



European Food Banks Federation Annual Report 2023



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” Message from the President

Jacques Vandenschrik

Dear Food Bankers and friends,

In many ways, 2023 was similar to 2022, though with fewer major geopolitical surprises beyond the significant events in Israel on 7 October 2023. Nonetheless, the ongoing impact of past crises has severely affected food security in Europe. According to Eurostat's Food Price Monitoring Instrument, food prices in the EU were 19% higher in March 2023 compared to March 2022. This significant increase highlights the lasting effects of these crises on the cost of living and access to essential goods across the continent.

Since February 2022, the European Union has faced a series of ecological, economic, and social challenges reminiscent of the early 1970s. Territorial aggression near Europe's borders led to a retaliatory embargo on fossil fuels, triggering a social crisis and the implementation of energy conservation policies in the affected countries.

To better understand the current and future European context, it is crucial to focus on two key factors that influence consumer prices: food and energy. Initially, European inflation was driven by energy prices, followed by food prices. However, examining the prices of these essential commodities alone does not fully capture their social impact. Instead, two socio-ecological indicators should be considered: energy poverty and food insecurity.

The new European vulnerability stems from both internal factors within EU Member States and external shocks. Energy poverty, defined as households spending over 10% of their income on energy services, is a recognised social risk resulting from low income, poor housing conditions, and high energy prices. A useful indicator for assessing and comparing the situation across different European countries is the Eurostat index, which measures the percentage of the population unable to maintain an adequate temperature

in their homes, differentiated by income level. This indicator reveals that almost 8% of the total EU population – around 35 million people – is affected by energy poverty, with the figure rising to nearly 20% among the poorest social classes (Figure 1).

Food insecurity is a well-known issue, affecting many in our communities. The causes, victims, and societal impacts are familiar to our members, associations, and especially the beneficiaries of our work. With the launch of the European Green Deal in December 2019, the EU reaffirmed its commitment to halving food waste per capita at both retail and consumer levels by 2030, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In 2020, the European Commission introduced policies and instruments to reduce food loss and waste as part of the Circular Economy Action Plan and the Farm to Fork Strategy, key components of the Green Deal.

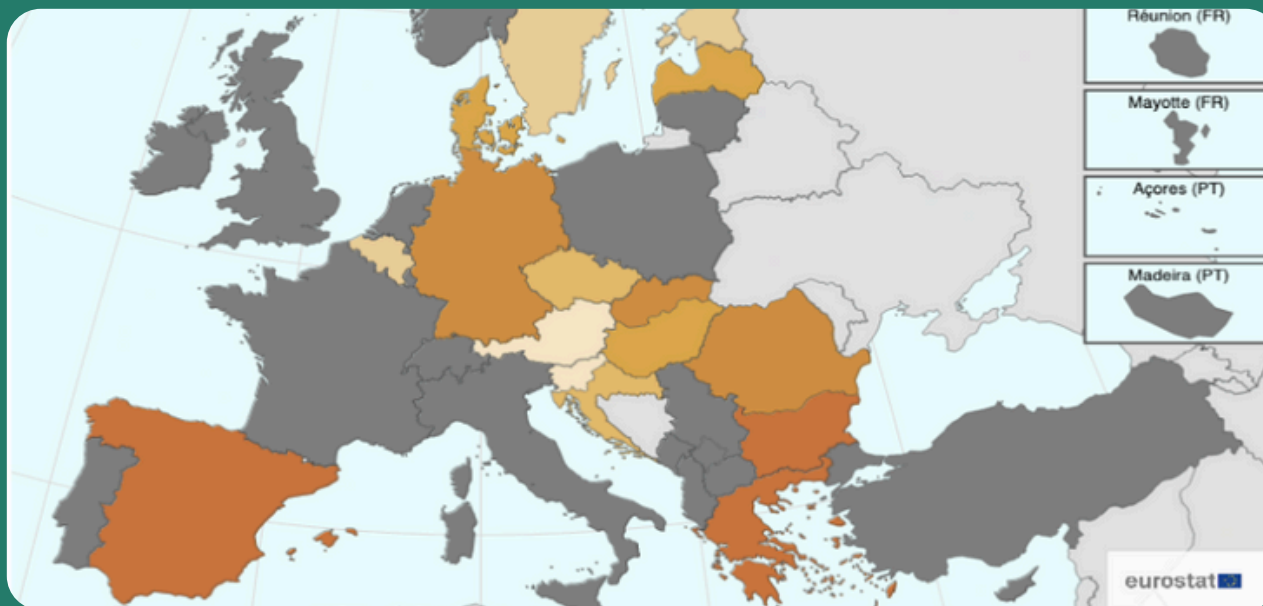


Figure SEQ Figure * ARABIC 1: Eurostat Energy Poverty in certain European countries – in grey, no data available. The rise in energy poverty predates Russia's aggression in Ukraine. A recent publication by the European Economic and Social Committee reveals that 42 million people in the European Union cannot afford to heat their homes properly.

