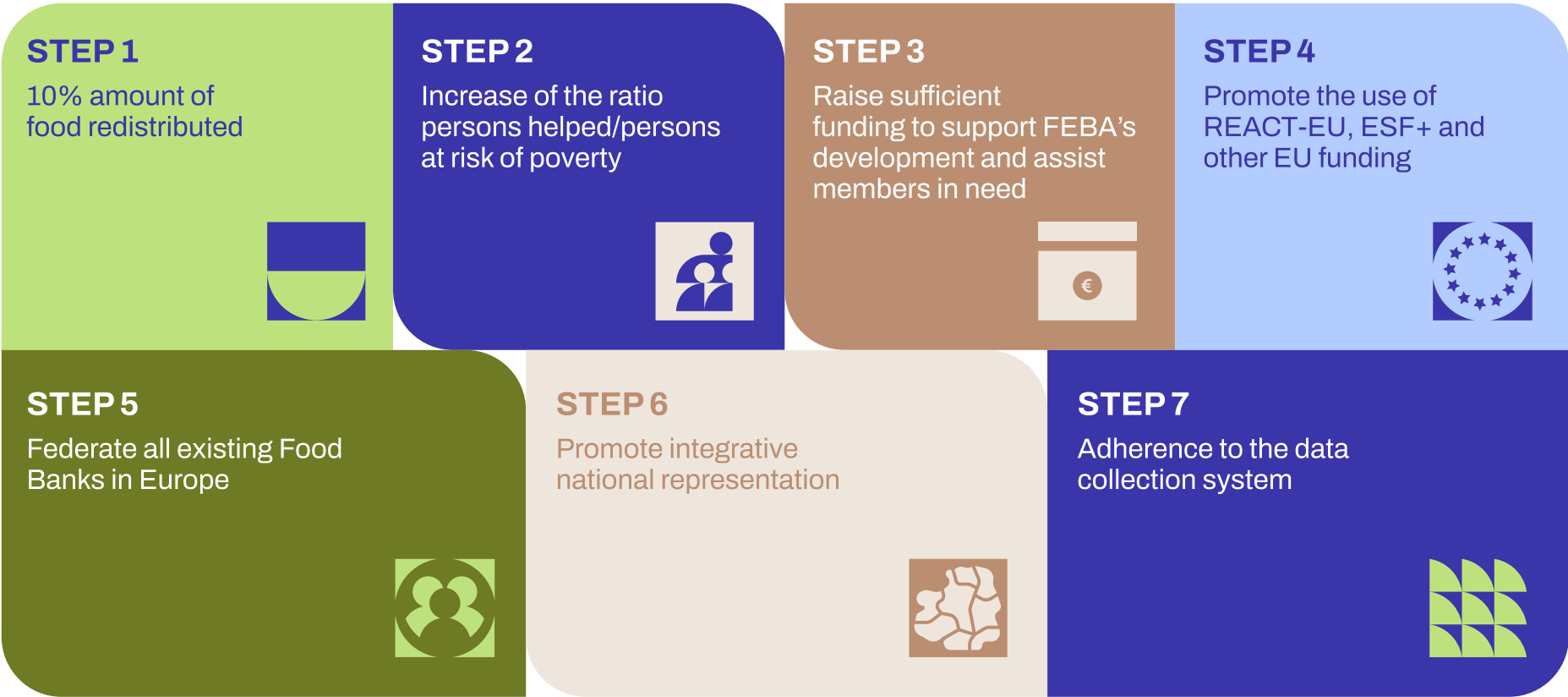
By promoting collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the sharing of best practices, the Network Development department ensures that lessons are learned, successes are replicated, and members' interests, feedback and needs are heard.

This is particularly relevant in the context of FEBA's policy and advocacy activities. In addition to its own initiatives to promote food donation, social inclusion and material support in decision making and policy development at the European level, FEBA also supports members in their advocacy activities and to participate in EU programmes, such as ESF+ and others.

Supporting members and coordinating resources across the network relies on close collaboration with FEBA's Partnerships department. Through this collaboration the department is equipped to attract and manage resources effectively, aligning donor interests with member priorities and ensuring transparency throughout the relationship lifecycle.

By continuously exploring new and diverse partnership avenues, the Partnerships team helps ensure FEBA's work remains sustainable, impactful, and responsive to the evolving needs of its members.

Figure 1. The overall scope of FEBA's activities is defined by FEBA's 2022–2026 strategic plan, unveiled during FEBA's 35th Anniversary in 2021. The plan is broken down into seven major objectives.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025



NETWORK DEVELOPMENT & POLICY

The Network Development and Policy department is central to FEBA's work with its members across all aspects of their operations and aims to empower them in their daily activities to advance the collective mission against food waste and poverty. The department regularly provides training and knowledge sharing opportunities to members through various means, including online workshops and webinars, such as the Morning Insight Sessions (MOINs) or Annual Forum.

The department fosters the multilateral exchange of best practices between members, in addition to the continuous engagements that occur throughout the year.

These aspects are fundamental in ensuring a positive trajectory of all FEBA members across both their food banking activities as well as topics such as data collection and policy and advocacy.

FEBA not only represents and advocates for the members on the European stage but monitors and disseminates regular updates to the membership about relevant developments in EU policy and legislation and supports members to leverage policy insights at the national level too.

FEBA ON THE GROUND

Continuous dialogue between FEBA members and staff is central to achieving the objectives of the Network Development department. This is a crucial step in understanding each member's constantly evolving capabilities and challenges and it presents the opportunity for FEBA to not only suggest best practices and support the development of its members through assessments, but to also learn from them for FEBA's and other members' benefit.

