

EU City Lab #3

on Land Strategies to Feed the City



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EU City Lab on Land Strategies to feed cities

Milan, 23-24 October 2024

A look at the program of discussions for the two days ahead

- **EU City Labs** overall framework
- Recap of the **day's agenda**

Speakers Intro session:

- **Camilla Chiappini**, Communication and Knowledge Officer at URBACT Secretariat
- **Arthur Cady**, Knowledge and Capitalization officer at EUI Secretariat
- **Elisa Porreca**, EU Urban Agenda partnership on Food Coordinator, Municipality of Milan, Italy

Moderators:

- **François Jégou** (URBACT/EUI Expert)
 - **Marcelline Bonneau** (URBACT Expert)
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moving debate...

**Do you have a food strategy
in your city/territory ?**

We don't...

**...we are
building it...**

**yes, for more
than 5 years**

Who is in the room?

- URBACT Secretariat & EUI Secretariat,
- Participants from across Europe...
- Photographer
- Italian-English-French simultaneous language interpretation...

Wifi: **Network:** COWORKING

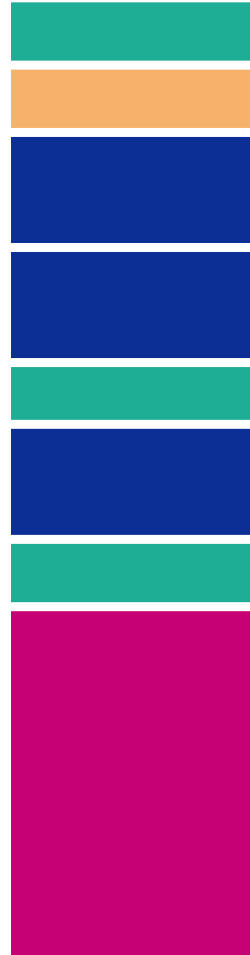
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A look at the program...

- Welcome breakfast, registration & networking
- **Introduction and welcome to day 1**
- **How Can Cities Use Land to Feed Themselves?**
- **Land Use Practices in Illustration**
- Coffee break
- **Milan's Land Use to Feed the City**
- Lunch
- **City visits**
- Free time & Dinner

23/10

9:00



19:00

24/10

9:00



13:15

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- Welcome breakfast, networking
- **Debrief of day 1**
- **Focus on Multilevel Governance**
- Coffee break
- **A How-to Guide to Land Strategies to Feed the City: Brainstorming on Cities' Approaches**
- **Debrief & Conclusions**
- **URBACT/EUI next opportunities**
- Lunch



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Keynotes

Land to feed cities

France urbaine



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- III. Land use : our tools

I – Introduction – Local Food Strategies

A – From canteens to urban planning - Our levers to promote change

I – Introduction – Local Food Strategies

B – why we need to care about agricultural land?

Food security ? Autonomy ? Resilience ?

Sovereignty ? Food democracy ?

Inside / outside the cities - What land are we talking about ?



II – Our Tools

A – At a national level

Legal framework for planning, land use and the fight against land artificialization

II – Our Tools

B – At a local level

1. Influencing land ownership

- cities buying land and renting it to farmers
- cities buying farms (Mouans Sartoux)
- participation to land governance to have a say in transactions (purchases and leases) (Grenoble Alpes métropole)
- preemption and land portage
- support for collective tools (SCIC Ceinture verte, Terres de lien)

2. Influencing land use

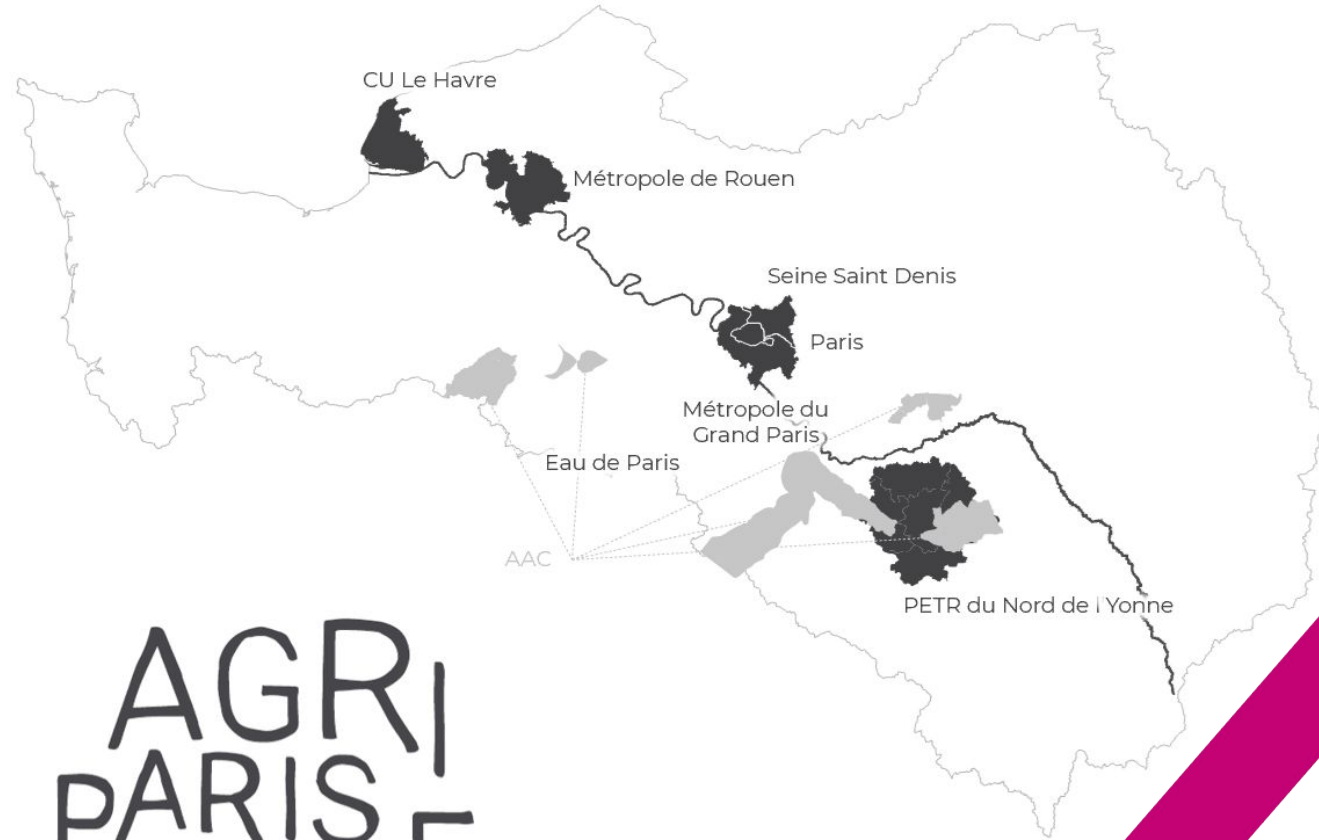
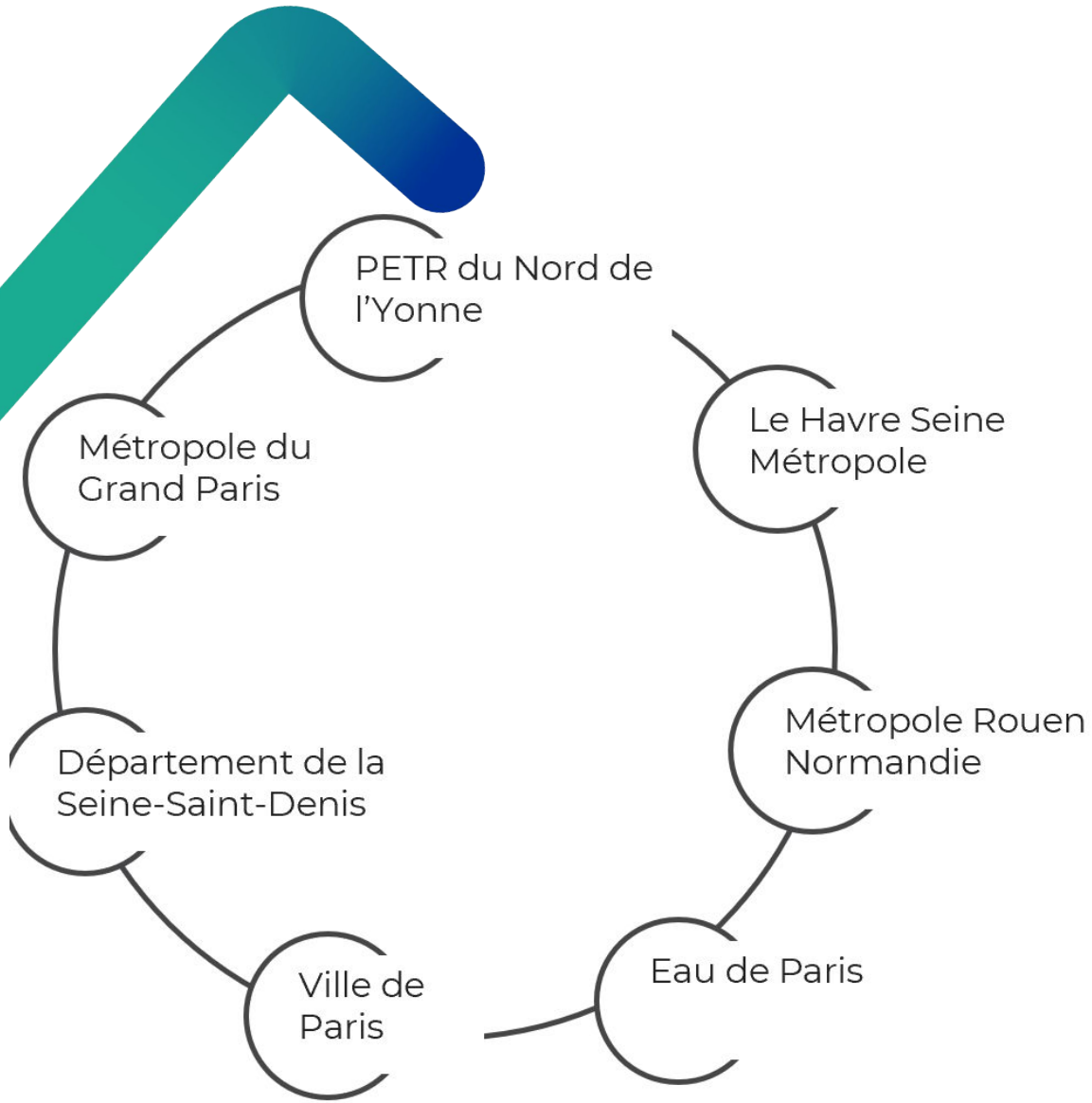
- urban planning / zoning and protection perimeters
 - the issue of housing (Aix-Marseille-Provence)
 - urban planning in flood-prone areas
- supporting farmers around water catchment areas (Rennes, Copenhagen, Paris...)

3. Finding buyers / supporting the emergence of a new business model

- agricultural test areas
- transactions observatory
- cooperation with vocational highschoools
- advertising campaigns (Rennes métropole)

III – Our Challenges

- Artificialization / competition for biomass (land for food / building / energy...)
- Transparency of transactions / land grabbing
- A rapid decline in the number of farmers / a change in the aspirations of new farmers / a new relationship with work
- Legal framework, institutional functioning and competencies of local authorities
- Business models / land prices
- Hiring farmers on farms (Toulouse metropole)
- Agricultural workers, a social challenge (Bordeaux metropole)



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PARIS
SEINE



ANNE-LAURE
Éleveuse de vaches laitières bio
Chavagne-Mordelles

agriculture et
alimentation durables
RENNES MÉTROPOLE s'engage

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MARINA ET MAXIME
Éleveurs de volailles
Saint-Armel

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Thank you for your attention !

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EU City Lab on Land Strategies to Feed the City

How Cities Can Use Land to Feed Themselves

Using EU funds



Milan, Italy, October 23. 2024





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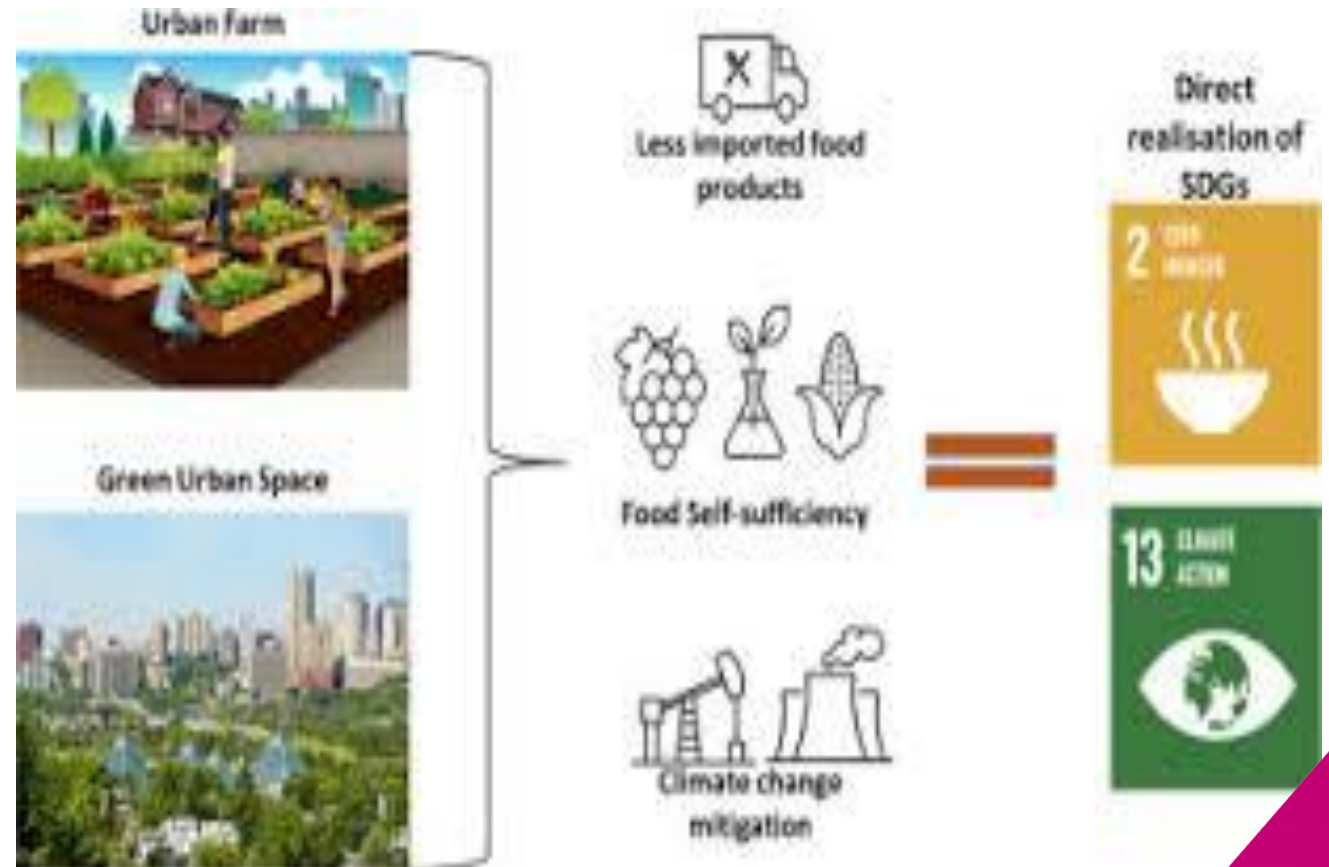
I. Building on the 1060/2021 Regulation

- The **2021-2027 programming period** opens opportunities for the cities, based on Regulation (EU) **1060/2021**, which lays down common provision's regulations
- This unified regulation creates a framework that supports **integrated territorial development**, offering a strategic opportunity for cities to take a central role in **local development** through the **agri-food sector**.



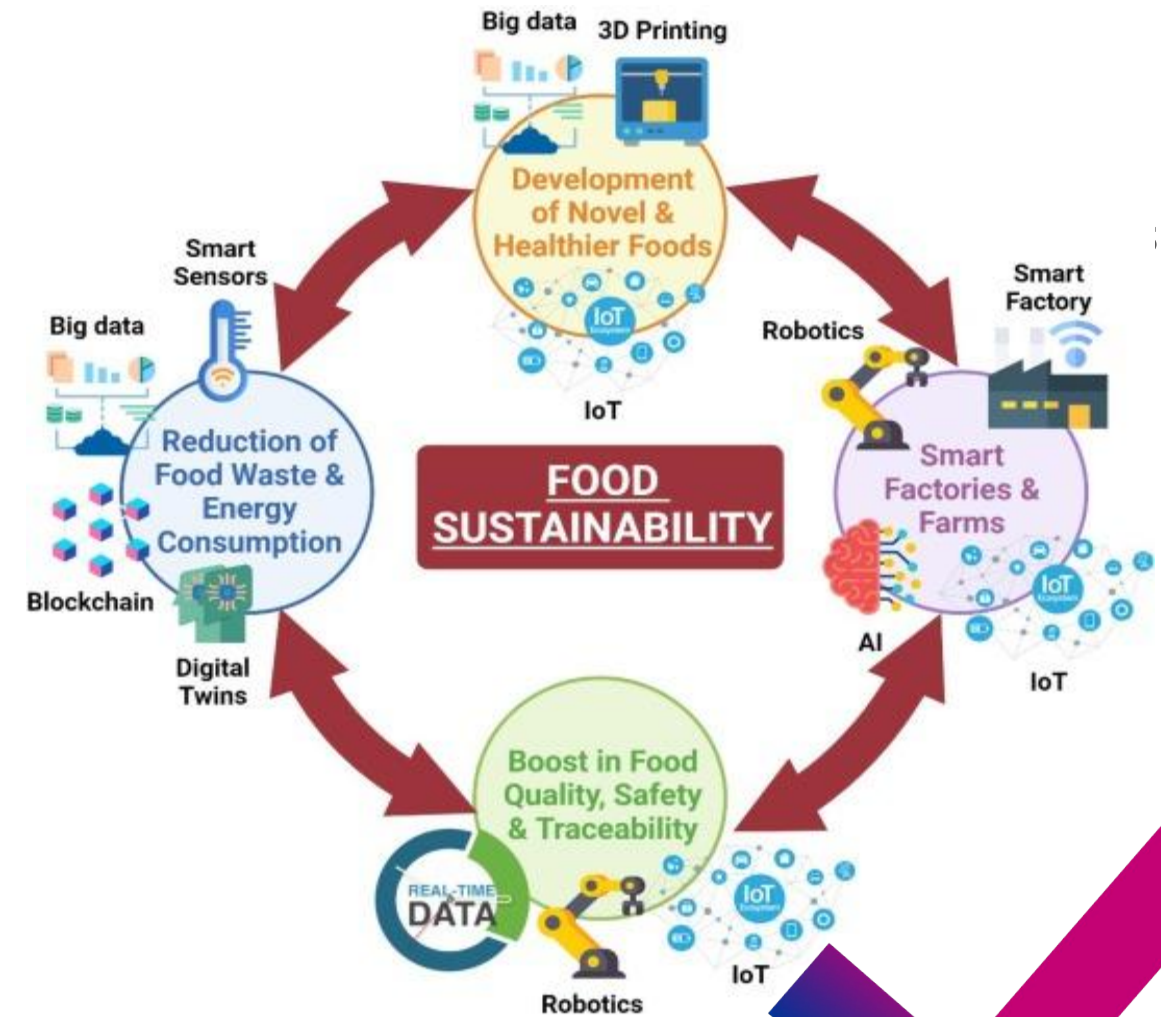
II. Cities - Drivers of Local Development

- ❑ Cities, as hubs of innovation, resources, and population density, have the potential to be the engines of sustainable local development.
- ❑ The agri-food sector can be a strategic tool in ensuring urban food security while strengthening urban-rural linkages and fostering regional sustainable cohesion.



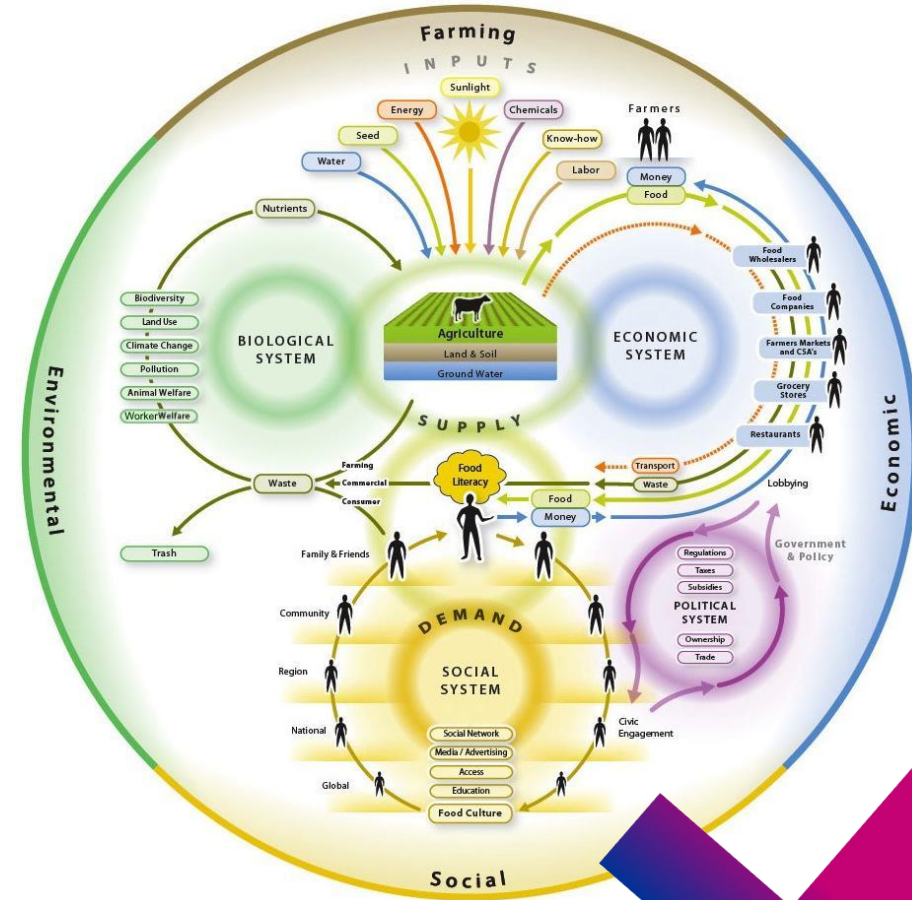
III. Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) as Key Enablers

- The **Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3)** is essential in aligning regional development with the potential of the **agri-food sector**.
- At the national level, member states should include a dedicated chapter in their Smart specialisation strategy to address **the food security**
- Regional S3 may act as the bridge that connects **agri-food development** (CAP funding) with **regional development** (Regional development fund) ensuring investments are targeted for innovation and sustainability.



