

SEA AND DHL EXPRESS TOGETHER FOR UKRAINE

A DHL Express cargo aircraft left this morning from Milan Malpensa Airport towards Bucharest to transport 17 tons of food collected thanks to the commitment of SEA employees for Ukrainian refugees

The Romanian Food Bank will handle the distribution of the goods on site

Milan, April 5, 2022 – The DHL Express cargo aircraft took off at 9 am this morning from Milan Malpensa Airport with destination Bucharest Henri Coandă Airport. The aircraft transported 17 tons of food collected on voluntary basis by employees of SEA, the group that operates Milan airports, for Ukrainian refugees in Romania.

At Coandă Airport, the cargo was transferred to 3 lorries under the supervision of SEA volunteers and Banca pentru Alimente București to then deliver the goods to shelters Asociația Mladita, Asociația Inimi nobile e Asociația Casa Shalom, where 240 Ukrainian refugees fleeing war are housed.

The food was collected with the operational support and coordination of the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA).

“SEA and its people also wanted to offer tangible support to the Ukrainian people – said Armando Brunini, SEA’s managing director – We worked with DHL and the Food Bank and managed to organize today’s dedicated flight to deliver food to emergency shelters in Romania that house refugees coming from war zones. A small aid when compared to the hardships Ukrainians are having to face, but done with a great spirit of solidarity by all the people at SEA”.

“We offered a dedicated aircraft – said Nazzarena Franco, DHL Express Italy CEO – to help SEA and the Food Bank with this humanitarian initiative that is leaving from Malpensa Airport today to bring aid to Ukrainian families who have taken refuge in Romania. This joint effort and the willpower of all involved people have allowed us to quickly reach an amazing result. Our group’s commitment to offer help in case of humanitarian crises continues also on an international level, added Nazzarena Franco. We are working in close cooperation with the UN to use our logistics expertise to support humanitarian aid to people differently affected by the war. We also have our own Group programs to provide support for the people on the ground”.

“We thank SEA and DHL Express for this initiative in favor of the European Food Banks Federation to support Banca pentru Alimente București.- said Jacques Vandenschrik, president of the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) – This food will be fundamental for Ukrainian refugees in Bucharest and represents tangible evidence of a solidarity that crosses borders and gives hope”.

Today's initiative follows SEA's first shipment, in collaboration with Progetto Arca, which left on March 23 in 3 lorries and 1 minivan. 11 SEA employees travelled almost 4000 km, 1900 km each way, to reach Siret, on the border between Romania and Ukraine. In Siret they delivered food, clothes and other essential goods that had been collected in Milan by Fondazione Progetto Arca. The 3 lorries contained 150 pallets for a total of 50 tons of goods. The journey took approximately 4 days.

At national level, DHL Express Italy is supporting 'SOS Villaggi dei Bambini' through a voluntary fundraising among its employees. 'SOS Villaggi dei Bambini' is the world's largest organization committed to supporting children who lack or are at risk of losing family care. DHL Express Italy is also offering its support to 'Weworld', an independent Italian organization active in 25 countries focused on projects concerning Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid to guarantee the rights of the most vulnerable communities.

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