

**FEBA Annual Convention 2019** is organized in collaboration with [Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus](#) and takes place on 15-18 May 2019 in Rome, Italy.

FEBA Annual Convention 2019 will bring together more than 100 participants from 31 countries, including food bankers, policy-makers, business partners, leading experts and other NGO representatives. The title of FEBA Annual Convention 2019 is **“Towards the next decade, together”** with the explicit intent to address the future of Food Banks in Europe. We will also focus on the importance of strengthening ties within our network and with all relevant stakeholders – public institutions, food supply chain, and other NGOs. It will be the occasion to share existing knowledge and best practice and to identify future goals and actions which can concretely contribute to the achievement of the UN SDGs, in particular the target 12.3.

In the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically the SDG target 12.3, the traditional FEBA Annual Convention will be introduced by an International Meeting **“Working together to achieve SDG 12.3. Concrete actions preventing food waste”**, organized by FEBA in collaboration with Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus, with the technical support of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and under the patronage of Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile. This International Meeting will be a concrete opportunity to take stock of food waste prevention initiatives that have been implemented by aggregating the results obtained in the different countries. In the evening, a celebration of the 30th anniversary of Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus.

On 16 and 17 May the FEBA Annual Convention 2019 will be focused on the **future of Food Banks in Europe**. The aim is to have an open discussion on the main challenges taking place at global level (**THINK GLOBAL**), to understand their wide-ranging implications at the local level (**ACT LOCAL**) and to explore how to best harness such changes for the benefit of European Food Banks (**SHARE GLOBAL**). Participants will have the opportunity to intervene in the working tables and insights would be much appreciated to enrich the debate.

Finally, on 18 May participants will have the possibility to attend a **private audience with His Holiness Pope Francis**.

*“The context of Food Banks is changing: the landscape for food redistribution is evolving due to many factors including a growing focus on circular economy, sustainability and corporate social responsibility, manufacturing advances and innovations, increased attention on nutrition and health, technology and digital transformation, and a stronger interest in public-private partnerships in order to build a more resilient food system.*

*The European Food Banks Federation wants to play a key role in the challenges ahead and our Annual Convention will be the place to discuss and define the future of the European Food Banks together with our members and partners.”*

Jacques Vandenschrik, President of the European Food Banks Federation

*“On the occasion of its Annual Convention, we are honored to welcome the European Food Banks Federation. This event coincides with the celebrations for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the time when we see the importance of the work and the presence of Food Banks in Europe and in the world. Considering their impressive impact on hunger and food waste reduction, Food Banks can play a vital role in creating a more sustainable, fair and equitable society. Despite cultural differences and operational models, 24 countries prove to be able to work together for the same purpose. This is a real Europe”.*

Andrea Giussani – Presidente Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus