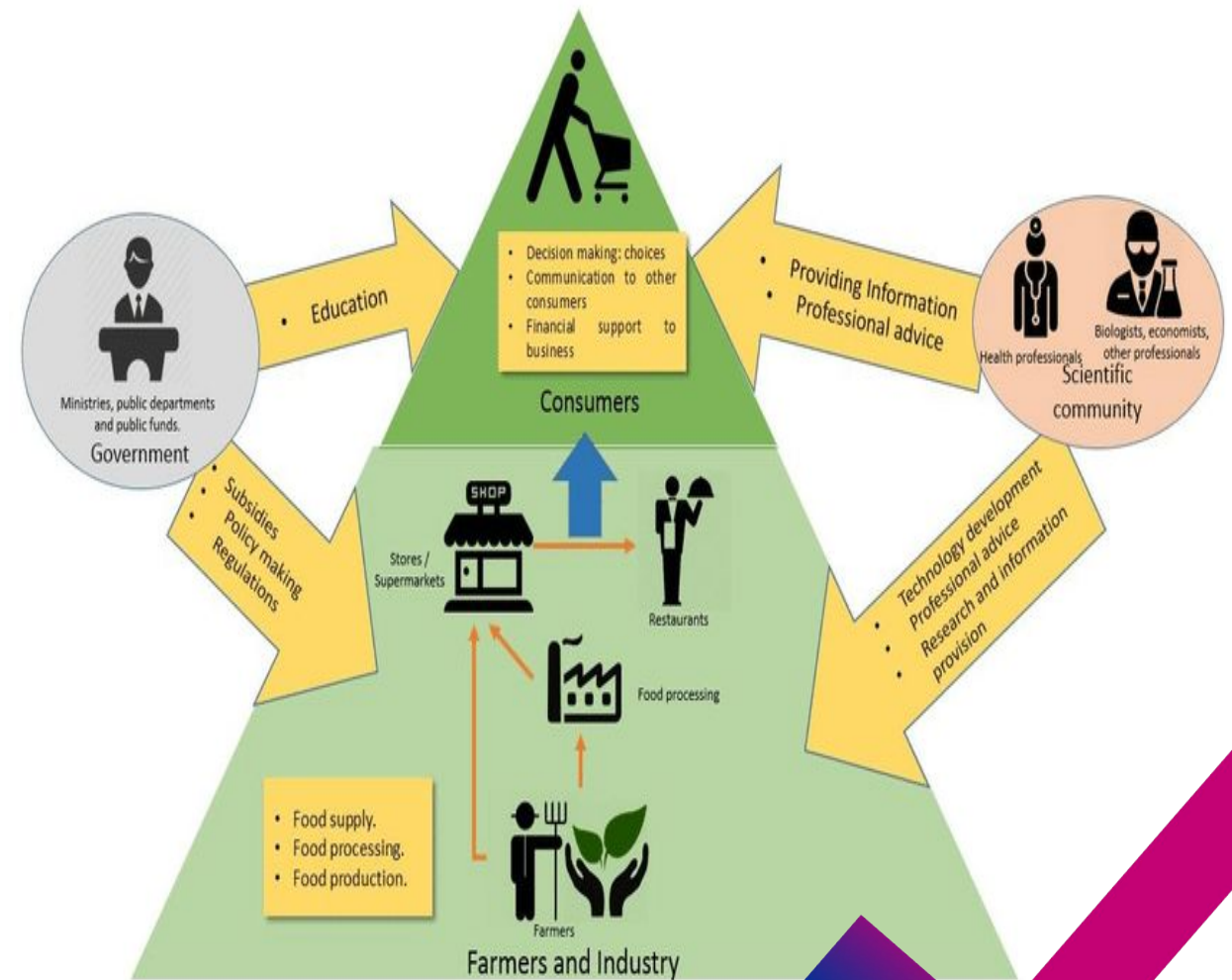
IV. Leveraging Article 28: Integrated Territorial Development

- Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 allows member states to support **integrated territorial development** through:
 - **Integrated Territorial Investments (ITIs)**
 - **Community-Led Local Development (CLLD)**
 - **Other territorial tools designed by the Member State (Point C)**
- **Point C provides** member states with the flexibility to design customized tools, to foster **local food security** and growth in urban centres.



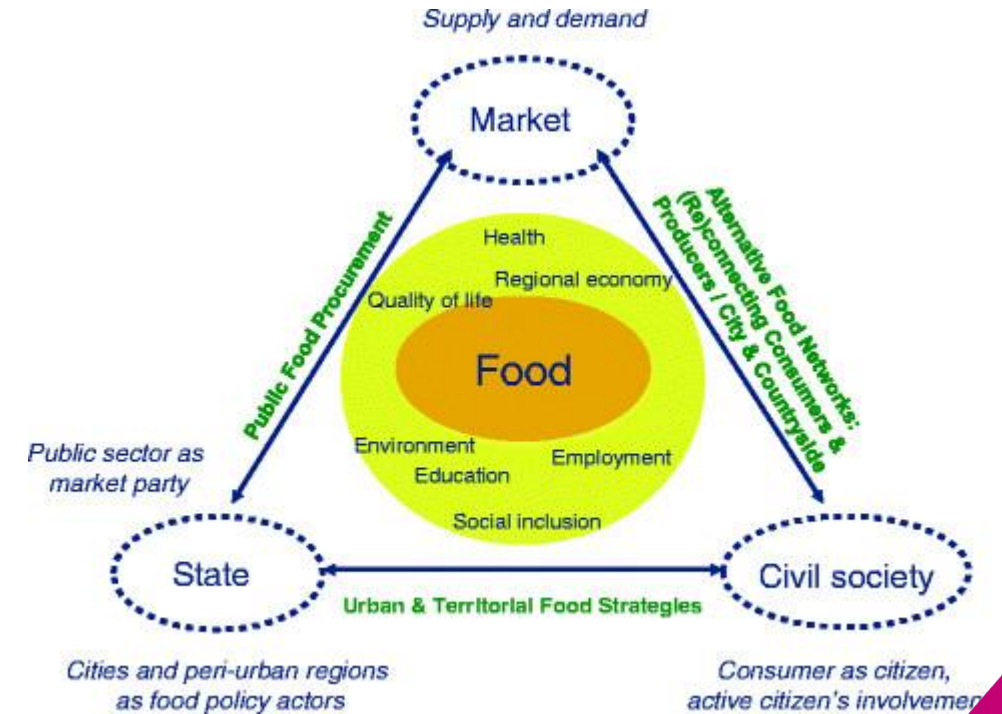
V. Developing Agri-Food Hubs

- Cities can develop **agri-food hubs / living labs**, which could serve as **global grant administrators** for CAP, ESF+ and Regional development funds.
- These hubs can partner with **commercial banks** to create **financial instruments**, attracting both **public and private investments** to support the agri-food sector.
- Hub's roles : **education, innovation centres**, sharing knowledge, enhancing **food supply chains**, and boosting **local economies** through sustainable practices



VI. Dedicated Investment Funds for Agri-Food Sustainability

- Creating **dedicated investment funds** is vital to ensuring the **long-term sustainability** of agri-food projects in the cities.
- Such funds could mobilize resources from Regional development and CAP funds, along with **private sector investments**, ensuring a **steady financial stream** for innovative Agri food security projects.
- A **sustainable business model** and **dedicated investment fund could** ensure the viability of **agri-food hubs** but also could support the broader goal of **smart, sustainable development** for **cities and peri-urban regions**.



VII. Addressing the local Need for a Results-Based Funding Mechanism

- For the next programming period, local food security should become a priority.

- A new EU funds implementation mechanism should be introduced to improve efficiency, reducing the time and cost burdens of open calls:
 - **A reimbursement mechanism based on results—rather than open calls funding—**could streamline the process, ensuring efficient fund allocation while promoting accountability and measurable outcomes.

VIII. Looking to the Future: How Cities Can Feed Themselves?

Post-March 2025 – Midterm review & Post-2027 Recommendations:

- ❑ **Agri-Food as a Growth Catalyst:** The agri-food sector can drive inclusive growth and urban food security,
- ❑ **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3):** S3 - **dedicated food security chapter** can support cities align innovation with sustainable agriculture, creating resilient, self-sufficient urban food systems
- ❑ **Innovative EU Funding:** New financial tools and governance models could support the long-term sustainability and resilience of urban food systems:
 - *Integrate CAP, ESF+, Regional development fund, and Financial instruments – **Global Grant Administrator*** - to support local needs - food security and sustainable growth.
 - ***Shift from a fund-spending approach to a results-based reimbursement mechanism***—prioritizing measurable outcomes to ensure efficient fund allocation, accountability, and impactful results.



Thank you for your attention !

Adina Păsărel

Public policy and sustainable development expert





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Land use for feeding cities: insights from cities

Land use for feeding cities: what / why / how?

Speakers:

- **Gilles Perole**, Deputy-Mayor in charge of Food, Mouans-Sartoux (EU Urban Agenda partnership on Food member)
- **Nadia Tonoli**, food policy officer Municipality of Bergamo, Italy
- **Vicenç Planas**, Agricultural engineer, working at the City Council of Granollers in strengthening the local food system, Spain
- **Houkje Hibma**, advisor on landscape and recreation and coordinator of the EU-program LEADER Utrecht Oost, City of Amersfoort, Netherlands
- **Ileana Stetcu**, Chief Inspector at the Municipality of Baia Mare - Public Urban Environment Service, Romania
- **José Lopes**, Head of the Civil Protection Unit of the Intermunicipal Community, Coimbra Region

Moderator:

- **Marcelline Bonneau**, URBACT/EUI Expert
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Coffee break...





Milan's Land Use to feed the city in illustration



Milan's Land Use to feed the city in illustration

- Browse **key-dimensions of the systemic food transition** in Milan
- Question **how does it relate to land use, production and to the transition to a more sustainable local food systems?**

Speakers:

- **Chiara Mandelli**, Food Policy Officer, City of Milan
- **Marco Lucini**, Head of Agriculture Unit, City of Milan
- **Luigi Rivolta**, Agriculture Unit officer, City of Milan
- **Cristina Sossan**, Food policy officer, City of Milan
- **Lucia Fedeli**, Azienda Agricola Fedeli - Cascina Battivacco
- **Marcello Terenghi**, Società Sociale Cooperativa Agricola

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The Milan Food Policy

Chiara Mandelli



A photograph of a vibrant green cornfield under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a wooden sign is planted in the ground, surrounded by tall corn stalks. The sign has three horizontal planks with text written on them. The corn plants are healthy and tall, with some tassels visible. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

**The agriculture in Milan:
an historical overview**

Marco Lucini

The agriculture in Milan: an historical overview



Farmers' Markets in Milan: the countryside meets the city



Luigi Rivolta

Farmers' Markets in Milan: the countryside meets the city



Luigi Rivolta

Public procurement and short supply chain. How to link school canteens with local production



Cristina Sossan

Cascina Battivacco, a modern farmstead: agriculture and educational activities



Lucia Fedeli

**Agrivis Social Cooperative:
agricultural experiences through a social and inclusive approach**



Marcello Terenghi



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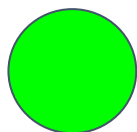
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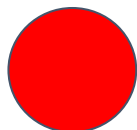


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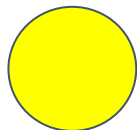
Look for your Group:



Group 1 No need for Interpretation (IT) **Camilla**



Group 2 Interpretation **IT - ENG** **Ana-Francisca / Irina**



Group 3 Interpretation **IT - FR** **Arthur**



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Lunch...



DAY #2 - 24/10/2024

Debrief of day 1 debates/city visits

Moderation:

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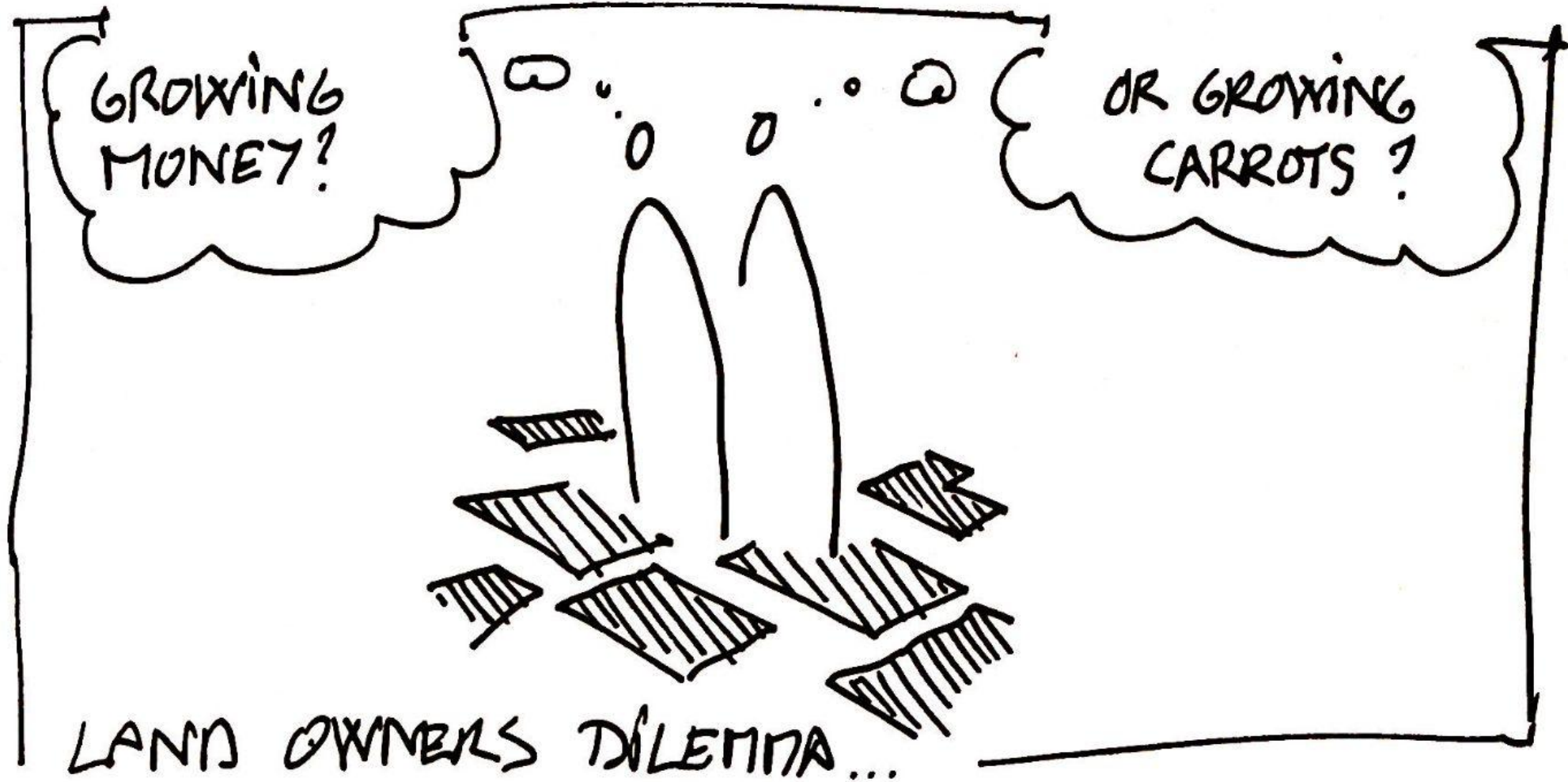
moving debate...

