Lithuanian Food Bank
Food waste amounts to 89 million tonnes a year in the EU, while 79 million EU citizens live below the poverty line.
## Food waste in Baltic countries

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<td>89 277 472</td>
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Source: Data of preparatory study on food waste across EU 27, which was published in 2010

Institute for Private Finances, Swedbank
20% of Lithuanians experience poverty
Different food recoverability:

Food production – high
Retail – medium (41% in Lithuania)
Farming – medium low
Catering – medium low
Households – low (29% in Lithuania)
Food banks across the Europe are part of food waste solution.
Founded in 1986, the European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA) brings together 253 food banks in 21 European country, which fight daily against hunger and food waste.
About “Maisto bankas”:

Project had started in 2001;

Independent foundation from 2007;

FEBA member since 2008.
4 regions
37 cities
452 charities
Food distribution:
3096 tonnes of food in 2012

- Last expiry date produce from retailers (52%)
- European FEAD program (23%)
- Food collections (17%)
- Surplus food from producers (7%)
• Since 2009 retail chain **IKI** gives away to charity last-expiry-date food products.
• **IKI** donates ~2000 tons of food @year that is recovered and not wasted.
8-10 tons of close-to-expire food @day
>6,6 million meals provided last year
€1 = €16
Labelling issues:

- “Sell by” vs. “Consume by” dates
- “Expire by” vs. “Best before” dates
What can be done?

- Tax and other incentives for companies not wasting edible food but offering it to the charities;
- Food waste auditing.
• www.maistobankas.lt

THANK YOU!