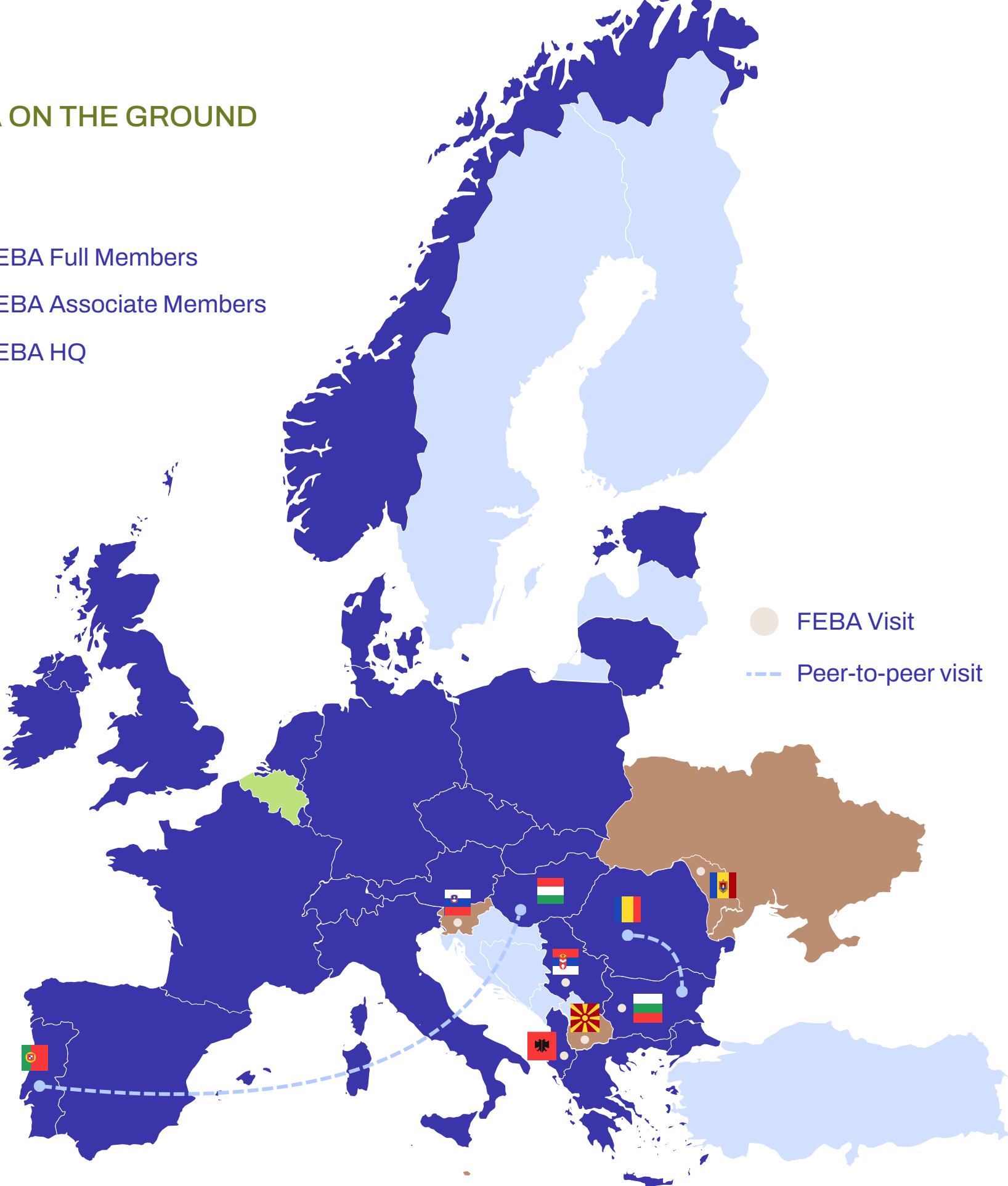
With this aim, FEBA organised several onsite visits to members throughout 2025 to both share knowledge and experiences as well as understand members' current capabilities and areas for development.



FEBA ON THE GROUND

- FEBA Full Members
- FEBA Associate Members
- FEBA HQ

- FEBA Visit
- Peer-to-peer visit



ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBERS IN 2025

Bulgarian Food Bank

Bulgaria

FEBA visited Bulgaria and met with its member, the Bulgarian Food Bank. The discussions focused on the organisation’s ongoing initiatives, recent achievements, and future priorities aimed at reducing food waste and supporting people in need across the country.



Banka za Hrana Makedonija

North Macedonia

FEBA visited North Macedonia and met with its member, Banka za Hrana Makedonija. During the visit, FEBA learned more about the food bank’s current activities, discussed local challenges, and explored opportunities for strengthening food redistribution efforts in the country.



SIBAHE – Slovenian Food Bank

Slovenia


FEBA travelled to Slovenia and met with SIBAHE – Slovenian Food Bank, the FEBA member in the country. FEBA had the chance to review the food bank's current situation and the directions for future developments.



Banca de Alimente

Moldova

FEBA conducted an assessment visit to its member food bank in Moldova to evaluate operations, strengthen partnerships, and explore opportunities for future collaboration. This initiative reinforced FEBA's commitment to supporting its members.


 [Find out more](#)



Banka Hrane Beograd

Serbia

During its visit to Serbia, FEBA explored the state of food banking in the country and discussed future challenges with its member, Banka Hrane Beograd.

 [Find out more](#)



Food Bank Albania

Albania

FEBA visited Albania to meet with its member, Food Bank Albania. The discussions focused on the organisation's progress and future ambitions, improving operational capacity, and expanding the reach of food donation initiatives nationwide.



PROSPECT MEMBERS

In addition to maintaining close cooperation with existing members, the FEBA Network Development team continued to strengthen relationships and foster engagement across the region.

Throughout the year, FEBA built and nurtured connections with partners and stakeholders in Finland, Latvia, Croatia, and Georgia.

Moreover, the team welcomed a representative from Sweden to the FEBA Annual Convention, further supporting dialogue and collaboration among countries committed to advancing food banking in Europe.



2025 CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

The European Food Banks Capacity Building Workshop on Operational Excellence, held online on 13 November 2025, brought together Food Bank representatives for an engaging and practical learning session. The program combined expert presentations with interactive elements such as surveys and Q&A discussions, encouraging participants to reflect on their own operational practices.

