

WP 2.4 Monitoring reports

Case

Briefly explain what is the Case about (max. 6 lines):

The Re-food Movement is a community-based initiative born in Lisbon in March of 2011 and incorporated in July of the same year as Re-food 4 Good, an independent non-profit organization. It strives to provide good rescued food to those in need and prevent food waste in local communities by inspiring and mobilizing the community itself.

Re-food empowers citizens to change their own local communities for the better.

It targets and accomplishes 4 essential actions: reducing unnecessary food waste, reducing food insufficiency, strengthening local community ties and promoting replication in other communities.

Commitment to social innovation

1st monitoring period

Does the initiative have an institutional strategic policy commitment to social innovation?

No, it started as an initiative from one individual.

Main impact

1st monitoring period

What is the main impact of the initiative? How does the initiative contribute to the society?

The initiative presents itself as an innovative solution to end hunger through food rescue. It provides a practical tool to eliminate food waste and hunger in local communities while steadily strengthening social bonds.

Beneficiaries and needs covered

1st monitoring period

Who are the key beneficiaries (age, sex, disability, employment status, other)? What need is addressed?

The need addressed is hunger and poor malnourishment, and key beneficiaries characteristics (age, sex, disability, etc) are variable considering the different communities where the initiative is implemented: families in local communities living with food insecurity – including children, older people, disabled people, the chronically poor and those who only recently become needy but also including immigrants and refugees.

Application of tools

1st monitoring period

Which methodologies and tools are applied?

N/A

Financial plan

1st monitoring period

What is the current funding situation of the initiative? Do you use national / European funding? Do you have new funding strategies for the future? Does the initiative generate income?

It started with no funding, for its purpose was not to generate income.

The first funding was made through a prize money from a private institution.

People involved

1st monitoring period

How many people participate in the initiative? What is their position (Staff, HEIs (Students, Teachers, and Researcher), Community, Government)? Which background, skills, and experiences do the participants have?

In the beginning only one founder. After a month it gathered 30 volunteers, with various backgrounds, skills, and experiences.

Involvement in networks

1st monitoring period

In which networks/collaborations is the initiative involved?

N/A

Partnerships with HEIs

1st monitoring period

How many HEIs are partners of the initiative? Which support does the initiative receive? What kind of support does it most benefit from?

From the start there was no support from HEIs, apart eventually from volunteers coming from some of these institutions.

Barriers faced

1st monitoring period

Which are the main barriers of the initiative? (E.g. Legal, institutional, financial, infrastructure, human resources, local context, other)

From the beginning there were barriers from not being a legal entity, and not having a dedicated infrastructure. Human resources only started to join after the start of the initiative.