

FEBA ANNUAL CONVENTION 2023 Are European Food Banks at a critical crossroads?

In collaboration with Federación Española de Bancos de Alimentos
27-29 September 2023 | Madrid, Spain
Venue: Hotel Madrid – Centre Retiro

Background concept

Do the quantities of surplus food recovered keep up with the increased demand for food from charities? Do we innovate and double-down our efforts and focus on securing even more of the surplus food that would otherwise go to waste? Do we pivot our organisation’s mission and focus more on the social issue of material deprivation than the environmental issue of food waste? Or does this crisis mean we are being driven to rethink the core values – giving, sharing, European solidarity, and fighting food waste – of Food Banks today?

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023	
Morning	Arrival of FEBA participants
Afternoon	Visit to Banco de Alimentos de Madrid
19:30-22:00	Official opening of the FEBA Annual Convention 2023 with the participation of Her Majesty Queen Doña Sofia. Followed by evening cocktail.
THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023	
9:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome speech (streaming and onsite) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedro Miguel Llorca Llinares, President, Federación Española de Bancos de Alimentos (confirmed, onsite) - Jacques Vandenschrik, President, European Food Banks Federation (confirmed, onsite) - Jonathan Bennet, European External Relations Director, General Mills (confirmed, onsite)
10:15 – 10:30	Opening remarks (streaming, online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ruth Paserman, Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission (confirmed, online)
10:30 – 11:00	Key-note speech (streaming and onsite) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tom Arnold, Board member, The Global FoodBanking Networks
11:00 – 11:50	Responding to tough times: how has the food redistribution landscape been altered and have our necessary actions been adapted? (streaming and onsite) Moderated by: Lindsay Boswell Interim CEO, European Food Banks Federation Thematic comments from a host and views and experiences from the audience
11:50 – 12:00	10 mins to get into the breakout rooms
12:00 – 13:00	Working sessions (in parallel, breakout rooms) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From farm to Food Banks. How do we maximise the opportunity from the area of greatest waste and potential? Bernard Valluis, Board member, European Food Banks Federation 2. Manufacturers. Partnering creatively to deliver surplus food while giving value to donors.

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	<p>Katarzyna Bielawska, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>3. Collaboration with retailers. What is happening and what are the opportunities with distribution centres and stores? Jochen Brühl, Board member, European Food Banks Federation supported by Marco Koppe Tafel Deutschland e.V.</p> <p>4. Extending life of products, including processing, freezing, and much more. Can we save more surplus food and what can we learn from success across the FEBA membership? What are the costs and the benefits? Pedro Castaños, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>5. New opportunities for food donation (e.g. special events, cruises, customs bonded warehouses). How can we innovate our business as usual and scale up our activities? Marco Lucchini, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Working sessions (in parallel, breakout rooms)</p> <p>1. From farm to Food Banks. How do we maximise the opportunity from the area of greatest waste and potential? Bernard Valluis, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>2. Manufacturers. Partnering creatively to deliver surplus food while giving value to donors. Katarzyna Bielawska, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>3. Collaboration with retailers. What is happening and what are the opportunities with distribution centres and stores? Jochen Brühl, Board member, European Food Banks Federation supported by Marco Koppe Tafel Deutschland e.V.</p> <p>4. Extending life of products, including processing, freezing, and much more. Can we save more surplus food and what can we learn from success across the FEBA membership? What are the costs and the benefits? Pedro Castaños, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>5. New opportunities for food donation (e.g. special events, cruises, customs bonded warehouses). How can we innovate our business as usual and scale up our activities? Marco Lucchini, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p>
15:30 – 15:40	<i>10 mins to get into the plenary room</i>
15:40 – 16:20	<p>Responding to tough times: is the world around us changing faster than we are? (streaming and onsite) Moderated by: Lindsay Boswell Interim CEO, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>Thematic comments from host and views and experiences from the audience</p>
16:20 – 16:30	<i>10 mins to get into the breakout rooms</i>
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Working sessions (in parallel, breakout rooms)</p> <p>1. Commercial competition and alternative uses of surplus food: threat or opportunity? What can we learn and can this point towards solutions? Jozef Mottar, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>2. If the demand is greater than the supply, are we giving food to the right partner organisations? Do we really understand and communicate the added value of social inclusion? How do we measure social return on investment? Lindsay Boswell, Interim CEO, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>3. Policy and legislative opportunities. Can we learn from other countries to change the climate for food donation in our country? Angela Frigo, Secretary General, European Food Banks Federation</p> <p>4. What are the opportunities and challenges of buying food? And how do we fund it? Paula Capodistrias, Board member, European Food Banks Federation</p>
19:30 – onwards	Dinner
FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2023 International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFW)	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:45	Update on the strategy for Ukraine (ONLY onsite)

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9:45 – 11:30	Recognition of IDAFLW and Feedback from working sessions (streaming and onsite) -
11:30 – 12:00	Carbon Credits: what are they and can they work for Food Banks? (streaming and onsite) Balázs Cseh, Board member, European Food Banks Federation (streaming and onsite) Food Trails project Paula Capodistrias, Urban Food System Senior Officer, EAT (streaming and onsite)
12:00 – 12:30	A global perspective (streaming and onsite) - Lisa Moon, President & CEO, The Global FoodBanking Network (streaming and onsite)
12:30 – 13:00	Reaction and feedback (streaming, onsite and online) - Claire Bury, Deputy Director-General, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission (confirmed, online) - Jacques Vandenschrik, President, European Food Banks Federation (confirmed, onsite)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch