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Sustainable urban and periurban food provision

Towards sustainable modes of urban and peri-urban food provisioning

What is this research project about?

Until recently, short food supply chains and multifunctional agriculture were considered to be part of the rural development realm. This project looks at these topics from the perspective of urban rather than rural development. Short food supply chains have been advocated as a means to reduce the environmental impact of the agro-food system. However, to improve the ecological performance of the agro-food system other flows (e.g. nutrients, water, and urban waste) need to be considered as well. In the current context these aspects are usually treated separately. This project will treat them in an integrated manner. Research will be carried out in seven European city-regions (Rotterdam (NL), Rome (IT), Ghent (BE), Vigo (ES), Bristol (UK), Zürich (CH) and Riga (LV)) in collaboration with a diverse group of SMEs and will identify innovate modes of urban and peri-urban food provisioning, nutrient, water and waste management, and multifunctional use of urban and peri-urban space. The project will also establish links with researchers, policymakers and SMEs in these domains in developing countries. This will be organised through a process of dialogue, sharing of experiences, exchange of best practice and joint learning.

How can you participate?

Stay informed:

Subscribe and/or consult the website to be informed about the project, seminars and other dissemination events organised.

Exchange:

You can participate in city-region seminars and international seminars in spring 2013 and 2015. The seminars aim to facilitate a process of dialogue, sharing of experiences and exchange of best practice.

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For further information contact your local coordinator – links to all partners can be found at the project website.

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- Universiteit Gent
- Universidade de Vigo
- University of Gloucestershire
- University of the West of England
- Landbouw Economisch Instituut
- Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)
- Nodibinajums Baltic Studies Centre
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