However, there is a paradox in the current situation. Despite significant edible food losses in the European Union (Figure 2), many FEBA Food Banks still need to purchase food to meet demand.

Figure 2 illustrates the work that must be done for the main part at the household level, but also at the other stages of production, processing, and distribution.

Based on these figures, the European population (447 million) would generate approximately 58.5 million tonnes of food losses, with 26.8 million tonnes occurring before food even reaches consumers.

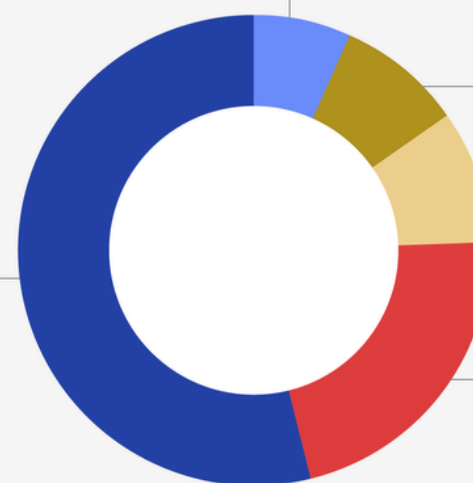
FEBA Food Banks have and must continue to leverage their creativity to address this colossal challenge, and 2023 has been a pivotal year for the organisation. Despite internal difficulties, the board has risen to the challenges and made necessary decisions to ensure a brighter future.

Food waste in the EU by main economic sectors, 2021

(kg per inhabitant)

TOTAL: 131 KG PER INHABITANT

70KG
HOUSEHOLDS



9KG
RETAIL AND OTHER
DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD

11KG
PRIMARY PRODUCTION

12KG
RESTAURANTS
AND FOOD SERVICES

28KG
MANUFACTURE
OF FOOD PRODUCTS AND BEVERAGES

*Data not available: Czechia, Germany, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Malta, Romania.
Due to roundings, the sum of the values for the categories does not match the total.*

In fact, one must appreciate the fantastic resilience of Food Banks even in such difficult times, in which overcoming successive crises seems to have become the norm!

Europe faces significant challenges. The sounds of conflict disturb our nights, and the devastation in places like Izium weighs heavily on our hearts. Our values of solidarity, humanity, and respect are more crucial than ever, standing against self-centeredness and nationalism. Our efforts to support Ukrainian citizens, both in Ukraine and in host countries, highlight the commitment of our federation and other organisations. However, the situation in Ukraine remains unresolved. I urge all members to prepare for increasing food insecurity and resource scarcity in the times ahead.

This report illustrates the determination and resilience with which our staff has addressed the task at hand. May we take this opportunity to thank and praise them for their work and efforts. Our board will be partially renewed this year, and this gives me the opportunity and pleasure to also wholeheartedly thank those members who are ending their mandates, either because they are resigning or because their mandate has expired. Thank you Balasz Cseh, Jochen Brühl, Marco Lucchini, Katarzyna Bielawska, and Veronika Láchová for your engagement and contribution during your mandate.

I also, of course, express my deep sorrow for my friend Jeff Mottar, Board Member, who passed away in the year under review. May he rest in peace!

Jacques Vandenschrik
FEBA President



Our Mission

To contribute to the reduction of food insecurity in Europe by preventing food waste and calling for solidarity, supporting and developing Food Banks in countries where they are most needed.

Our Values

GIVING

SHARING

**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY**

**FIGHTING
FOOD WASTE**

Our Activities

Raising awareness

of Food Bank activity through advocacy and collaboration with international and European institutions, stakeholders, and organisations.

Applying the principles

of the Food Banks Charter and auditing members on the application of these principles.

Exchanging and communicating

information on the economic and social situation in different countries and on the actions of the network.

Training Food Bank managers

with regard to the creation, organisation and management of Food Banks, and on regulatory and nutritional issues.

Teaming up with

experts, companies, foundations, and other organisations at international and European levels to contribute to achieving the organisation's mission.

Soliciting and managing projects

and developing partnerships with companies in order to raise funds for the European Food Banks Federation and its members, organise food drives for its members, and carry out other activities.

Impact of the FEBA Network



The European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) is a European non-profit organisation and in 2023 worked in collaboration with **24 Full Members** and **six Associate Members** in **30 European countries**.¹

In addition to surplus food from the food supply chain, FEBA Members also redistributed food from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), the REACT-EU initiative, and the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), the EU Fruits and Vegetables withdrawal scheme, as well as from individual and corporate food collections.²

¹ Number of FEBA Members on 31 December 2023.

