



# European Food Banks Federation



i-REXFO Final Conference

## The role of Food Banks in preventing food waste

Copenhagen, 22 February 2022



An infographic with a teal background and a white diagonal band. In the center is a brown trash can with a small fly on it. Above the can are various food items: a chicken drumstick, a can of tuna, an olive oil bottle, a jar of jam, and a pack of chopsticks. On the left, a globe is partially visible with the text '1.3 billion tons' and a yellow fork below it. On the right, a circular graphic with the European Union flag is shown with the text '20%' below it.

**1.3**  
billion  
tons

**20%**

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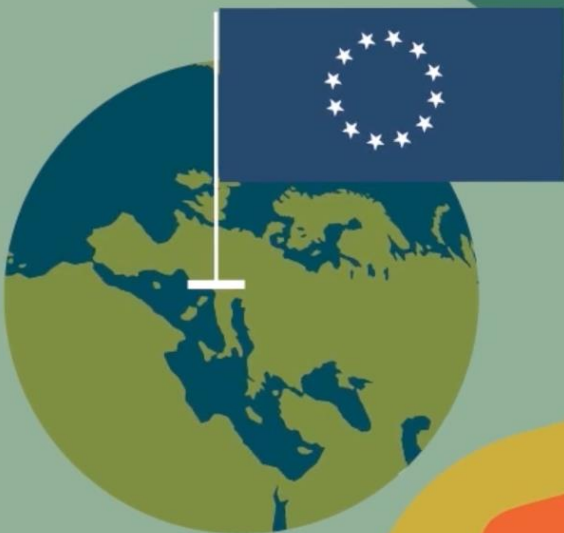
$\text{CH}_4$

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**8%**

**of greenhouse  
gases produced**

**33**  
**million**  
**people**





Is it possible  
to recover **SURPLUS FOOD** to  
prevent **FOOD WASTE** and reduce  
**FOOD INSECURITY**?



1967



1986

1986



1984



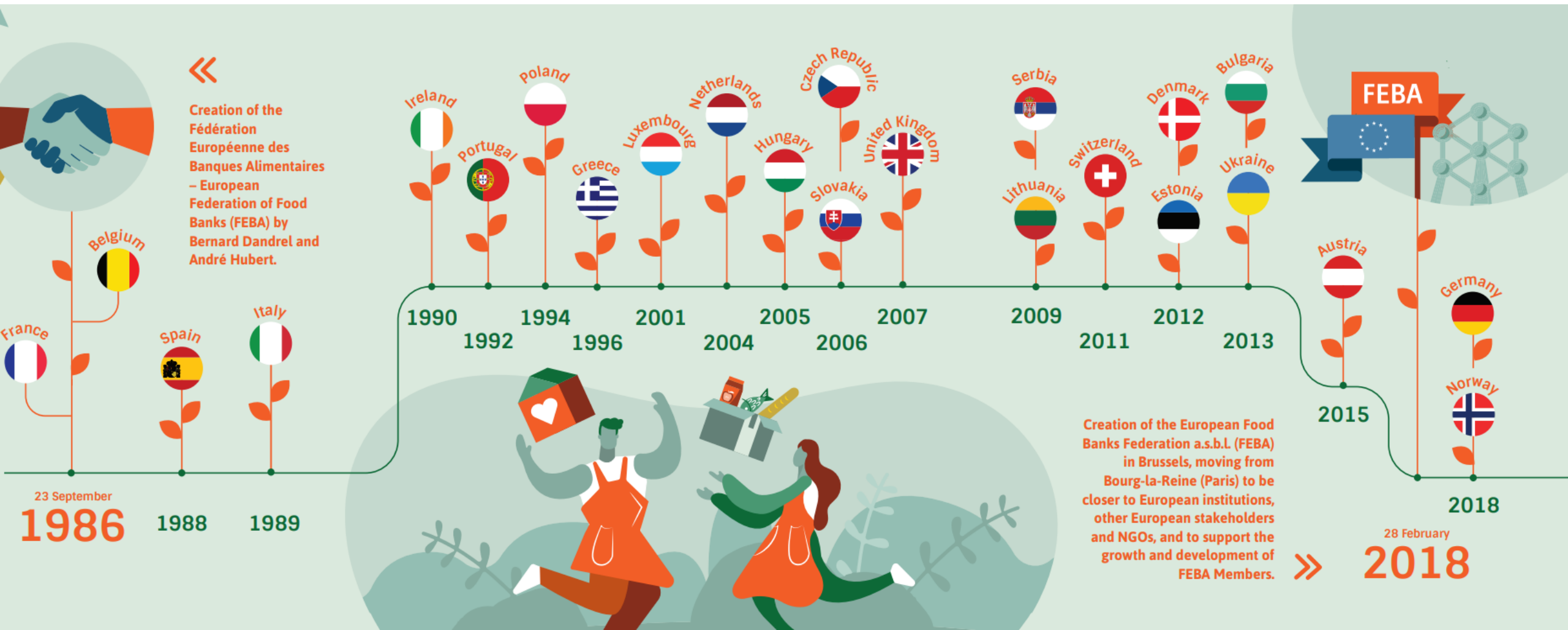
# EUROPEAN FOOD BANKS FEDERATION IN A NUTSHELL

Established in **1986**,  
FEBA is a non-profit members-driven organisation  
based in **Brussels**  
representing **24 Full Members**  
and **5 Associate Members**.



