

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE FOOD AID PROGRAMS
IN EUROPE: VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR
STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES AND PROGRAM DELIVERY



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E-learning platform

Module 1: Sustainable food aid provision

Module 2: Sustainable food systems and the role of supply chains

Module 3: Food safety and quality assurance of food items

Module 4: Food storage and food waste management strategies



Discover the SUST-AID e-Learning Platform

We are proud to announce the launch of the SUST-AID e-Learning Platform, an innovative tool designed to equip food aid professionals and volunteers with the skills they need to make a real impact.

Featuring seven training modules, the platform covers essential topics like nutrition, food safety, and sustainability. It also fosters collaboration, offering a space for users to share experiences and best practices.

Designed with accessibility in mind, it is available in multiple languages, ensuring widespread usability. Whether you're a seasoned expert or just starting out, this platform will empower you to deliver effective, sustainable food aid.

Connecting and Learning in Warsaw



October brought our SUST-AID consortium together in Poland, for an energizing series of meetings and activities.

SUST-AID partners gathered in Warsaw for a productive three-day meeting that combined strategic updates, interactive activities, and hands-on experiences.

The first day began with updates on the project's progress and presentations on sustainable food aid practices.

A key moment was the introduction of the SUST-AID e-Learning Platform, where participants not only explored its modules but also engaged in team-based practical exercises. This session provided valuable feedback and insights for enhancing the platform's usability and impact.



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The second day included field visits to the Warsaw Food Bank distribution center and a meeting with representatives from the Federation of Polish Food Banks, offering participants a closer look at the operational challenges and successes of local food aid efforts.

On the final day, a hands-on cooking workshop brought theory to life, with teams experimenting with sustainable practices in meal preparation while considering nutrition, environmental impact, and cultural relevance.

These activities, paired with collaborative discussions on program innovation, reinforced the group's shared commitment to improving sustainable food aid delivery across Europe.



Looking Ahead: Tools and Policies for Sustainable Food Aid

The next step in the SUST-AID journey focuses on empowering Vocational Education and Training (VET) professionals. By developing practical resources and guidance, we aim to equip trainers with the tools to educate staff and volunteers on sustainable food aid practices. These efforts will help food aid organizations improve their impact while adopting more sustainable, forward-thinking approaches tailored to their communities.

Mark Your Calendar: SUST-AID Information Days Across Europe

As the SUST-AID project draws to a close, we are hosting a European Information Day in Brussels to bring together experts, NGOs, and policymakers to discuss sustainable food aid solutions and share key project insights.

Additionally, National Information Days will take place in Cyprus, Italy, Greece and Portugal, where local communities can explore how the project's outcomes can be applied to their unique needs.

These events are a great opportunity to collaborate and drive positive change in food aid across Europe.

Stay tuned for the exact dates of the events, coming your way in January and February 2025!