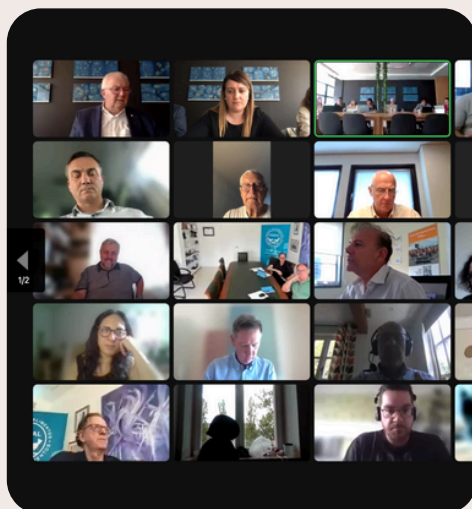
² In some countries such as Estonia, Germany, and the Netherlands, FEBA Members redistribute food not only to other charitable organisations but also provide food directly to end beneficiaries. This is the aggregation of data provided by FEBA Full Members and Associate Members at European level. In the case of Tafel Deutschland e.V., the data for food quantities is based on an estimation.

Reflecting on 2023

4.1 Activities of the FEBA

The year 2023 was marked by major organisational changes and restructuring of the Secretariat through the Board of Directors and the Bureau. FEBA held two General Assemblies in June and November 2023.

The FEBA Board of Directors met a total of four times in 2023, with one meeting conducted in person in Houten, the Netherlands. Additionally, during the reporting period there were **12 Board Committee** meetings.



General Assemblies

- 15 June 2023
- 8 November 2023

Board of Director meetings

- 30 March 2023 (hybrid)
- 31 May 2023 (in-person)
- 13 September 2023 (hybrid)
- 8 November 2023 (in-person)

Finance Committee (six meetings):

- 19 January 2023
- 27 January 2023
- 16 March 2023
- 13 April 2023
- 16 May 2023
- 19 October 2023

Governance Committee (five meetings):

- 18 January 2023
- 15 March 2023
- 15 May 2023
- 31 August 2023
- 18 October 2023

Audit and Risk Committee (one meeting)

- 29 March 2023



In 2023, FEBA organised two General Assembly meetings. On 8 November, the General Assembly voted on a key proposal from FEBA's Board of Directors to introduce a new position in the FEBA office organisational chart: Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This change marks a shift for the organisation from a Secretariat to an Executive model, aiming to strengthen its operational profile in recognition of its growth and trajectory since its inception in 1986.

The organisation has expanded from 23 countries in 2017 to 30 in 2022. Additionally, the total income of the organisation has grown from almost €339,000 in 2017 to more than €7.4 million with the great majority going to members across the network.



To support this transition, an interim CEO was appointed by the Board, with **Lindsay Boswell stepping down as VP of the Board of Directors** to assume the role until a permanent candidate was identified and recruited. **On 20 November, Esteban Arriaga Miranda was appointed as the new FEBA CEO.**

Throughout 2023, **FEBA underwent several changes in the composition of its team.** Nevertheless, it was able to maintain and fulfil its commitments to partners and stakeholders. As of December 2023, the FEBA office was composed of nine full-time staff members.

4.2 FEBA Office as of 31st of December 2023



Esteban Arriaga

CEO

Starting Date **End Date**
20/11/2023 ongoing



Angela Frigo

Secretary General

Starting Date **End Date**
01/05/2018 ongoing



Anna Friederitz

Assistant to the
Secretary General

Starting Date **End Date**
01/01/2022 ongoing



Tatiana-Tara Viger

Communication Officer

Starting Date **End Date**
01/09/2023 ongoing



Anne Vergeynst

Administration
Officer (part-time)