A highlight of the workshop was the contribution from UPS, who shared insights into how they structure and optimise their logistics systems.

Their presentation also showcased their effective collaboration with Food Banks during the floods in the Czech Republic last year, illustrating how strategic partnerships can strengthen crisis response and improve overall efficiency.

FEBA MORNING INSIGHTS (MOINS)

One of the key objectives of FEBA’s Network Development department is to promote knowledge sharing and exchange of experience while strengthening cohesion and peer-to-peer learning across the network.

To support this goal, the **FEBA Morning Insights (MOINS)** webinar series continued in 2025, offering nine interactive online sessions where food bankers from across Europe explored key topics in depth. Each session featured an expert presentation by a FEBA Member and/or an external stakeholder, followed by a lively and insightful discussion.



Over the course of the year, the following initiatives have been presented:

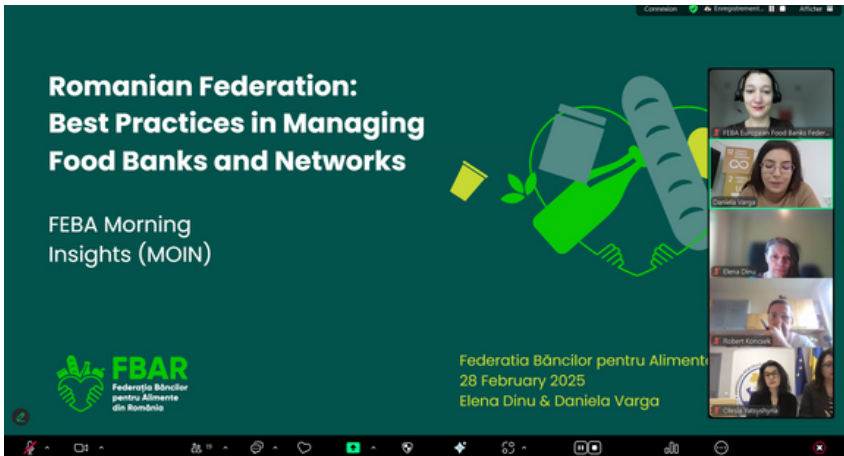


Groente & Fruitbrigade

The session presented the work of the Groente & Fruit Brigade in the Netherlands, showcasing how they collect, check, and repackage surplus and imperfect fruits and vegetables from growers and traders to supply fresh produce to food banks across the country.

Mary van Hoek-Hendriks

Member of the Board, Groente & Fruit Brigade, Netherlands



Romanian Food Bank: Best Practices in Managing Food Banks and Networks



The session highlighted the Romanian Food Bank’s effective management model, showcasing its organisational structure, operational logistics, financial transparency, and results-driven approach supported by clear performance indicators.

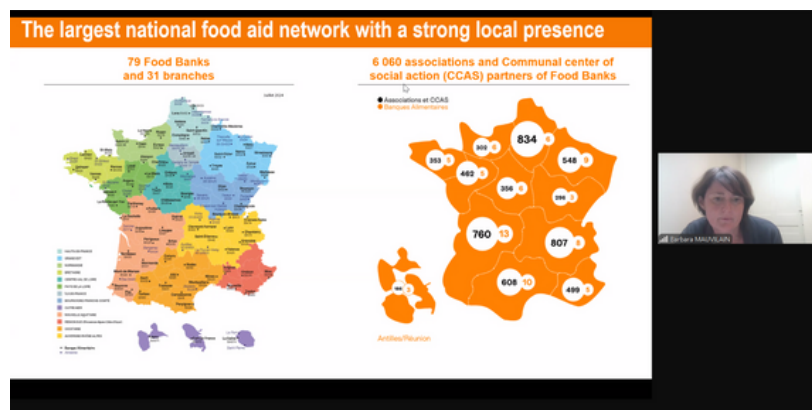
Elena Dinu

Director of Advocacy and Development, Romanian Food Bank Federation

Daniela Varga

Community and Campaigns Coordinator, Romanian Food Bank Federation





French Food Banks' Recipe Portal: Success Stories and New Opportunities

The session introduced the FFBA Bons Gestes & Bonne Assiette Recipe Portal, a digital platform that helps beneficiaries make the most of donated food through easy, seasonal recipes promoting healthy and affordable eating habits.

Barbara Mauvilain

Director of Institutional Relations,
French Federation of Food Banks



Creating a Volunteer Culture in Places Where Such a Culture Does Not Exist?

The session featured Maisto Bankas' experience in building a volunteer culture from the ground up, sharing practical insights and strategies for engaging communities and inspiring volunteerism in new contexts.

Martyna Pociūtė

Head of volunteering programme,
Maisto Bankas, Lithuania



Women in Food Banking

The session explored the role and challenges of establishing women's networks in the food banking sector, highlighting current initiatives and experiences within the Tafeln association in Germany.

Paula Ardt

Die Tafeln, Germany



CHORIZO Project

The session shared insights from the EU-funded CHORIZO project, examining how social norms and internal corporate behaviours shape food donation decisions and how understanding these factors can help drive cultural change and increase impact.

Lea Leimann

Collaborating Centre on Sustainable
Consumption and Production,

Balázs Cseh

Hungarian Food
Bank Association





Spain Plan B Strategy

The session showcased Plan B, FESBAL's innovative digital initiative that streamlines surplus food donations by connecting donors, food banks, and beneficiary organisations through a tech-driven, fully traceable, and regulation-compliant platform.

Vanessa Espinar

FESBAL, Spain

Jose Manuel Marco

FESBAL, Spain



Waste Framework Directive

The session focused on the newly adopted EU Waste Framework Directive and its implications for food donation across Europe. The discussion explored how the updated legislation will help reduce food waste, facilitate surplus food redistribution, and strengthen cooperation between donors and food banks.

