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Good Practice „The Estonian Food bank“

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Description

Estonian Food Bank collects food that soon exceed the “Best before” date and shares it to the most deprived people and families on the basis of lists received from local social departments. Also they distribute collected food to soup kitchens, social houses, shelters and social projects.



Established in 2010 by the Estonian-Netherlands Charity Foundation and Swedbank

Actors involved:

- **Local food stores, food manufacturers and farmers**
- **Local City districts, City or country social departments**
- **Volunteers**



City of Tallinn and the Food Bank have signed the Good Attention Agreement and according to the agreement the city supports the Food Bank by giving them in use a warehouse in Lasnamäe District to hold the gathered food and if possible the City of Tallinn also supports the activities financially



Results

Approximately 1,2 million kilos of food was saved last year by Food Bank from turning into waste

Possible success factors:

The Food Bank have more than 80 partners and supporters. Beside environmental aspect there is social aspect. Food Bank organizes food collecting campaigns

Main lesson: Companies need more information about the opportunities and legal framework of donating food which is not suitable for selling



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