



ECHOP

European Cooperation to Help leaders of food aid organizations and **Offering Precarious** better food choice



Project summary

The ECHOP project aims to support and train European managers of food aid structures in order to promote access to regular, quality and sufficient food for people in poverty.

Deliverables

- Gallery of role models
- Practical and methodological guide
- Training and support tool
- White paper and final dissemination



Values

SOLIDARITY

We feel solidarity with these women and men who are investing in providing assistance to the most vulnerable people. Solidarity in our project will be expressed through collaboration and sharing of resources between the member countries of the European Union in order to meet the food needs of the most vulnerable populations.

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Our project contributes to developing a more sustainable society through quality food. To achieve this, we rely on European cooperation between project partners and more broadly within the framework of a dissemination of results within our food aid networks.

AUTONOMY

Beyond support and training, through our project we wish to develop the power to act of those responsible and, more broadly, of the beneficiaries.



Partenaires

ACTIVE PÔLE DE L'ÉCONOMIE SOLIDAIRE

Active is a French association that has been involved in the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) sector for 25 years. Its goal is to support project leaders of innovative, socially and ecologically responsible activities that create jobs. It has had expertise in support and facilitation in food aid for over 10 years.



POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ

Created in 2002 and based in Brussels, POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ - PLS is an independent European think to tank committed to a united and sustainable Europe which is mobilizing to defend and consolidate the European social model, a subtle balance between economic development and social justice.

As part of the ECHOP project, PLS is responsible for the continuous evaluation and development of the first deliverable, a gallery of role models on best European practices in terms of diversification of supplies.



CEPS

CEPS Projectes Socials was founded in 1994 and employs 230 people. It is responsible for the management and implementation of socio-educational programmes for children, young people and adults, continuing professional training, innovative research and development, including the successful management of European projects as a main partner.

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<http://www.asceps.org>



PERSPECTIV'

Perspectiv' is a non-profit association that coordinates food aid in the Comines-Warneton area through a weekly distribution of food parcels, the management of 3 solidarity fridges, the management of two solidarity grocery stores as well as a soup bar. More than 180 parcels are distributed each week.



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Agenda

23-24/10/2023 - KICK OFF À CHALON-SUR-SAONE

The partners of the ECHOP project met in Chalon-sur-Saône for a first kick-off of the project.

Active, leader of the European project, welcomed the partners for 2 days in order to take an overview of the project that will animate the structures for two years.

The first works have been launched, with on the program: meetings of the partners, visit of a recycling center and a social grocery store, work on the graphic charter, on the risk assessment and on the identification of the first European good practices.



11/12/2023 - EVENT IN CHALON-SUR-SAONE

Active Pôle de l'Économie Solidaire organized on December 11th, the first dissemination event of the ECHOP project in Chalon-sur-Saône! More than 30 people representing various actors of food aid met to exchange around 3 collaborative workshops:

- the pooling of purchases
- the links with local producers
- the transformation of foodstuffs

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TESTIMONIALS FROM 3 PARTNERS POST WORKSHOPS

- Judith Meyer

Solaal Bourgogne-Franche-Comté

presented the facilitating role of his association in establishing links between the agricultural sector and that of food aid.

- Boris Tavernier

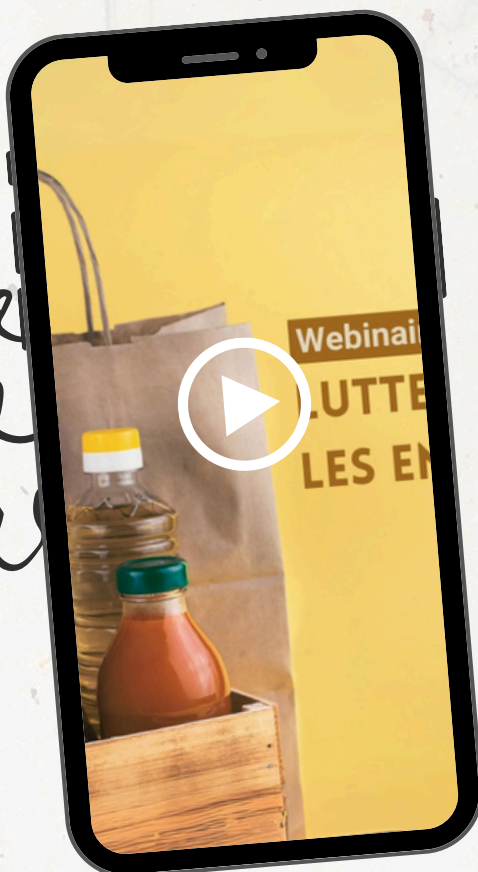
VRAC France shared its commitment to food aid through quality product purchasing groups.

- Fanny Gonzalez '**Economie, Solidarité, Partage**

and the **Caddy Fleury** presented the experiments for food processing within its Social & Solidarity Grocery Store.

12/12/2023 - WEBINARE-BELGIUM

During this webinar initiated by **Pour La Solidarité, Perspectiv' Active Pôle de l'Économie Solidaire**, as well as **Économie, Solidarité, Partage** shared the problems they encounter on both sides of the border. Field actors are noticing a decrease in the quantity and quality of food donations, both in France and Belgium. At the same time, they are noticing an increase and diversification in the profiles of their beneficiaries. The multiplication of initiatives to combat food waste ("anti-waste" sections and reduction in the quantity of in-store replenishments, applications such as "Too good to go"...), which is welcome from an economic and ecological perspective, is perversely leading to a decrease in the food available for food aid structures.



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[the challenges of food](#)

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