Starting Date **End Date**
18/09/2023 ongoing



Valentina D'Arrigo

Senior Partnerships and
Capacity Building Manager

Starting Date **End Date**
01/01/2020 ongoing



Lilli Renner

Policy and
Advocacy Officer

Starting Date **End Date**
06/02/2023 ongoing



Sofiia Vara

Project Manager-Ukraine

Starting Date **End Date**
08/06/2022 ongoing



Anna Dekker

Fundraising and
Partnerships Officer

Starting Date **End Date**
04/09/2023 ongoing





Arthur Faure

EU Policy Trainee

Starting Date	End Date
01/03/2023	31/07/2023



Cédric Franssen

Finance and
Administration Manager

Starting Date	End Date
30/05/2022	11/08/2023



Filippo Cantù Rajnoldi

Partnerships & Capacity
Building Manager

Starting Date	End Date
29/10/2022	26/06/2023



Alon Crini

Data Collection and Impact
Assessment Trainee

Starting Date	End Date
19/07/2022	13/01/2023

4.3 Key achievements in 2023



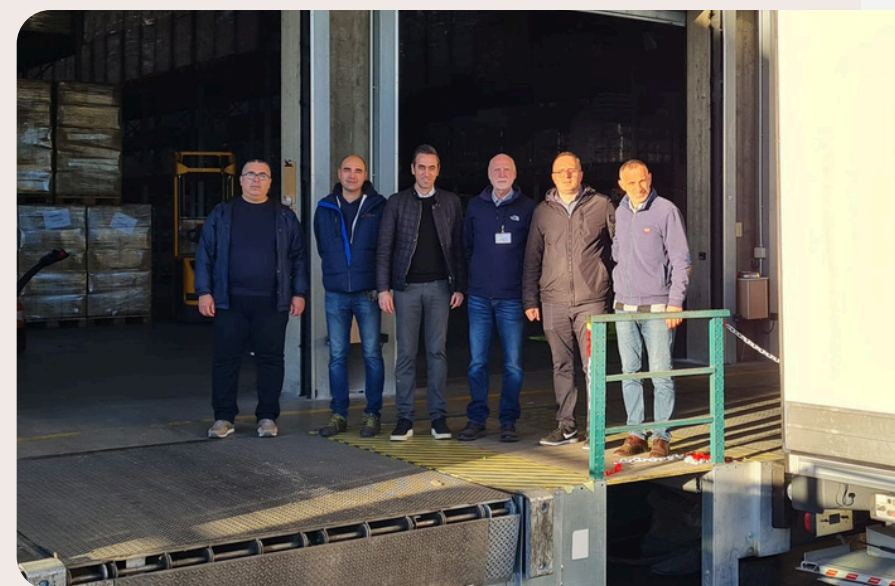
Albania became a
Full FEBA Member.

FEBA participated in the GFN
Food Banking Leadership
Institute (FBLI) in Mexico.

New CEO, Esteban Arriaga,
was successfully appointed.



#AllTogether4Ukraine
campaign was successfully
brought to a close.





FEBA and members at the core of the EU

The third session of the EU Working Group in 2023 was held in person in Brussels **on 12 April 2023**. The meeting was attended by 16 participants from nine countries.

On **13 April 2023**, Eurodiaconia and the Red Cross EU Office co-organised a roundtable on the topic of food aid in the context of the cost-of-living crisis. The event brought together **speakers from the non-profit sector, among them FEBA, the European Parliament, and the European Commission**. The latter has been represented by Ms Ivankovic-Knezevic (Director of Social Rights and Inclusion, DG EMPL).

The first panel focused on **input from actors working “on the ground”** to tackle food insecurity and promote social inclusion, with Veronika Láčová, CEO of Česká Federace Potravinových Bank elaborating on the impact of the Ukrainian refugee influx on the Czech Federation of Food Banks as well as their experiences with the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD).

In order to be able to cope with increasing food demand, she called for more flexibility in implementing the EU funding mechanisms in times of crisis.





Moreover, it was highlighted by the different speakers that food insecurity is becoming widespread in new categories of the population, especially among people in employment or retirees.

For a broader perspective, the second panel **focused on the challenges faced by organisations involved in material support provision across Europe.** It offered FEBA the possibility to share recent insights on the impact of the socio-economic crisis on the operations of Food Banks in its network.

The conclusion was unanimous: whilst **the need for food assistance is on the rise**, non-profit organisations are struggling to scale up their operations simultaneously. While state support is needed to scale up, Member States must also **take action to tackle poverty and material deprivation at their roots.**

Therefore, enhanced cooperation with national Managing Authorities, including the flexible use of European funds, was highlighted as a useful tool towards improving the well-being of people in need, particularly in times of crisis.

An overall summary of the FEBA network policy activities is available in the **EU Working Group 2023 Report**.

4.4 EU policy developments in 2023

Food waste prevention to enhance sustainable food systems

4.4.1 EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (EU Platform FLW)

FEBA has been a member of **the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (FLW)** since it was established in 2016 and has been appointed for the new five-year mandate, **from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2026**. The EU Platform FLW brings together EU institutions, experts from the Member States, and relevant stakeholders and will continue to play a key role in mobilising action to reduce food loss and waste across the EU as part of the Farm to Fork Strategy.



FEBA participated in the Plenary Session **in November 2023** and is an active member of three subgroups and participated in the following meetings in 2023:



- **Two** Action & Implementation meetings.
- **One** Food Donation meeting, in which **FEBA presented Food Donation from Fisheries**.
- **Two** Food Waste Measurement meetings.
- **One** Date Marking subgroup session.



