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About the Project

‘Less food waste – less food poverty’ is WSS’s major priority. The project which was initiated in January 2018 is an EU-funded Action focused on promotion of the European values of food banking and the ‘less food waste’ culture. In that context, WSS Effect is, in general, designed to create better conditions for improved food banking in the country for better access to food for everyone.



Together we can thrive

Link – Think - Grow



Building a Coalition

WSS Effect Team kept its focus on the informal network of local CSOs. Sharing knowledge about food banking and empowering organizations for better partnership with local businesses and authorities including, evidence-based advocacy for better food aid programs and policies was key priority of the 3 separate capacity events which were organized in this time period.



Business Confederation of MK

Networking & Learning from the Best

Why should CSOs strive to build trust and good relations with the business community? Why should they work to create cross-sectoral networks and Coalitions? Why research? Why excellent grant-proposals matter? Because the future of our food banking depends on it.



Finance Think

ProEfekt

WSS Effect is looking to fund few good ideas

CARE TO HELP THE FOOD BANKING?

FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 15, 2019

Call for funding for local CSOs



On February 1st, 2019, WSS Effect Team has announced the call for proposals on 'how to improve the food banking system in the country'. Right to apply have all non-profit organizations which in the past period, starting from January 2018 have been actively engaged in the WSS Effect capacity building activities. What the Team is looking for is: (1) good research ideas, (2) engaging awareness campaigns and messages and (3) strong alliances for better food waste prevention and food aid programs and policies. What the Team expects to receive from the organizations is: all three. **The call closes on March 15, 2019.** For more information [!\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\)](#)

Why we need to change the Food Safety Law?

WSS Effect Team: "Because we care for the health and safety of the people we serve". Read more about it [!\[\]\(5361750c22c4e047a52f4eac1ec2d4cc_img.jpg\)](#)

Presentation & Round table, October 19, 2018



DEBATE

WSS EFFECT ON A POLICY ADVOCACY MISSION

Mr Goran Misovski

Vice-president
Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia



On October 18th, WSS Effect Team has started its official policy advocacy campaign. The first doorstep crossed on the way to better food waste and food aid policies and programs was the Parliament. Read more about the meeting with Mr Misovski here [22](#)

***"Because we
need their
support"***

Mr Zoran Zaev

prime-minister

Government of the Republic of North Macedonia

On the same day, only few hours later, WSS Effect Team and the Secretary General of the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) meet with the Head of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia. Read more about it here [22](#)

Everybody needs a partner in his/hers mission

**Abdusamed
Shabani**

Director
Public Company
"Communal Hygiene"-Skopje (CHS)



TOGETHER FOR PROPER WASTE & SURPLUS FOOD MANAGEMENT

In October 2018, Mr Shabani, the Managing Director of Public Company "Communal Hygiene" - Skopje welcomed the WSS Effect Team by signing a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation. With Mr Shabani's help, and the help of his excellent Team of educators, WSS Effect message was delivered to a more than 60 children and young people in Skopje. Read more about the partnership >>

TWO MUNICIPALITIES, TWO MAYORS WSS EFFECT FOR 'ZERO HUNGER'

In the time period, Centar Municipality was actively engaged in the Action. Through a series of food packages, donated to the poorest residents of Centar, the Mayor, Mr Bogdanovic has promised that he will stand against food waste and food poverty. Join us in the Action!



Mr Mitko Jancev
Mayor
Municipality of Kavadarci



Mr Sasa Bogdanovic
Mayor
Municipality of Centar

In December 2018, the Team together with Ekozivot – Kavadarci, one of the partner-organizations from the informal network has established a local branch of "Food Bank MK" in Kavadarci. Since then, two surplus food collection and redistribution campaigns have been organized with the support of Mayor Jancev. **This is what we call 'inspired'.**



Fostering debate among young people

In the time period, the Team has organized and conducted 3 separate presentations for children and young people. By spreading knowledge and facilitating debate about food banking, food poverty and food waste, Team strives to inspire youth to join the quest for better solution to the food waste & food poverty issue in the country.

LEARNING



The schools which WSS Effect Team visited?

Elementary school
"LAZO ANGELOVSKI"-Skopje

Kindergarten
"SRNICKA - BAMBI"-Skopje

Private college
"YAHYA KEMAL"-Strumica

Wss Effect dosage for 5 to 75+



**Big talks
with
small and
big
people**

What 'surplus food' is according to the youngest?



Food we don't eat but which we should share with a dog, a cat or a friend. *The wisdom of 5-year olds.*



Yule
From CHS's Education Team



PHS "Yahya Kemal"-Strumica & "Dimitar Vlahov"-Strumica

Lence
Organisation of Women from Strumica
Partner in WSS Effect



Kindergarten "Srnicka"
- "Bambi"- Skopje

Kate
From CHS's Education Team

*Cause we want
to see the
change we are
seeing here in
Slovenia also*

Conference LET US STOP THE FOOD WASTE

Few things are important when campaigning against food waste and food poverty, and one of them is to spread the message to the business community. WSS Effect Team from Food Bank MK (**Stojne**), FEBA (**General Secretary Angela Frigo**) and SIBAHE – Slovenian Food Bank (**Alen, Mia and the rest of SIBAHE Team**) did that in November 2018 in Slovenia. There, WSS was presented together with LIFE Italy project of the Italian Banco Allimentare (**Vincenzo Palumbo**). Read about it here [»»](#)

DEBATE

FOOD PRODUCED FOR HUMANS SHOULD BE EATEN BY HUMANS



WSS Effect priorities for 2019

In the following period, WSS Effect Team will focus on developing the partnerships it started in the previous period; building new partnerships and engaging more people, experts, municipalities, institutions, organizations and media. Building close relations, trust, effective partnerships is what the Team needs to achieve its policy goals – better food aid and food waste policies and programs.

WSS Effect Team

Food Bank MK
Organization of Women from Strumica
SIBAHE – Slovenian Food Bank
European Food Banks Federation (EFBA).

JOIN THE ACTION NOW

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