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Actions Preventing Food Waste during COVID-19 Overview on the European Food Banks

ALBANIA – [Food Bank Albania](#)

- Updates from Albania - [link here](#)

AUSTRIA – [Wiener Tafel](#)

- *Corona emergency aid program set up by Wiener Tafel* - [link here](#)

CZECH REPUBLIC - [Ceska Federace Potravinovych Bank](#)

Food Banks in Czech Republic saved over 100 tons of school dairies and fruit programs, which should have been wasted because of closing schools.

Food Banks managed all distribution between population, mainly with help of city councils and village authorities.

Thanks to the daily operations of Food Banks, products such as milk, cheese and fruit are destined to people, not only in need but also to people who are old or disabled, or just mums with more kids.

This was realized in cooperation with Ministry of Agriculture: [link to the article here](#).

Food Banks in Czech Republic also prevented wasting food from HORECA sector and school canteens.. It also brings a lot of tons especially in bigger cities ([link to the article here](#)).

DENMARK - [Foedevarebanken](#)

In Denmark, the Food Bank works as normal with our donors, producers and wholesalers. They have been in close contact to ensure more or less the same amount of food in this period and close future.

Because of the Covid close down, Food Bank had many inquiries from restaurants and business related to the HORESTA industry (trade association and employers organization for the restaurant, hotel and tourism industry in Denmark).

For example [Gate Gourmet](#), trying to help them all due to the closure and Food Bank got some very good food for the charities.

ESTONIA - [Toidupank](#)

In Estonia, many restaurants, catering and wholesale firms are closed down or work only on a small part of their capacity. So they have a lot of food in their warehouses, cold rooms and deepfreezer rooms.

Some restaurants decided to use their surplus food to make deepfreeze soups for the Food Bank. Last week Toidupank received 100 soups, this week 400 soups and for the following weeks the amount is



growing. Volunteers and social workers bring the soups to elderly people and sick people who can not leave their homes.

Also many other firms (importers, hotels, spa's, ferry companies, catereres for airplanes, food producers, cinemas, supermarkets) gave surplus food to the Food Bank that they could not sell. With these portions we also hope to serve children and families who need ready made food at home.

Article

- *Tallink donates surplus food to Toidupank* - link [here](#)

FRANCE - [Fédération française des Banques Alimentaires](#)

- *Situation Banques Alimentaires - France (4/04/2020)* - link [here](#)

GERMANY - [Tafel Deutschland e.V](#)

- *Report Tafel Deutschland e.V- Germany (27/3/2020)* - link [here](#)

GREECE - [Food Bank Greece](#)

- *Updates from Greece* - link [here](#)

IRELAND – [FoodCloud](#)

- *FoodCloud's response to the COVID-19 situation*
 - Read the full statement and FoodCloud's initiatives to tackle food waste and support the most deprives - link [here](#)

ITALY – [Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus](#)

Articles

- *Banco Alimentare and Municipality of Milan prevent food waste caused by the Coronavirus* – link [here](#)
- *An increase of 40% of poor people in Lazio within a year* – link [here](#)
- *Banco Alimentare: +20% food demand. A peak of +40% in Campania. "We expect an explosion of need"* – link [here](#)

Documents

- *Good practices – Banco Alimentare (measures implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and use of vouchers to support people in need)* – 3/04/20 / link [here](#)
Original source - here

LITHUANIA - [Maistobankas](#)



- Updates from Lithuania - [link here](#)

NETHERLANDS - [Voedselbanken Nederland](#)

- *Document drafted by the Food Bank to provide guidelines to operate in Covid-19 crisis / [link here](#)*

NORWAY - [Matsentralen Norge](#)

- Updates from Norway - [link here](#)

POLAND - [Federacja Polskich Bankow Zywnosci](#)

Polish Federation of Food Banks is redistributing food at risk of being wasted in the government's "School Program" due to closed schools. Food Banks collect food from suppliers participating in the "School Programme" under the guidelines published by the ARMA (on the website of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture – [link here](#)).

Moreover, it was published a communication from the Agency for the Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture containing "*Guidelines for approved suppliers/approved primary schools participating in the School Programme for the school year 2019/2020*" – [link here](#).

PORTUGAL - [Federação Portuguesa dos Bancos Alimentares](#)

- Updates from Portugal - [link here](#)

SERBIA - [Banka Hrane](#)

- Updates from Serbia - [link here](#)

SLOVENIA - SIBAHE

- Updates from Slovenia - [click here](#)



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