4.4.2 Advisory Group on Sustainability of Food Systems (AGSFS)

The Advisory Group on Sustainability of Food Systems (AGSFS), composed of a broad **set of 86 organisations** representing public authorities, civil society, and food chain actors, was established **in July 2022** with the objective of providing the European Commission with practical insights and information related to the implementation of **the Farm to Fork Strategy**.

The expert group discusses a variety of specific topics, such as food labelling, public health and human nutrition, food safety, and crop protection, in order to feed legislative developments at the EU level with on-the-ground experience. **In 2023 FEBA participated in five meetings.**



4.4.3 European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism (EFSCM)

As enshrined in the Farm to Fork Strategy, **the European Commission** hopes to ensure the increased coordination of a common European response to crises that could affect the EU food system and therewith, potentially put food security in danger.

The European Food Security Crisis preparedness and response Mechanism (EFSCM) **was established in 2022** to evaluate food-related risks posed by crises and improve the collaboration between private and public stakeholders to effectively reduce and address them. **In 2023 FEBA participated in two meetings.**



Beyond European engagement

At international level, FEBA participated in the Food Banking Leadership Institute in Mexico organised by the Global Food Banking Network. 18 Food Bankers from five FEBA Members participated as well, connecting with Food Banks from across the globe to share best practices and knowledge.



18 Food Bankers



Mexico

#FoodNoWaste: promoting the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

For the fourth time in a row, FEBA celebrated the **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFWL)** on 29 September with its campaign “Food, no Waste”.

The IDAFWL made a clear call to action for public and private entities from across the food system **to collaborate with consumers to cut food loss and waste and enhance the efficient use of natural resources, mitigate climate change, and foster food security and nutrition.**



29.09



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International
Day of
Awareness of
Food Loss and
Waste

29 September
2023



FEBA promoted this appeal by collecting, publishing, and disseminating best practices of surplus food recovery and redistribution conducted by its members. Among other activities, a social media campaign was launched to reach a wide audience, going beyond traditional stakeholders.

FEBA Annual Convention 2023

FEBA brought the network together in Madrid for the FEBA Annual Convention 2023, which was organised in collaboration with Federación Española de Bancos de Alimentos (FESBAL) on 27–29 September 2023.

The event focused on the question **“Are European Food Banks at a Critical Crossroads?”**, using the Annual Convention to come together and share thinking and practices on the vital and fundamental set of challenges that many Food Banks across Europe are facing.



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27–29.09



Madrid, Spain



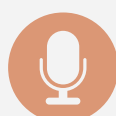
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Food Bankers



28

countries



17

speakers

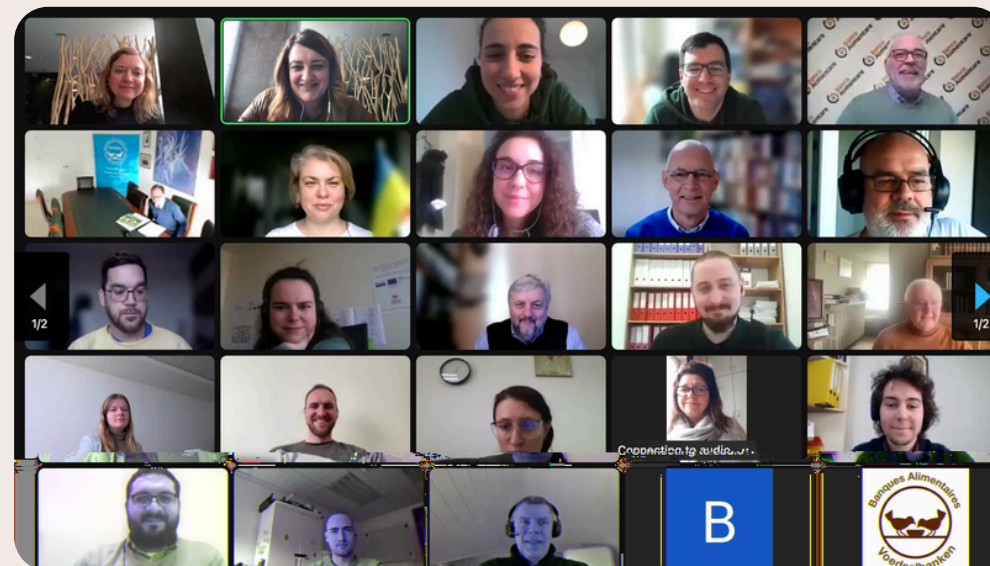
4.5 Collecting data and assessing the impact

As a year marked by uncertainty and socio-economic crisis, 2023 emphasised the crucial contribution Food Banks make to tackle food insecurity by preventing nutritious food from becoming waste. Through a range of events, FEBA aimed to raise awareness of Food Banks' relevance in a food system in which large volumes of food are being discarded while millions cannot afford a quality meal.