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## Our journey



# Our mission and activities

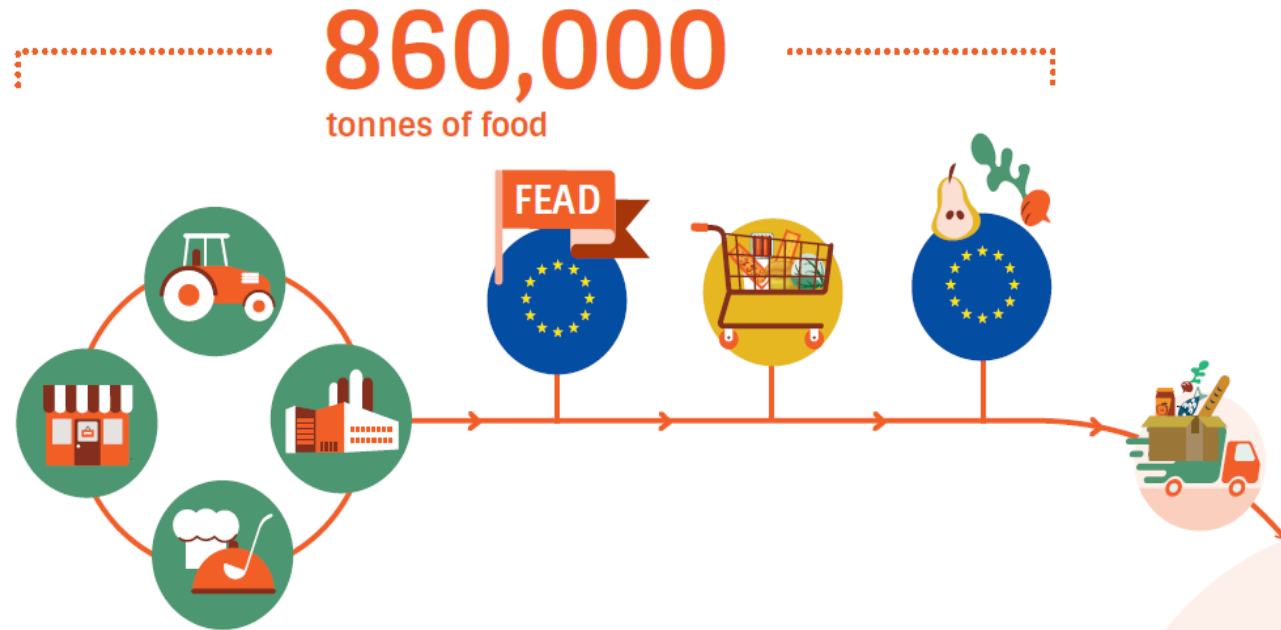


***To contribute to the reduction of food insecurity in Europe, through the prevention of food waste and the call for solidarity, by supporting and developing Food Banks in countries where they are most needed.***

- 1.** Represent our membership at European and international level working with EU institution and stakeholders
- 2.** Support and strengthen Food Banks by providing training, sharing best practice and knowledge, building expertise, and ensuring efficiency, and developing partnerships with corporations, foundations, and other organisations
- 3.** Foster the development and creation of Food Banks



# CONTRIBUTION OF FEBA MEMBERSHIP TO OUR CIRCULAR FOOD SYSTEM IN 2020



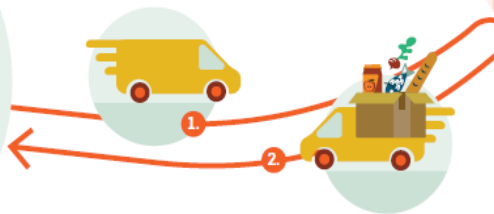
12.8  
million most  
deprived people

48,126  
charitable  
organisations

335  
Food Banks  
committed to  
prevent food waste  
and reduce food  
insecurity

37,016  
co-workers

85%  
volunteers



85%

volunteers



# Acceleration at EU level towards food waste prevention



NUTRIRE IL PIANETA  
ENERGIA PER LA VITA  
NOURRIR LA PLANÈTE  
ÉNERGIE POUR LA VIE  
FEEDING THE PLANET  
ENERGY FOR LIFE



