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CSR Strategy
Elior France teams up with the French Federation of Food Banks
to fight against food waste

Elior, the leader in contract catering in France, has forged a partnership with the French Federation of Food Banks (*Fédération Française des Banques Alimentaires*) to redistribute its surplus food produce to associations in a bid to reduce food waste. Thanks to their regional coverage, both players are able to make a commitment at both the national and local level.

The French Federation of Food Banks (FFBA) coordinates a national network of 79 food banks which collect 113,000 tons of free food products every year, 73,000 tons of which would otherwise be wasted. By teaming up with the FFBA, Elior will now be able to redistribute the surplus food stuffs from its 9,700 restaurants and central kitchens in France to associations providing support to people in need.

Commenting on the partnership, FFBA director Laurence Champier stated: *"Collaborating with Elior is a tremendous opportunity for the Food Banks network. As such, we hope that this partnership will enable us to go further in our fight against food waste and underpin our commitment to those who benefit from food assistance."*

With 1.4 million meals served everyday in France, Elior has made the fight against food waste one of the pillars of its Elior Group Positive Foodprint Plan CSR strategy. In 2017, Elior passed another milestone by making a commitment in its Zero food waste charter to recycle 100% of its food waste by 2025. This goal is in line with UN sustainable development goal number 12 to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns particularly with regard to food waste. Due to the cradle-to-cradle approach of the charter Elior is able to reduce and recycle waste at every stage of the food chain and in all of the countries where it is present.

CEO of Elior France Jean-Yves Fontaine stated: *"More than ever aware of the inequalities regarding access to food products, and of the environmental impacts of waste, we decided to go take our commitment even further. With this nation-wide partnership between Elior and the French Federation of Food Banks all Elior restaurants and central kitchens will be able to redistribute their surplus food stuffs. We are proud to have forged this partnership which is at once global and local."*

Every food bank may act in two ways: either directly, by recuperating food donations from Elior establishments then finding the associations themselves and distributing the food donated, or indirectly, by referencing the association responsible for ensuring the donated food is distributed to end-users and for collecting the food donations from Elior's establishments.

Elior Group is also a partner of the Italian Food Bank Federation (Fondazione Banco Alimentare) since 2004, and has been collaborating since 2019 with the Spanish equivalent. This partnership in France strengthens the Group's commitment and is in line with a circular economy approach.

About Elior Group

Founded in 1991, Elior Group has grown into one of the world's leading operators in contract catering, concession catering and support services, and has become a benchmark player in the business & industry, education, healthcare and travel markets. Operating in 15 countries, the Group generated €6,694 million in revenue in FY 2017-2018. Our 132,000 employees serve 6 million people on a daily basis through 25,600 restaurants and points of sale. Our mission is to feed and take care of each and every one, at every moment in life.

Innovation and social responsibility are at the core of our business model. Elior Group has been a member of the United Nations Global Compact since 2004, reaching the GC Advanced Level in 2015.

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