Ignazio Corrao

Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, FEBA



“Horta Solidária” Project

The session presented the Algarve Food Bank's Horta Solidária initiative, which transforms farmland in Faro into a social and educational space that produces organic food while providing training, inclusion opportunities, and volunteer engagement for people from Portugal and beyond.

Nuno Alves

Algarve Food Bank, Portugal



PEER-TO-PEER VISITS

The FEBA Peer-to-Peer Visit Programme is an initiative designed to strengthen collaboration, learning, and capacity building across the European food banking network. The programme enables food banks and federations to visit one another, exchange expertise, and identify best practices that can be replicated or adapted in their own national contexts.

It includes two main types of visits: general visits for developing food banks aiming to accelerate their growth through learning from more established members, and targeted visits for developed food banks wishing to explore innovative practices or new operational models.



Each visit involves thorough preparation, structured discussions, and follow-up reporting to ensure that the lessons learned are effectively documented and shared across the FEBA network. Participants are encouraged to integrate these insights into their strategic plans, while FEBA facilitates the process by supporting logistics, covering travel costs, and promoting the outcomes through its Knowledge Base and communication channels.

Ultimately, the Peer-to-Peer Visit Programme fosters solidarity, mutual support, and the continuous professionalisation of food banking in Europe.

PEER-TO-PEER VISITS IN 2025:

The **Hungary-Portugal** visit brought together the Hungarian Food Bank Association and the Portuguese Federation of Food Banks to exchange experience on managing non-food donations. As the Hungarian Food Bank has recently begun to receive and distribute non-food items to people in need, the visit aimed to learn from the long-standing Portuguese practice, which has been successfully coordinated for over 15 years.

Through this peer-to-peer exchange, the Hungarian delegation explored the operational model of Entrajuda, gaining insights into processes, logistics, partnerships, and impact measurement to support the development of similar activities in Hungary.

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Visitor:



Host:



Visitor:



The **Bulgaria-Romania** visit focused on supporting the Bulgarian Food Bank in learning from the Romanian experience with the Facilitated Delegated Distribution model, which is already well established in Romania.

The visit aimed to help the Bulgarian team understand and adapt the full operational framework – including documentation, processes, and IT systems – in order to implement this model nationally.

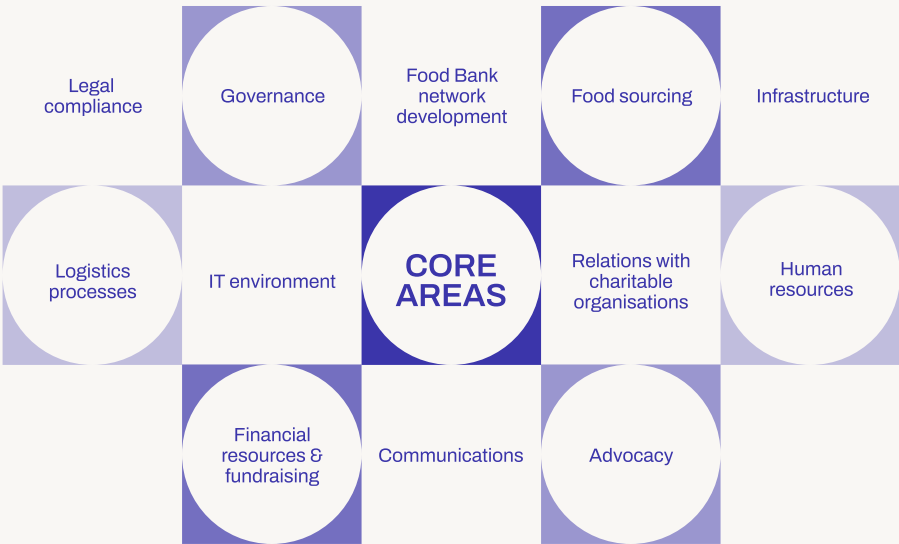
By doing so, the Bulgarian Food Bank seeks to strengthen its logistics efficiency, improve coordination with partner organisations, and enhance the overall impact of food redistribution in the country.

DEVELOPMENT GUIDE FOR EUROPEAN FOOD BANKS

The Development Guide for European Food Banks is a new comprehensive tool designed by FEBA to support the growth, operational excellence, and long-term sustainability of its members. At its core lies the Operational Excellence Maturity Model (OEMM) – a four-level development framework that helps food banks assess their current stage of organisational maturity, identify priorities, and plan concrete steps toward higher performance and greater social impact.

The guide serves a dual purpose: it establishes transparent and consistent quality standards for the FEBA membership while also functioning as a development and benchmarking framework that encourages continuous improvement. Structured around 13 key areas, it provides a shared roadmap for food banks to strengthen systems, enhance efficiency, and measure progress in a structured way.

Beyond its technical function, the Development Guide acts as a common language and learning platform within the FEBA community. It fosters peer learning, solidarity, and collaboration, empowering food banks to reflect, innovate, and grow together. By using this shared framework, members can align their development efforts, strengthen their impact, and collectively advance the mission of reducing food waste and fighting hunger across Europe.



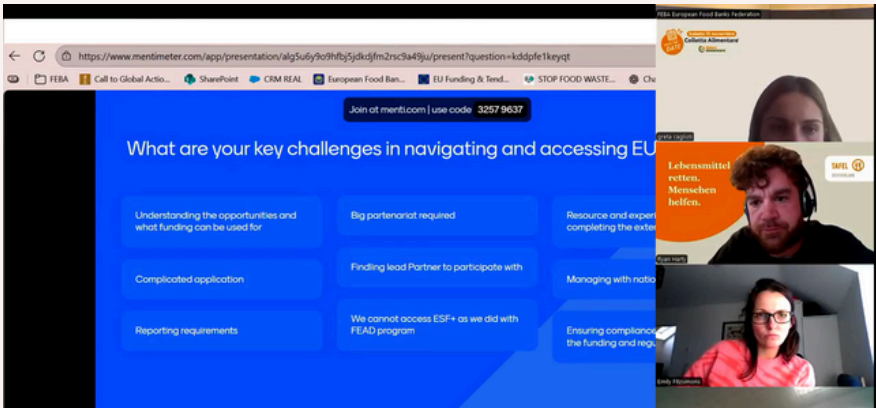
POLICY & ADVOCACY

EU WORKING GROUPS

At present, the EU policy landscape concerning food donation and food waste reduction is undergoing many changes. The newly proposed MFF for the 2028–2034 programming period, the revision of the Waste Framework Directive and the new EU Anti-Poverty Strategy are just some of the exemplary developments that will impact food banks’ activities and objectives.