## Recommendations for Action in Food Waste Prevention

Developed by the EU Platform  
on Food Losses and Food Waste

12 December 2019



2015

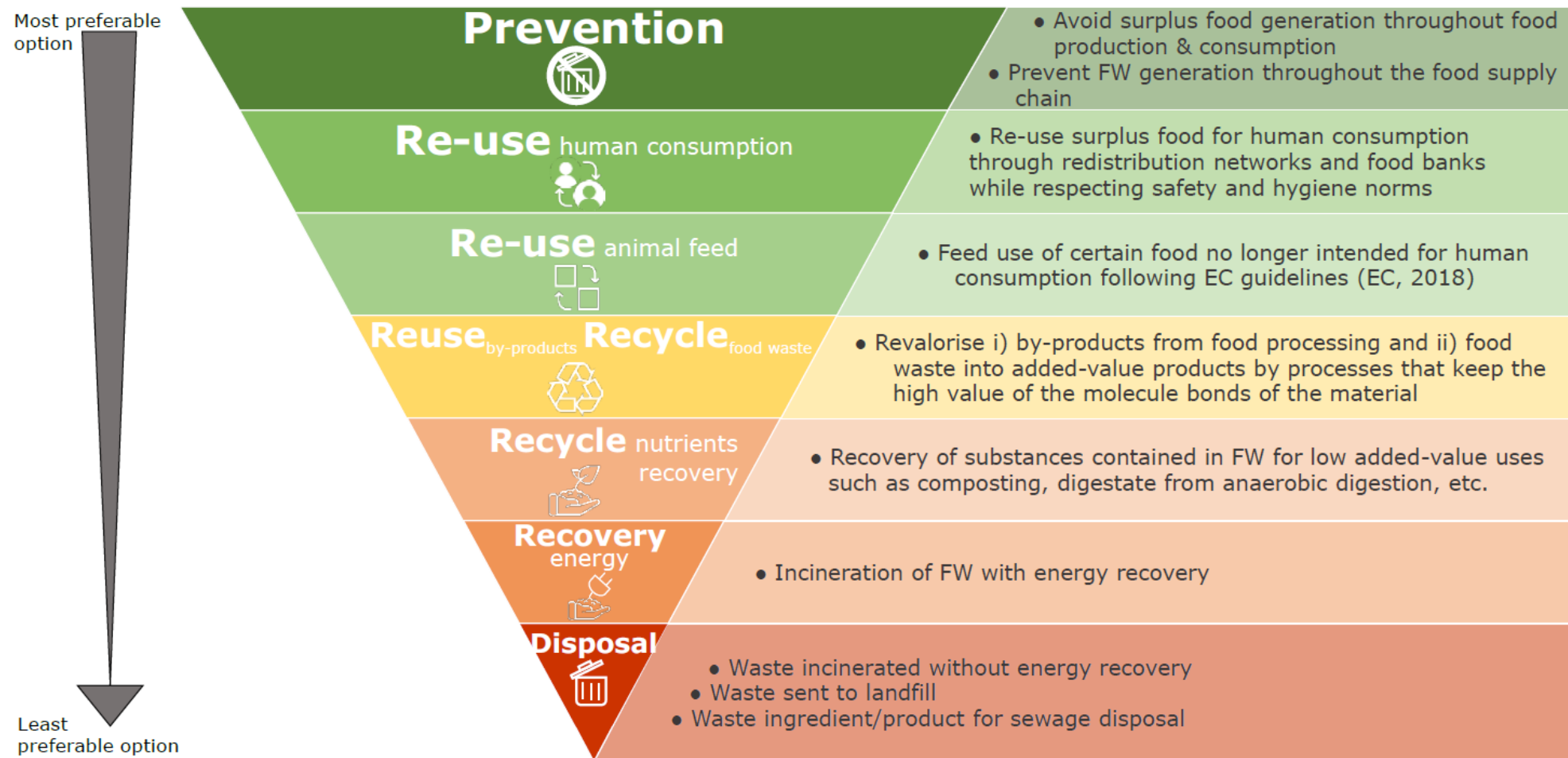
2016

2017

2019

2020

# EU Food Use Hierarchy



Source: [Brief on Food Waste in the European Union](#) (JRC, 2020)

# A daily contribution to a fair, inclusive and sustainable European food supply chain



The general environment over the past 5 years has changed considerably, both in terms of **legislative framework** and **awareness attitude** from all the actors of the food supply chain, public administrations, civil society organisations, and consumers.

From 2016 to 2020, the **quantity of food recovered** and redistributed from FEBA members in 29 European countries has **increased of almost 60%**.

Quantity and quality through **passion, commitment, professionalism and innovation for a social purpose.**



# Looking at the future: FEBA recommendations



Foster the implementation of EU instruments and policies such as the **EU guidelines on food donation, Key Recommendations for Action in food waste prevention** and the **Farm to Fork Strategy**



Encourage governments to **strengthen national legislative frameworks** that support and facilitate food donation and the redistribution of surplus food for human consumption



Develop and implement **integrated urban food system policies** where Food Banks are pivotal in the context of pressing socio-ecological challenges, from poverty and pandemics to climate change



Support and promote the **digitalisation and innovation of Food Banks** to accelerate the transition to a sustainable food system



**Increase awareness** regarding the role played by Food Banks as an integral part of the food system, promoting social cohesion and wellbeing as well as the fight against climate change

# Thank you!



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