Did you find inspirations in yesterday's programme to bring back in your city?

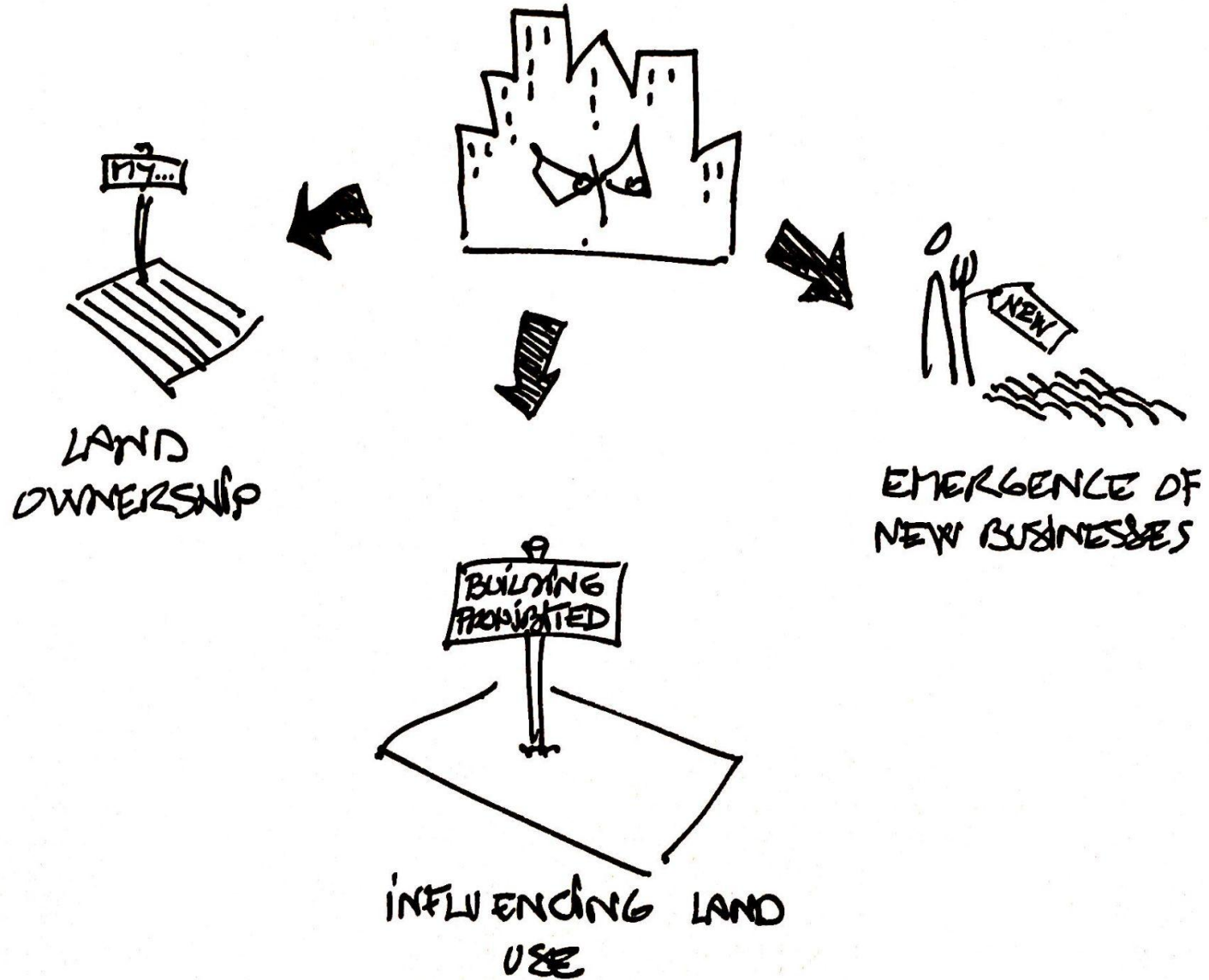
rather yes...

...still thinking...

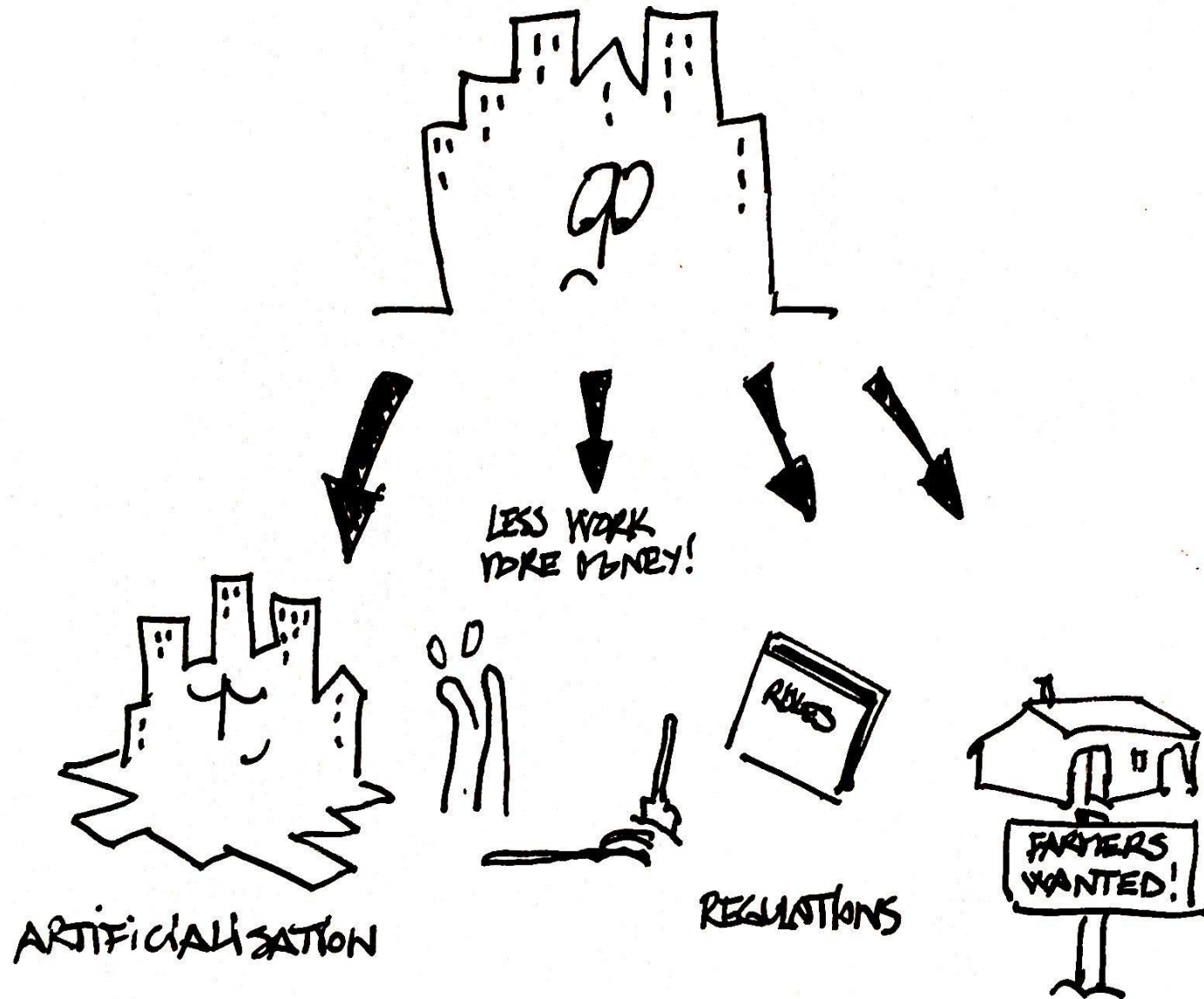
rather no...