The Policy and Advocacy team organises monthly EU Working Group meetings with FEBA Members to support their capacity to navigate these changes and build or adjust their advocacy strategies at Member State level accordingly.

FEBA has seen an increase in the participation of representatives of the 22 EU FEBA members.



Depending on the respective topics, the EU Working Group may additionally be of relevance to FEBA members in countries that are in the EU accession process. This may be the case in particular where it concerns EU funding opportunities that are not restricted to the EU.

ANNUAL FORUM

Furthermore, FEBA organises and hosts the Annual Forum webinar on a yearly basis. The Annual Forum 2025 was entitled “How Material Support can Pave the Path Towards Social Inclusion” and featured 12 speakers, representing FEBA, national food bank federations, national ministries, the private food sector and the European Commission.



The aim of the webinar pertained to sharing best practices around material support at the national level, including but not limited to support through ESF+, as well as exchanging insights on the upcoming EU Anti-Poverty Strategy.

The participation of such diverse actors allowed for an insightful and fruitful exchange of knowledge and views. As such, the Annual Forum provides members with the opportunity to gain an overview of the positions of different stakeholders on the issues discussed, as well as offering the possibility to clarify any questions.

 10-12.09

 Online

 12 Speakers

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS OF FOOD LOSS AND WASTE EVENT

For the first time, FEBA organised a conference commemorating the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) **in collaboration with the European Food Forum**. The event convened MEPs, representatives of national food bank federations, speakers from the food and drink sector, as well as representatives of consumer organisations. Within the presentations and panel talks, the speakers raised awareness for the importance of food loss and waste reduction practices to be implemented within EU policy and identified best practices for the reduction of food waste.

The IDAFLW Event represented a crucial opportunity for FEBA to shed light on the pivotal work of FEBA members regarding the reduction of food loss and waste. In this regard, the event allowed representatives of the national food federation to highlight the need to effectively support food donation and redistribution in order to reach the new EU food waste reduction targets.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In order to expand its network, FEBA attended stakeholder events organised by civil society actors who engage on overlapping issues. For instance, FEBA recently participated in an event on food loss prevention and a roundtable on the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy.

Additionally, FEBA is active in several expert groups, such as the food donation sub-group of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste), for instance leading preparatory meetings on date labelling.

Through this kind of engagement, FEBA has fostered partnerships with stakeholders that have common goals, which has extended its reach and consequently advanced FEBA members' interests in multi-stakeholder fora.

One example in this regard was FEBA's collaboration with the EASPD network **to publish a joint statement on protecting ESF+ for social inclusion in the new MFF**.

Simultaneously, the participation in stakeholder events and expert groups allows FEBA to gain further insights into legislative developments and the various views and conceptions of different stakeholders, as well as best practices, which can then be communicated to members.

MONITORING

Furthermore, the Policy team monitors relevant legislative developments at EU level and carefully develops positions that represent FEBA members’ interests, including participating in public consultations launched by the Commission. The contributions for each public consultation are developed in correspondence with members, integrating their input.

After building these positions, the Policy team advocates with relevant stakeholders to transform the gathered inputs into concrete legislative change. This can impact both the European and national level.

DATA COLLECTION & IMPACT: THE FEBA DATA & ESG SUMMIT 2025

Anchored in the Unified Data Framework project (UDF), the FEBA Data & ESG Summit 2025 was a key moment for representatives across the FEBA network to come together **to exchange insights, strengthen collaboration, and explore how data and technology can accelerate social and environmental impact.**

Hosted in Bucharest, Romania, from 10–12 September in partnership with the Romanian Food Banks Federation (FBAR), the Summit gathered 21 participants from across Europe for three days of dialogue, learning, and co-creation. The programme combined strategic discussions with hands-on workshops, focusing on how consistent, high-quality data can transform food banking operations, enhance ESG reporting, and inform public policy.



10-12.09

 Bucharest, Romania



21 Participants



PARTNERSHIPS

In a time of mounting socio-economic challenges across Europe, collaboration has remained at the heart of FEBA's ability to respond effectively and sustainably. Strategic partnerships with corporations, foundations, and organisations that share the FEBA mission have been essential in amplifying the collective impact of FEBA and the membership.

These collaborations have not only provided critical financial and logistical support but have also fostered innovation, resilience, and shared learning across the FEBA network.

Through their engagement, partners have enabled food banks to meet growing needs – **supporting operational sustainability, expanding recovery and redistribution capacities, and investing in modern infrastructure and technology.**

From funding essential resources such as vehicles and warehouse upgrades to facilitating new initiatives that strengthen food recovery systems, these partnerships have played a pivotal role in driving FEBA's mission to reduce food waste and fight hunger across Europe. In this context, food banks remain vital in ensuring access to food for those most in need, as we adapted to the evolving regional challenges of 2025.

FEBA has four tiers of partners: cornerstone partners, visionary partners, supporting partners and friends of FEBA, to recognise each partner's invaluable contribution to our mission.



CORNERSTONE PARTNERS

General Mills

General Mills continues to be an exceptional partner of FEBA and its members. The collaboration has grown and strengthened since its inception in 2018, supporting initiatives across the network to reduce food insecurity and prevent food waste throughout Europe.

In 2025, General Mills continued its philanthropic support, donating surplus food from its factories and engaging hundreds of employees in volunteering for food banks and food collection initiatives.