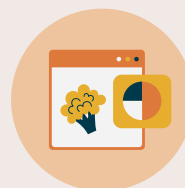
4.5.1 Key achievements in 2023

Regarding the **project Quantifying the impact of European Food Banks – From Farm to Fork:**

- FEBA stabilised the use of the Observatory on Food Donation by the project's Pilot Group;
- increased the number of FEBA Members taking part in the online Observatory on Food Donation;
- finalised the list of indicators and their definitions and identified KPIs;
- and improved the technical features of the online platform.



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One report was published to assess the implementation of **FEAD** and **REACT-EU**.



The results of the assessment show that by conducting their daily activities, Food Banks belonging to the FEBA network have been key players in the pursuit of the objectives of the scrutinised EU funding programmes, i.e. the support of the most deprived, and will continue following this path under European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

4.5.2 Assessment of the implementation of FEAD & REACT-EU

With the aim of **facilitating dialogue** between all stakeholders involved, namely the European Commission, national Managing Authorities, FEBA Members, and local charitable organisations, FEBA regularly **takes stock of the most important EU-level policies on social inclusion and food aid measures. The final goal of this work is to reduce food insecurity and foster social inclusion for the benefit of the most vulnerable groups in the EU.**

In order to gather **reliable quantitative and qualitative data**, a survey was tailored to collect practical insights on the implementation of the **Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)**, as well as the **Recovery Assistance for Cohesion and the Territories of Europe (REACT-EU)** and the transition to **ESF+ (European Social Fund Plus)**. It was circulated among FEBA Members that benefited from these programmes in 2022.

The aggregated and analysed information constituted the base for a comprehensive publication entitled **FEAD, REACT-EU, ESF+ and the European Food Banks Federation – 2022 Implementation Report**, which sheds light on the use of the funds, the characteristics of the food and/or material assistance provided, as well as the encountered challenges and observed opportunities.





Data collection & digital transformation

Regularly, efficiently, and securely collecting reliable, coherent, and consistent data is essential for FEBA to be able to support its members in carrying out their activities and demonstrate their social, economic, nutritional, and environmental impact to external stakeholders.

In a fast-changing world marked by newly emerging challenges, quantitative and qualitative information is the key to understanding barriers, making informed, solution-driven decisions, and exploring new possibilities.

Driven by this rationale, in 2023, FEBA's project **Quantifying the Impact of European Food Banks – From Farm to Fork** went into its third year.

The unique online **Observatory on Food Donation**, developed in 2020, enabled FEBA and its 30 members to systematically and securely record a dataset of 95 carefully defined indicators, including 10 KPIs, promoting uniformity across the FEBA network regarding the type of data collected while recognising the value of diversity.

in	30	95	10
2020	members	indicators	KPIs



In 2023, **two key milestones** were achieved:



FEBA further **improved the method** to collect, review, and analyse data and strengthen its members' capability to provide accurate information accordingly.



A **pilot test with Food Bank Greece** was launched to enable the use of the online Observatory at the local/regional level.

The related activities allowed FEBA to assess the progress of individual members, facilitating the identification of trends and deviations and **leveraging evidence-based learning amongst FEBA Members**, therewith supporting them in conducting, professionalising, and further expanding their activities related to surplus food recovery and redistribution in a targeted manner. Particularly as socio-economic crises continue to trigger an increase in food demand across Europe, this has proven to be of immense relevance.

The information gathered feeds the policy-making process and provides a springboard to increase awareness of **the importance of food loss and waste prevention and the potential that comes with food donation**, which offers a win-win opportunity to preserve the value of nutritious food at risk of being discarded and assist people in need.



More information on the activities and results of the third project year can be found on the dedicated project website.

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4.6 Extraordinary activity: #AllTogether4Ukraine campaign

The outbreak of the war in Ukraine in February 2022 and its consequences constituted an unprecedented challenge for the FEBA Members in Ukraine as well as in the neighbouring countries, which FEBA tackled through the implementation of various and far-reaching support measures.



Key achievements in 2023



Four Emergency Response Committee meetings.



Eight synoptic reports for the **Emergency Response Committee**;



Two visits to FEBA Member in Ukraine.



Impact and final reports of #AllTogether4Ukraine.

Reacting immediately, FEBA launched the **#AllTogether4Ukraine** campaign on 1 March 2022, which aimed to support Food Banks in helping the people of Ukraine, in particular FEBA Members in Ukraine, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

On 21 October 2022, the **Ukrainian Food Banks Federation** was established and on 5 December 2022, the Board of Directors decided to grant a **temporary, one-year status of FEBA Associate Member**.