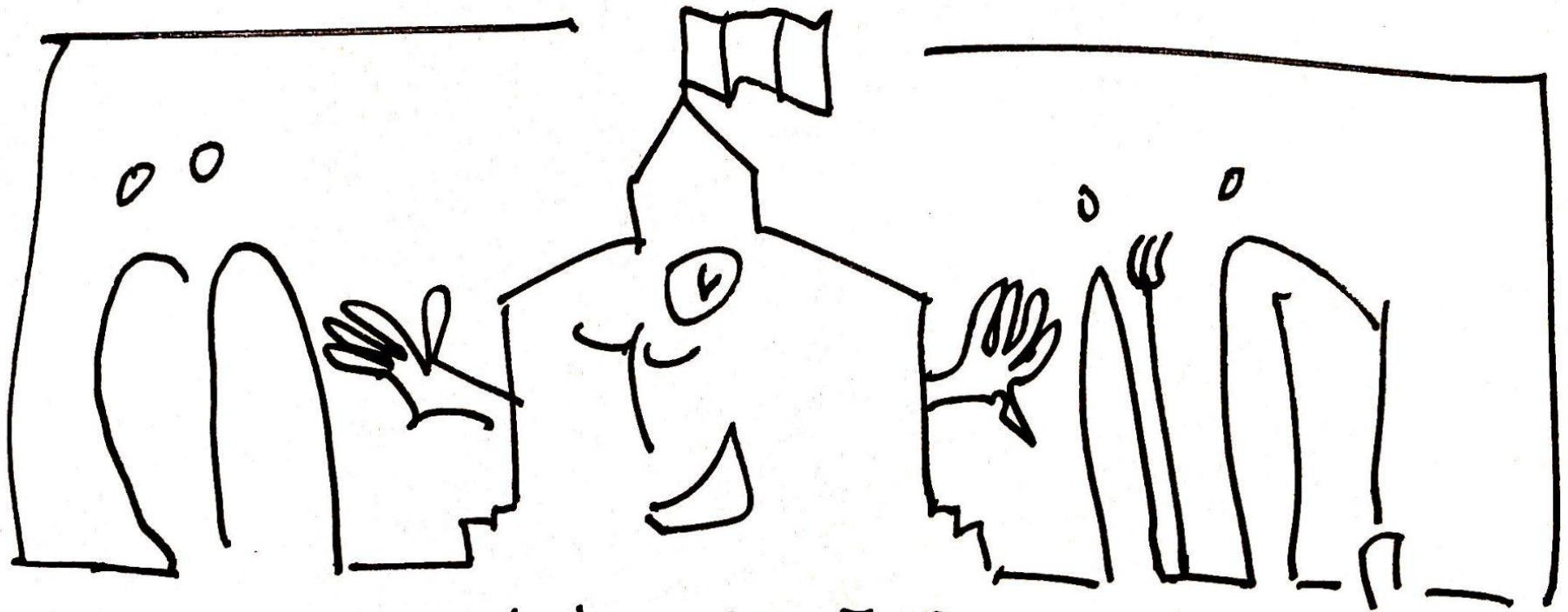


CITIES MAY INFLUENCE...

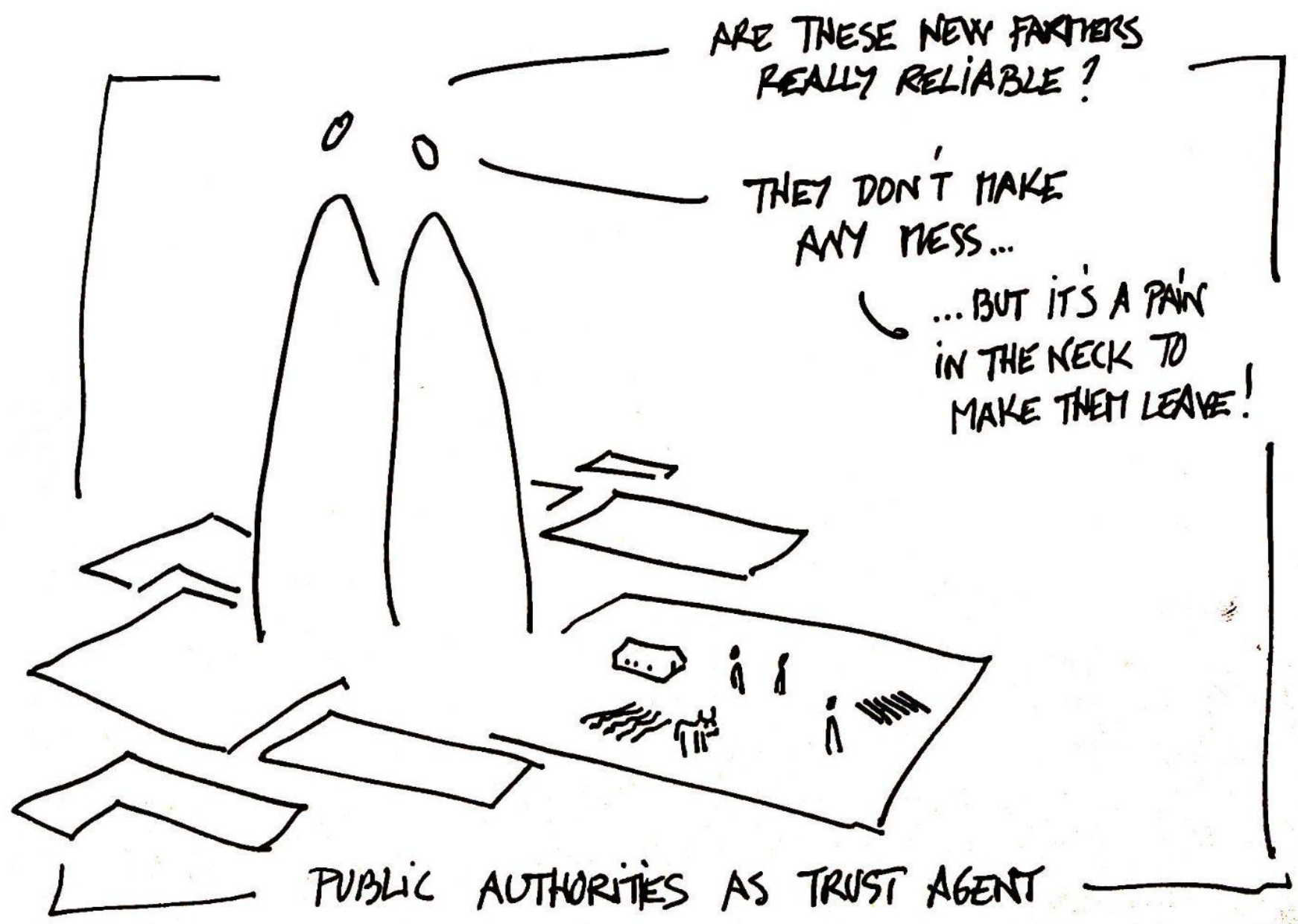


CITIES HAVE ALSO CHALLENGES...





