

Redistribution: Preventing Food Waste while helping those in need

FOODRUS

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According to the food waste hierarchy, redistribution for human consumption is the second best option after the surplus reduction at the source. In Slovakia, almost 900.000 people lived at the risk of poverty or social exclusion in 2022. These people are not granted access to good, safe and healthy diets, and often rely on donations. Free Food has been coordinating a food aid network with over 30 charities and 20 volunteers, who, on a daily basis deliver fresh food, mainly bread, to these charities feeding over 500 people a week.

However, food donations are not supported by state or public authorities whether it comes to legislation, fiscal policies or direct financial support. As part of the FOODRUS project, Free Food has looked more closely at the economic and legal barriers to food donations. Although a few exceptions were made in the last 3 years, the main barriers and issues have remained. One of them is the absence of national guidelines on food donations. With this in mind, Free Food has created their own best practices guidelines including food donations toolkit and Zero Waste cookbook Second Life Bread which also charities can use to consume the surplus bread. In 2023, Free Food safely delivered or facilitated the delivery of over 100 tons of food.



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About

Coordinated by the University of Deusto and comprising 27 partners from 10 different European countries, the EU-funded FOODRUS project aims to limit food losses and waste, and to promote resource efficiency across all stages of the agri-food value chain. FOODRUS is working to tackle the food waste and losses by creating resilient food systems across nine European regions. To achieve this, the project will test 23 circular solutions through diverse forms of collaborative innovation.

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