Key initiatives supported this year included: the Elevating Narratives FEBA brand and website refresh, developing the Knowledge Hub platform for member collaboration, and ongoing operational support for FEBA and a number of FEBA members.

General Mills also contributed to FEBA's flagship event, the [2025 Annual Convention](#) in Dublin Ireland, providing financial support and delivering a highly valued knowledge-sharing session that enriched the experience for all members.



Cargill

The support in 2025 builds on Cargill's ongoing commitment to the FEBA network. This year, funds were dedicated to several FEBA members to provide crucial support for their operations, helping to strengthen their capacity to reduce food insecurity and prevent food waste in the communities they serve.

In addition, Cargill supported the Unified Data Framework (UDF) project in conjunction with FEBA member FoodCloud in Ireland, an initiative aimed at improving data sharing and operational efficiency across the network.



ADM

In 2025, ADM's funding strengthened FEBA members across Europe by supporting infrastructure upgrades, logistics, IT systems, and innovative programmes to improve food distribution and reach vulnerable communities.

The grant also enabled 150 volunteer hours, supported FEBA's administrative coordination, and backed the Unified Data Framework project with FoodCloud in Ireland, enhancing data sharing and operational efficiency. This investment ensured both immediate food aid and the long-term resilience of the FEBA network in tackling food insecurity and preventing food waste.



Germany, Tafel Regensburg 2025
Photo by Reiner Pfisterer



Launch of the Grant Management System & Portal

After launching a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform on Salesforce in 2024, FEBA expanded its functionalities to now encompass its internal grant management processes as well as establish a grant portal for FEBA Members.

This was a key milestone to streamline and simplify reporting processes and improving user experience. In doing this, FEBA and FEBA members can direct more time to their own activities and ease their respective administrative burdens.

VISIONARY PARTNERS

GlobalGiving

GlobalGiving is a global crowdfunding platform that connects nonprofits, donors, and companies to support vetted projects worldwide. GlobalGiving’s generous support played a pivotal role in enabling FEBA to assess needs, strengthen logistics, and coordinate food deliveries across its network.

This contribution helped cover transportation costs, vehicle purchases, and fuel expenses, allowing FEBA members to deliver food efficiently and effectively to the communities most in need.



GlobalGiving



ICG

FEBA is proud to be one of the 10 partners of ICG’s global “Million Meals” initiative. Launched in 2022, it supports charities providing free meals to individuals and families in need due to the cost-of-living crisis and food insecurity. The initiative is growing in scale each year, and in 2025 the programme enabled its partner organisations to source and deliver food to nearly 8,000 charities across 12 countries.

From 2022, this campaign has delivered over 3.5 million meals to more than 300,000 individuals, and FEBA supported the distribution of 150,000 meals across seven European cities.

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Geopost

Geopost provided crucial support to members that had significant development needs in 2025. This support enabled members to continue their work to reduce food insecurity and food waste in the communities they serve.

In addition, continuing the commitments of previous years, Geopost staff contributed to the Step Up for Food Banks Challenge initiatives. Staff walked nearly four million steps in one week, and combined engagement with tangible contributions, generating additional donations for national food banks.



Brambles

Brambles continues to proactively support the FEBA network by identifying opportunities for capacity building and knowledge sharing activities in logistics and transportation.

This activity compliments the generous financial support for the benefit of FEBA and FEBA members over consecutive years. In 2025, Brambles reached a new milestone in its long-standing partnership with FEBA by sponsoring the FEBA Annual Convention for the first time.



SUPPORTING PARTNERS

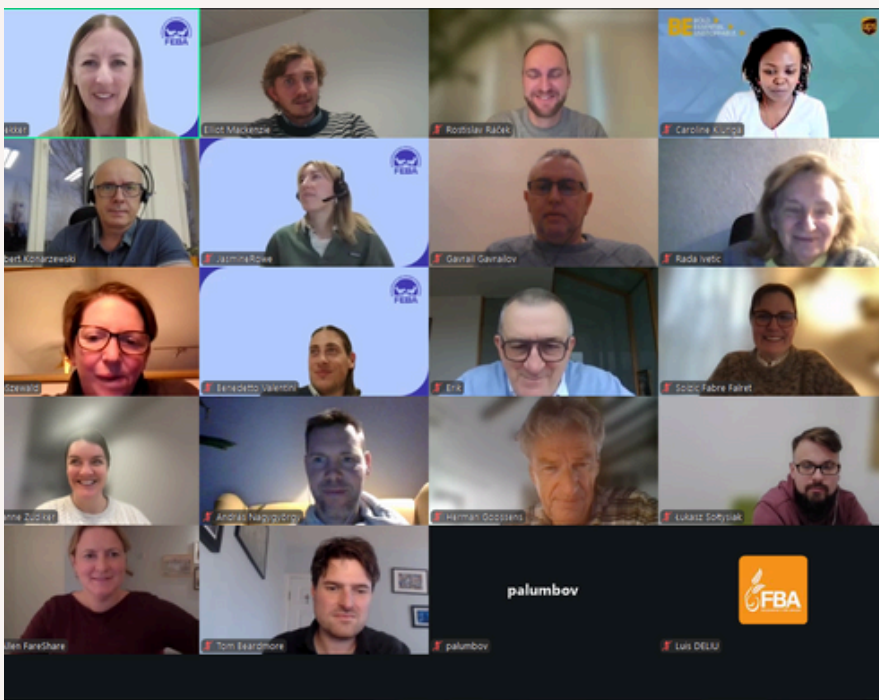
Audemars Piguet

FEBA has launched an exciting new collaboration with the Audemars Piguet Foundation for Common Good to accelerate the adoption of the Unified Data Framework across its network of national food banks. This initiative marks a major step forward in transforming how FEBA and its members collect, analyse, and use data to measure their impact on food waste reduction and social good.

With the foundation’s support, FEBA is conducting a comprehensive assessment of current data practices and exploring innovative, practical integration pathways to create a truly unified system. Beyond the technical side, the project prioritises people – driving a shift in culture through change management, peer learning, and the empowerment of internal champions who will lead this digital transformation.