Once the situation stabilised, FEBA made an on-the-ground assessment in Ukraine to better understand the situation in the country and that of the Food Bank. It quickly became clear, that there was enough food available in Ukraine, it was just a matter of logistics and connecting this food with the charities and people in need.

This is where the Ukrainian Food Banks stepped in and stepped up. UFBF started the procurement of food in the country instead of importing it from Europe. UFBF purchases food from local producers prioritising a good balance between price and quality, and ensuring the food is suitable for the needs of the end beneficiaries. In total FEBA spent **€6.4 million in providing support to Ukraine**, out of which **€5.2 million were spent on food distribution**.



*In the second half of 2023 FEBA launched its new campaign **#FoodAidUkraine**, aimed at ensuring a more continuous support to Ukraine during the ongoing war.*



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Collaborating with our partners

Thanks to the commitment and empathy of the partners and supporters who share FEBA's vision, the organisation was able to stand beside its members and make progress in food waste prevention and food insecurity reduction, especially considering the surge in food demand and the increased activity in 2023.

Partners

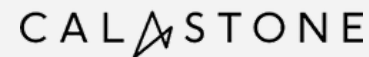




Partners



Supporters



Special Acknowledgement:



Financials

The European Food Banks Federation use the following sources of income to fulfil its mission:



- Grants from the European Commission
- Donations from corporations, foundations, organisations, and other actors
- Membership fees
- Individual donations
- Other sources

Donations from corporations, foundations, organisations and others

During the reporting period, FEBA successfully raised **over €7.3 million**. This includes more than **€4 million from the #AllTogether4Ukraine campaign** and over €2.3 million designated for FEBA members.

Individual donations

In 2023, FEBA received **€ 11,494** as donations from individuals via the website, bank account, credit card, PayPal and also specific online fundraising campaigns targeted to employees.

Income/loss allocation

The Finance Committee proposed the recorded deficit of **€35,247 in 2023** be reported under the continuity reserve. On 19 June 2024, the Board of Directors approved the proposal which has been submitted to the General Assembly.

³ See [Eurostat 2018 – GDP per capita in PPS](#).

Grants from the European Commission

FEBA has signed a **Framework Partnership Agreement for 2022–2025** (call reference: ESF-ESF-2022-OG-NETW-NGO-SGA) with the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI). In addition to this, FEBA has received support from DG SANTE and the FOODCLIC project, which assist in various work streams within the organisation. The total contribution received from these institutional donors amounts to **€636,449**.

Membership fees

On 16 June 2020, the Board of Directors decided to propose to the General Assembly that was held on 29 June 2020 the following formula to calculate membership fees for 2023:

*[€250 fixed amount + €100 for each Food Bank active in your organisation on 1 January 2022 + €0,10/ton food distributed in 2022] * [a correction factor based on the GDP per capita in Purchasing Power Standards].³ The current maximum payment is capped at €15,000.*

FEBA received **€99,045 from membership fees** in 2023.

Board of Directors

In 2023, the Board of Directors provided steady stewardship of the organisation.



Jacques Vandenschrik
President / Belgium



Lindsay Boswell*
Vice President / UK



Paula Victoria Capodistrias
Administrator / Norway



Marco Lucchini
Administrator / Italy



Tom Hillemans
Treasurer / Netherlands



Bernard Valluis
Administrator / France



Iseult Ward
Administrator / Ireland



Pedro Castaños Ruiz
Secretary / Spain



Katarzyna Bielawska
Administrator / Poland



Lisa Moon
Administrator / USA

Changes reported in the Board of Directors:

- **In June 2023:** Ms Veronika Láchová resigned.
- **In October 2023:** Mr Jochen Brühl resigned.
- **In November 2023:** Mr Balázs Cseh resigned.
- **In November 2023:** Jozef Mottar passed away.

Company Auditors

Annik Bossaert

Réviseur d'entreprise

BMS&C°
Chaussée de Waterloo 757 1180
Brussels, Belgium

*Lindsay Boswell stepped down from the Board to assume the interim CEO function from September to November 2023.

Balance sheet

The audited accounts of the association comprise of the balance sheet as of 31 December and the profit and loss account for the year. The balance sheet total is **€3,080,658** and the profit and loss account reports a **loss of €35,247**.

The organisation has experienced a significant fluctuation in assets and liabilities compared to the previous year. These stem mostly from the transfer of funds to members conducted in 2023. There was a higher than expected result of **€7.4 million** (compared to a forecast of €6.6 million), with most of the financial contributions secured and disbursed to members. FEBA office operations report a total deficit of **€35,247**.

