

FOOD REDISTRIBUTION IN ESTONIA



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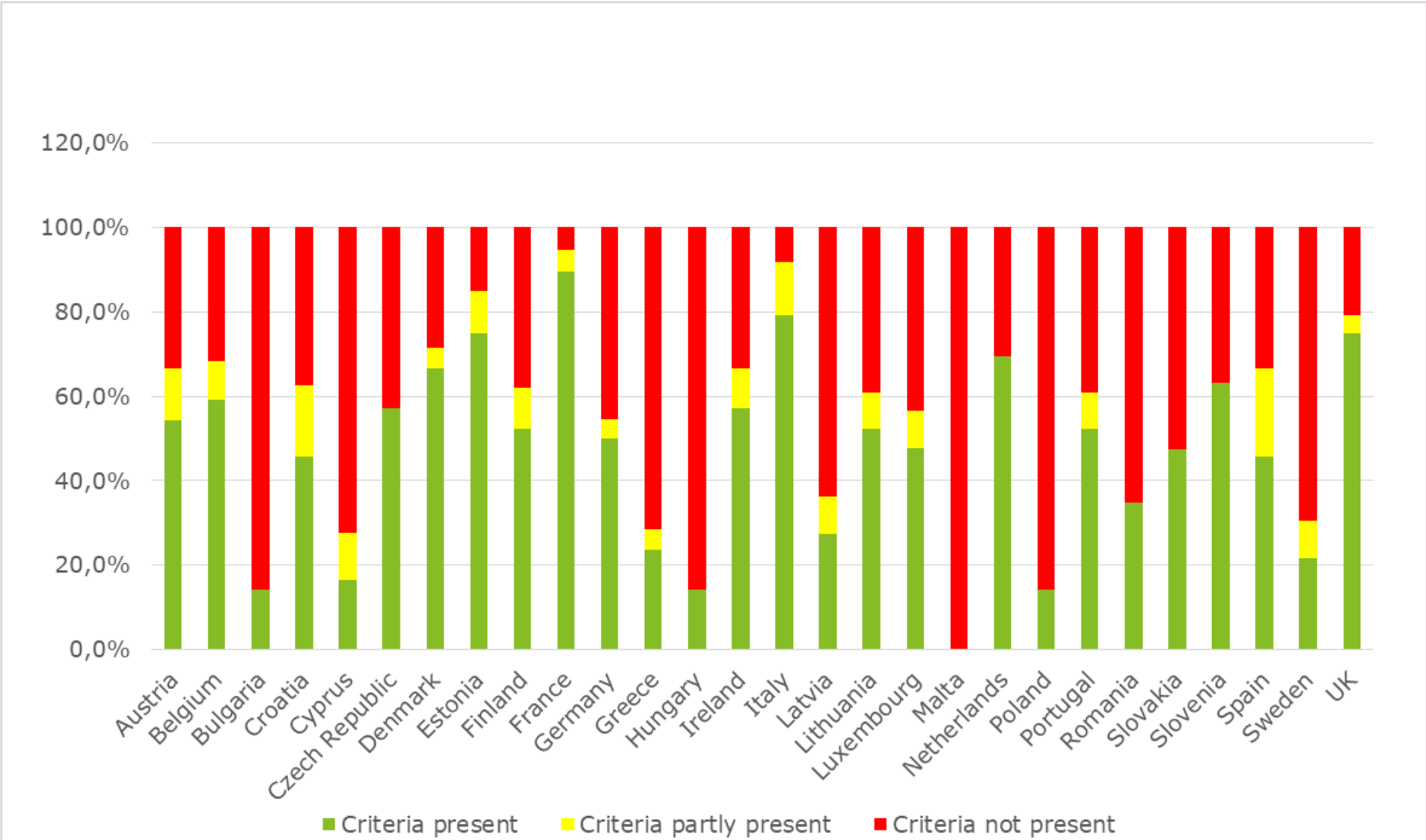
- 16 food banks
- 300 volunteers every week
- Food distributed in cooperation with 223 charities and 70 local governments
- Estonia: 61,000 Ukrainian refugees = 4.5% of population
- 20,000 clients per week = 100% more than when COVID started
- Food distributed in 2022 (prognose) 4.4 million kilo (46% more than 2021)
- In addition 97,000 packages FEAD purchased food (72% more than 2021)

Food waste in Estonia

- Food waste 166,515 ton/year
- Food loss 83,696 ton/year
- **Daily:** 229,304 kg edible food = daily 26 garbage trucks
- Food loss in retail
 - 2015: 11,952 ton
 - 2021: 19,976 ton
 - increase 67%

EU food redistribution maturity levels

study Food redistribution in the EU: Mapping and analysis of existing regulatory and policy measures impacting food redistribution from EU Member States, Ecorys-WUR, June 2020



Food Bank – food redistribution

- Biggest obstacle for collection and distribution was lack of money. Since 2019 we can use FEAD for Donated Food
- Estonian Food Authorities – manual on food donations. First one in 2019, since then updated. Food Bank has silent agreement since 2010
- Deepfreezing of food
- Next goals: recovering food from restaurants, hotels, catering, cruise ships
- Next goals: Social Restaurant + soup kitchen, processing of food
- No tax incentives on donated food

“Best Before” and “To Be Used By” date labelling



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FEAD support for Food Bank

A FEAD for Purchased Food, since 2015

B FEAD/REACT for Donated Food, since 2019

European Parliament: FEAD Regulation No 223/2014, 25 February 2014

- Point 14: *„Severe food deprivation in the Union coincides with significant food wastage. In this respect, the Fund should facilitate food donations“*
- Article 4.1: *„... as well as reducing and preventing food wastage, the Fund may support activities related to the collection, transport, storage and distribution of food donations“*
- Article 26.2.: *„Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the costs eligible for a support from OP I shall be: (d) the cost of collection, transport, storage and distribution of food donations and directly related awareness raising activities, incurred and paid for by partner organisations“*

FEAD for Food Donations in Estonia

- spring 2014: Ministry of Social Affairs decides that 10% of the FEAD budget could be used for costs of collection, transport and distribution of donated food
- Estonian Food Bank: 5.5 years of lobbying in Tallinn and Brussels
- October 2019: first tender and contract between MoSA and Food Bank to use 10% of the FEAD budget for donated food
- November 2021: second tender and contract
- July 2022: third tender and contract

FEAD for Food Donations

- Target group: most deprived people. Social workers decide
- Packages should be at least 3 kg with 3 different food groups
- Average weight of package: 10 kilo
- Also home delivery to people who are ill and people in remote rural areas
- €1.20/kg but maximum €3.60/package
- Programme has relatively little bureaucracy and is very effective
- More food can be rescued and distributed and more people can be helped
- July 2022 – December 2024: €2.5 million

Thank you !



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