This partnership paves the way for the full rollout of the Unified Data Framework, introducing readiness criteria, tailored capacity-building, localised training, and digital infrastructure upgrades in key markets.

Together, FEBA and the Audemars Piguet Foundation for Common Good are laying the groundwork for a smarter, more connected, and more transparent food banking ecosystem across Europe.



Fundraising Forum

In 2025, FEBA’s quarterly Fundraising Forums continued to provide a valuable space for members leading fundraising and partnerships at their food banks to exchange best practices. Throughout the year, sessions focused on sharing successful case studies from across the membership, exploring innovative approaches to microdonations, community and peer-to-peer fundraising, corporate partnerships, and strategies for working with partners in emergency preparedness.

Members have had the opportunity to present their experiences, discuss challenges, and identify new opportunities for collaboration and growth across the network.

Starbucks

This initiative marked an exciting first for FEBA, a debut collaboration with Starbucks!

In partnership with the Global FoodBanking Network (GFN), the programme brought Starbucks, FEBA, and our network of food banks together around a shared goal: rescuing more food and reaching more people in need. Throughout the initiative, Starbucks partners (employees) rolled up their sleeves to volunteer in local food banks across Europe as part of the company’s Global Month of Good, helping to recover, sort, and distribute food to local communities. Their hands-on efforts, amplified by public communications worldwide, celebrated the power of partnership in delivering millions of meals to people facing hunger.

Building on the impact of volunteer participation, Starbucks provided financial contributions to sustain the work of food banks in several European countries. This included strengthening local capacity and deepening the connection between stores, employees, and communities.

Together, we demonstrated how corporate engagement, when paired with grassroots action, can create a ripple effect of good – one meal, one volunteer and one community at a time.



Nestlé

FEBA, together with The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) and Feeding America, launched a global alliance to strengthen food bank networks and combat food waste and hunger. Through this partnership, FEBA supports its members across Europe by facilitating product donations, fostering connections with local and international partners, and promoting employee engagement initiatives.

The alliance emphasises sharing best practices, operational guidance, and success stories to ensure sustainable and effective food bank operations.

Annual reporting tracks the impact of these efforts, while coordinated communications and advocacy highlight the importance of reducing food waste and improving access to nutritious food. By leveraging the strengths of each partner, the initiative aims to scale solutions and mobilise resources to make a meaningful difference in communities worldwide.



Mileway

In 2025, FEBA launched a partnership with Mileway, the leading pan-European last mile logistics real estate company, in collaboration with the Blackstone Charitable Foundation (as a Blackstone portfolio company), uniting efforts to support food banks and empower employees to tackle food insecurity across Europe.

Through this partnership, FEBA coordinates impactful volunteer initiatives - from packing food parcels to providing hands-on operational support at local food banks - creating meaningful opportunities for Mileway teams across Europe to support their local communities.

Designed to be scalable and recur annually, the collaboration ensures lasting impact while celebrating the power of collective action. Most activities take place in October, aligning with Mileway's dedicated volunteer month with Core Giving, in addition to its Mileway Acts volunteering initiative which runs throughout the year.

Mileway

Tesco

Tesco took centre stage as the exclusive food retail sponsor and lead partner of the FEBA Annual Convention 2025, showcasing its deep commitment to sustainability and food security across Europe. With powerful visibility through co-branding, communications, and digital engagement, Tesco not only delivered an inspiring keynote address but also led a dynamic workshop on food recovery innovations, sharing practical solutions to tackle surplus food alongside key partners.

Beyond the convention, Tesco continues to champion impact through collaborative events such as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, reinforcing its long-term partnership with FEBA to mobilise stakeholders, inspire action, and drive systemic change across the food ecosystem.



Carrier

In 2025, FEBA and Carrier celebrated 10 years of partnership, encompassing financial and in-kind support as well as volunteering hours to advance the mission of FEBA and its members against food insecurity and waste.



First In-Person FEBA Partners Event, "A Taste of Thanks"

On 30 September 2025, FEBA hosted the first in-person edition of its annual Partners Event, A Taste of Thanks, in Brussels, coinciding with a high-level conference in recognition of the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste. The event brought together 36 attendees, including FEBA's valued partners, supporters, and members to celebrate their contributions to reducing food insecurity and preventing food waste across Europe.

Highlights of the evening included the presentation of the FEBA Partner Excellence Awards 2025 to General Mills, Sodexo, and Nestlé, recognising their outstanding support to the FEBA network. Attendees were able to hear from Nestlé on the Nestlé Global Food Bank Alliance, as well as listening to a first-hand account from a representative of the Belgium Federation of Food Banks, providing insight into current needs on the ground.

The event offered an opportunity to connect directly with FEBA, share experiences, and strengthen partnerships. Participants left inspired by the stories of impact and reinforced in their commitment to FEBA's mission of building resilient, food-secure communities across Europe.

Other supporting partners include Eurostep, UPS, Just Eat Takeaway, DLL and Bloomberg.



Bloomberg



FRIENDS OF FEBA

Every contribution makes a difference in ensuring the operations of FEBA and FEBA members run smoothly and effectively. FEBA expresses sincere gratitude to REPA Group, Beazley, Calastone, International Hotel Group, Free People, International Paper, and Texas Instruments for their generous support.



FREE PEOPLE



SPECIAL INITIATIVES

The Unified Data Framework Project

For over five years, FEBA has been collecting and analysing data from its members to measure the impact of food banks in Europe, as well as enhancing data collection tools across the network. This year, FEBA launched the Unified Data Framework (UDF) for Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) reporting.

This project aims to provide food banks across Europe with consistent, reliable, and interoperable metrics that reflect both the environmental and social dimensions of their work.

The first phase of the UDF project was completed in collaboration with FoodCloud, a FEBA member in Ireland with advanced data collection and analysis expertise, and ESG consultancy firm Anthesis.