Despite the marginal deficit, FEBA remains in a strong financial position with over **€2.9 million** in cash reserves at the end of 2023.

Assets	December 2023	December 2022	Liabilities	December 2023	December 2022
Net intangible assets	912	1.824	Reserves	47.121	47.121
Net fixed assets	2.628	3.292	Continuity Reserve	700.000	700.000
Rental guarantees	3.584	3.564	1 Disaster Fund	205.000	205.000
			2 Members development reserve	280.000	280.000
			Result	-35.247	0
Assets	7.124	8.680	Equity	1.196.875	1.232.121
			Provision		
Mutual receivables	0		Mutual liabilities		
			3 Restricted corporate donations carried	1.080.325	5.013.423
A Prepaid expense	2.431	6.205	Allocation to GFN for Turkey		100.000
B Revenue to receive	128.385	49.707	Liabilities from Corporate donation	1.080.325	5.113.423
Miscell. Receivables	130.816	55.911	4 EU Subsidy	646.343	552.143
Financial investments			Liabilities from EU grants	646.343	552.143
C Bank accounts and cash	2.942.717	7.015.387	5 Vendor	34.544	10.468
Available cash	2.942.717	7.015.387	6 Invoice (Credit note) to receive	18.638	109.694
			7 Social, fiscal debt	103.933	62.129
			Other liabilities	157.115	182.291
Total Assets	3.080.658	7.079.978	Total Liabilities	3.080.658	7.079.978

Notes on 2023 figures

A: Prepaid expenses amount **to €2,431**, a decrease **from €6,205 in December 2022**. This reduction is primarily due to the payment of services rendered in December.

B: Revenue to be received stands **at €128,385**, an increase from **€49,707** in December 2022. This rise reflects the calculation of outstanding payments from EU grants for both 2023 and 2022 that are still pending.

1&2: In 2021 FEBA exceptionally established a COVID-19 Social Emergency Fund to support its members in facing the challenges of the pandemic. In addition, **the General Assembly of 16 December 2021** established a Disaster Fund to support its members affected by natural disasters.

3: Restricted corporate donations payable **amount to €1,080,325**, a significant decrease **from €5,113,423 in December 2022**. In 2023, disbursement of funds to members was accelerated.

4: Liabilities from **EU grants stand at €646,343**, reflecting obligations resulting from grants received from the European Union.

C: The total in bank accounts and cash amounts to **€2,942,717 as of December 2023**, down from €7,015,387 the previous year. The reduction is due to the transfer of funds to members.

5: Vendor invoices amount **to €34,544**, representing outstanding invoices received at the end of December 2023 but paid in 2024.

6: An invoice (credit note) of **€18,638** is yet to be received for transactions rendered or committed. For instance, many expenses for travel related to the Annual Convention 2023 in Madrid were only paid in January 2024.

7: Social and fiscal debt amounts **to €103,933**, up from **€62,129 in December 2022**. This includes obligations such as VAT refunds and provisions for increased holiday pay due to higher wage charges (Securex).

Membership

Membership overview

In 2023, FEBA worked in collaboration with 24 Full Members and six Associate Members in 30 European countries.⁵



Full Members



Albania / **Food Bank Albania**



Austria / **Wiener Tafel**



Belgium / **Fédération Belge des Banques Alimentaires / Belgische Federatie van Voedselbanken**



Bulgaria / **Bulgarian Food Bank**



Czech Republic / **Česká Federace Potravinových Bank**



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France / **Fédération Française des Banques Alimentaires**



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⁵ Number of FEBA Members on 31 December 2023.



Greece / **Food Bank Greece**



Luxembourg / **Banque Alimentaire Luxembourg a.s.b.l.**



Serbia / **Banka Hrane Beograd**



Hungary / **Magyar Élelmiszerbank Egyesület**



Netherlands / **Voedselbanken Nederland**



Slovakia / **Potravinová Banka Slovenska**



Ireland / **FoodCloud**



Norway / **Matsentralen Norge**



Spain / **Federación Española de Bancos de Alimentos**



Italy / **Fondazione Banco Alimentare ONLUS**



Poland / **Federacja Polskich Banków Żywności**



Switzerland / **Partage**



Lithuania / **Maistobankas**



Portugal / **Federação Portuguesa dos Bancos Alimentares**



United Kingdom / **FareShare**

Associate Members



Malta / **Malta Food Bank Foundation**



Moldova / **Bancă de Alimente**



Romania / **Federația Băncilor pentru Alimente din România**



North Macedonia / **Banka Za Hrana Makedonija**



Slovenia / **Sibahe – Slovenian Food Bank**



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