Hello!

I am Jacques Vandenschrik

Some words about me
The paradox

118.7 million people (23.7% of the population of EU-28) were at risk of poverty or social exclusion and 8.1% were severely materially deprived.

88 million tons of food are wasted annually in the EU, with associated costs estimated at 143 billion euros.

Those figures are for the year 2015 (most recent figures).
You can't build a peaceful world on empty stomachs and human misery.

Dr Norman Ernest Borlaug*

* Nobel Peace Prize - 1970
Our mission and values

To **reduce hunger and malnutrition** through the **recovery** of food surpluses in Europe and the **support and development of food banks** in countries where they are most needed.

- **Giving**
- **Sharing**
- **Fighting food waste**
- **Calling for solidarity across Europe**
A growing network

388 food banks and branches

28 countries in Europe (24 members & 4 projects)

23,500 co-workers

88% of them are volunteers
How does a food bank work?
Centralized model

European Union, producers, retailers, individuals...

Donate food  Sorted and stored in warehouse

Collected by food banks  Distributed to charities
How does a food bank work?
De-centralized model
The Federation conducts 3 core activities -
- Strengthen the network
- Develop food banks
- Raise awareness and advocate
Strengthening the network
Training, knowledge & best practices exchange

- Skill-sharing sessions
- Peer to peer visits
- Formal training
- Newsletters
- Social Media

Expanding the reach of global partnership

- Negotiate with global organizations and management of dedicated funds
- Orientation towards specific EU programs

Compliance to the FEBA charter

- Monitoring visits
- Coaching of prospect members
- Agreement procedure of new members
Developing food banks
Accompany the growth of existing food banks

Managerial support
Access to FEBA network
Access to global partners
Project funding

e.g. bar coding reader system for the warehouse in Sofia (Bulgarian Food Bank); addition of a logistic employee (Kiev Food Bank); etc.

Foster the emergence of food banks in countries where the needs are important

Feasibility study
Advise local projects
Create links between charities, companies and public authorities
Raise awareness

e.g. co-funding of a two year rent of a new warehouse in Skopje (Macedonia);
Support to the equipment of a new food bank in Tessaloniki etc..
Awareness raising and advocacy
Communication

Awareness raising at EU level

Advocacy at EU level
Some words about the impact of food banks
8.1 million
most deprived people provided with food

756,000 tons
of food redistributed, equivalent to 4.1 million meals each day

44,700
partner charities

Figures of 2017 including Tafel Germany
Thanks!

Any questions?

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