By reviewing existing frameworks, consulting food businesses and liaising with FEBA members, an initial framework was developed that is methodologically robust, industry relevant and aligned with FEBA members’ needs and capabilities. With Audemars Piguet’s generous support, FEBA is excited to begin phase two of the project to get the membership one step closer to implementation.



Policy Atlas

In 2024, the Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic (FLPC) and FEBA **came together to extend their initiative to map national food donation laws in Europe and provide a foundation for comparison, analysis and advocacy** for FEBA members and all those interested in more consistent and effective legislation to promote food donation and prevent food waste.

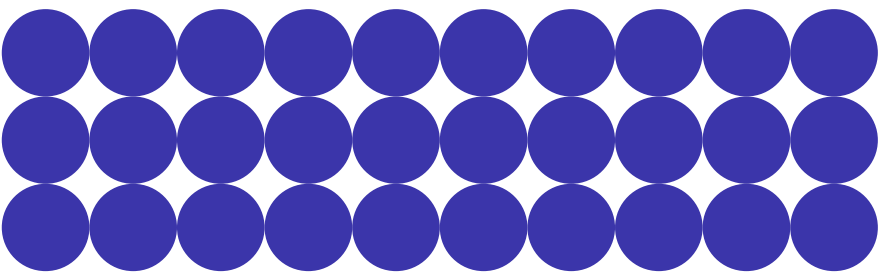
In 2025, European Union - The Global Food Donation Policy Atlas has now published reports on the national contexts of Ireland and Poland, with France, Germany and Greece next in line in the European Union section. All FEBA members can benefit nonetheless, with the Atlas providing a basis for shared learnings and dissemination of the best practices identified.




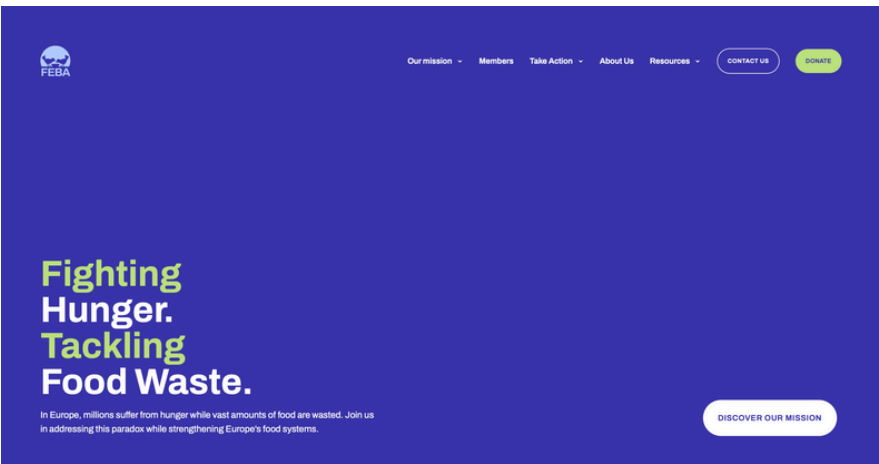
New Website & Brand Identity

2025 was a landmark year for FEBA as the organisation revealed its new brand identity and launched its new website, announced at FEBA’s annual Partners Event, “A Taste of Thanks”.

With this new look, FEBA is now embarking upon a journey to elevate the human stories from across the FEBA membership, recognising the hard work, commitment and solidarity that makes food banking possible.



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FEBA’s new brand identity and website signal a renewed commitment to showing clearly and proudly the impact food banks have on people’s lives.

Our refreshed look, inspired by the circle as a symbol of connection, community, and the journey from an empty to a full plate, reflects the strength and unity of our network. With this new chapter, we are elevating the stories, faces, and voices behind the mission, honouring the dedication that makes food banking possible across Europe.



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BRIDGING TRADITION AND TECHNOLOGY: Innovating in Food Banking to Build Resilient Communities: FEBA Annual Convention 2025

The FEBA Annual Convention is a special moment for the FEBA membership to come together and learn from one another, share best practices and experiences and build and maintain strong relationships for the long-term benefit of food banks in Europe. The 2025 edition was hosted in Dublin, Ireland in collaboration with local FEBA member, FoodCloud.

This year’s theme centred on innovation, and how the longstanding tradition of food banking can be elevated through the use of novel technologies, practices and approaches to ensure their continued efficiency and durability in rapidly evolving economic, social and environmental contexts.

Sponsored by General Mills, Tesco and Brambles, the Annual Convention **gave a platform** for 130 stakeholders from the public and private sectors as well as academia and civil society **to connect and reinforce a shared commitment to preventing food waste and reducing food insecurity across Europe.**



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NEXT STEPS & CONCLUSION

2025 has been a landmark year for the European Food Banks Federation, marked by innovation, growth, and strengthened solidarity across our network. The launch of the Development Guide for European Food Banks, the Unified Data Framework, and the new brand identity and website represent key milestones that elevate how FEBA and its members work, communicate, and measure impact. The first in-person Partners Event, the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste conference, and the continued success of initiatives such as Morning Insights, Peer-to-Peer Visits, and the Annual Convention have deepened collaboration and amplified FEBA’s collective voice at the European level.

These achievements reflect not only what was accomplished together but also how the FEBA network continues to evolve – becoming more resilient, connected, and data-driven. Partnerships have proven essential in enabling this progress. From corporate supporters to institutional allies, every contribution has helped food banks deliver tangible change in their communities while shaping a more sustainable and inclusive Europe.

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, and towards FEBA’s 40th anniversary, the foundations built this year pave the way for even greater impact. The coming phase of the Unified Data Framework, the launch of the Community Engagement Hub, and new food bank development programmes such as Bridge the Banks and the Accelerator will further empower members and strengthen our shared mission to reduce food waste and fight food insecurity.

2025 has shown that collaboration is our greatest asset. Together, FEBA, its members and its partners have not only responded to urgent needs but also built the systems, knowledge, and partnerships that will define the next generation of food banking in Europe.



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We look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnerships with each 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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