CITIES AS FOOD
BUSINESS BROKERS!



ARE THESE NEW FARMERS
REALLY RELIABLE?

THEY DON'T MAKE
ANY MESS...

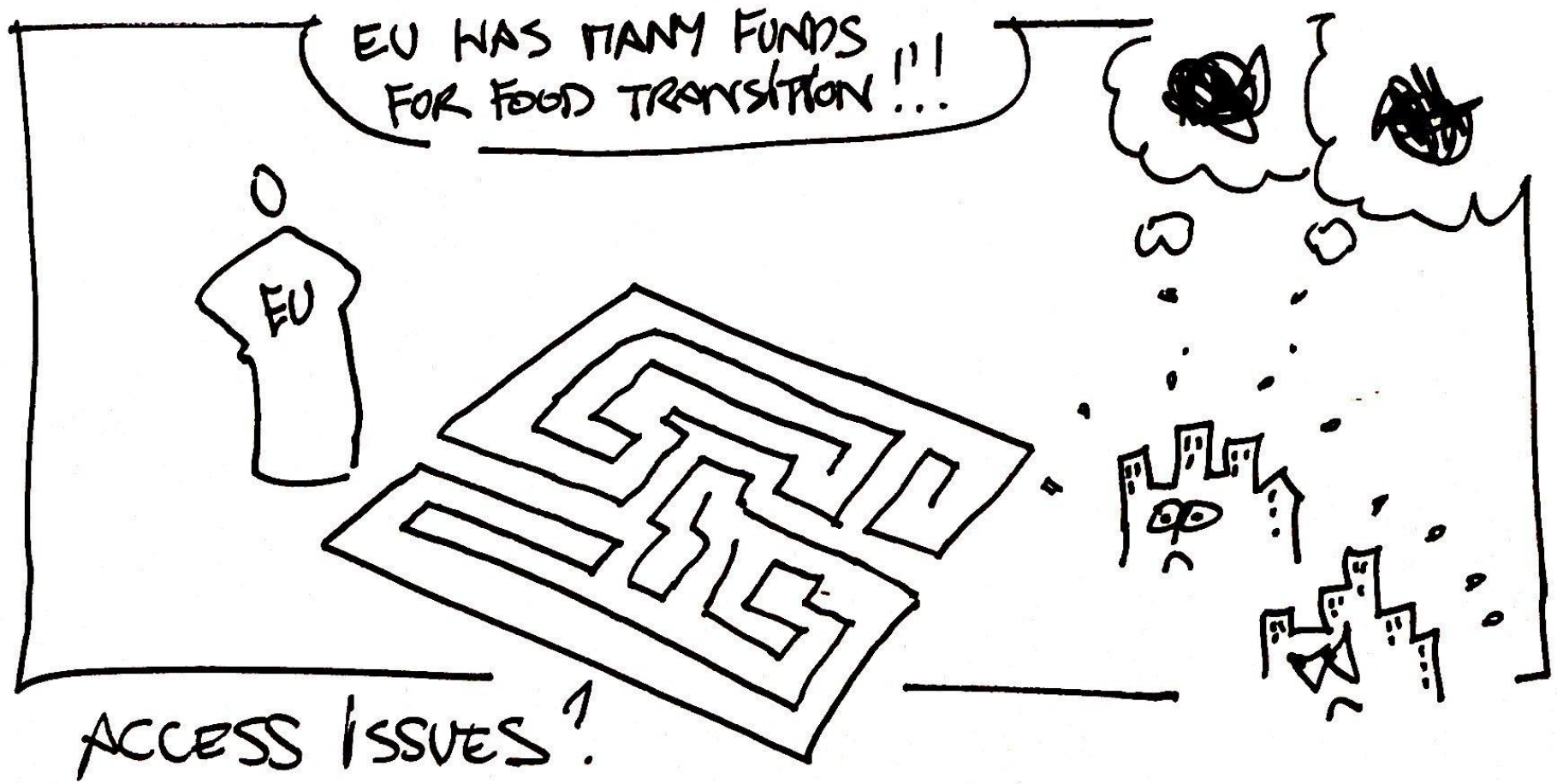
... BUT IT'S A PAIN
IN THE NECK TO
MAKE THEM LEAVE!

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AS TRUST AGENT



A FARM IN THE CITY...

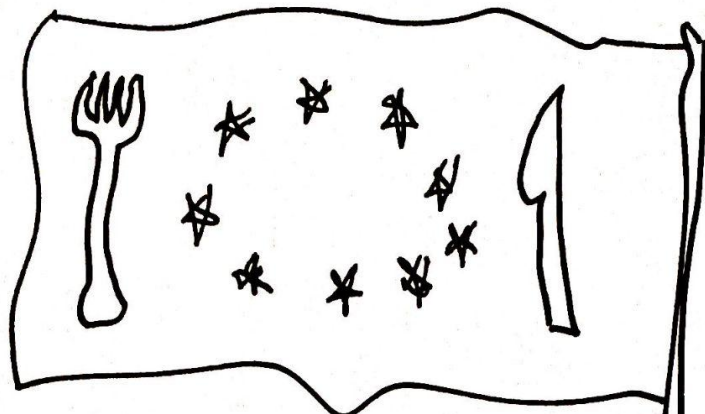
... WHAT A TRENDY CONCEPT FOR A DRINK!!



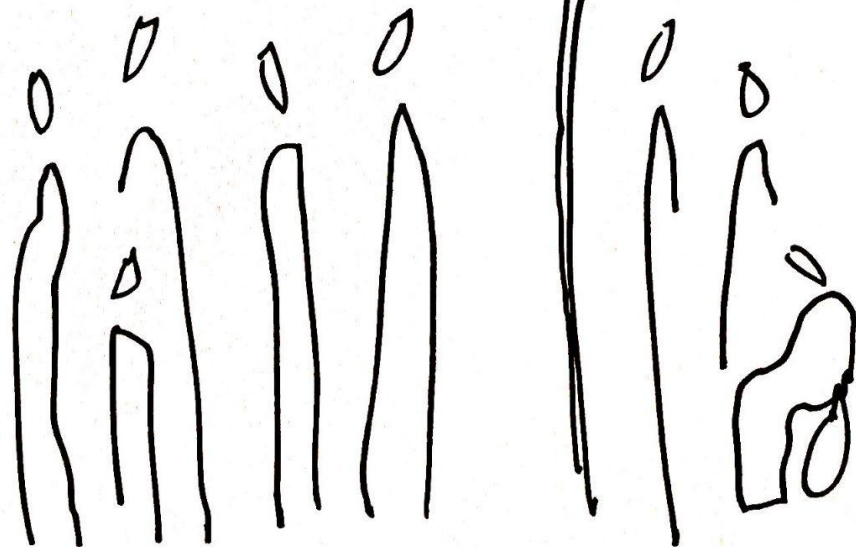
EU HAS MANY FUNDS FOR FOOD TRANSITION !!!

EU

ACCESS ISSUES?



FOOD MATTER!



ADVOCATING FOOD EXCEPTION
AT EUROPEAN LEVEL!

WHERE ARE THE
CITIZENS?

WE ARE ALL
CITIZENS...

YES BUT...



Thank you!



Focus on multilevel governance



Focus on multilevel governance

Speakers:

- **Andrea Magarini**, Director of Food Policy Area, Education Department, City of Milan
- **Anna Meroni**, PhD, Professor, Deputy Dean School of Design
- **Marta Corubolo**, PhD, OnFoods-SCIN_GO project coordinator, Department of Design. Politecnico di Milano.
- **Gilles Perole**, Deputy-Mayor of Mouans-Sartoux

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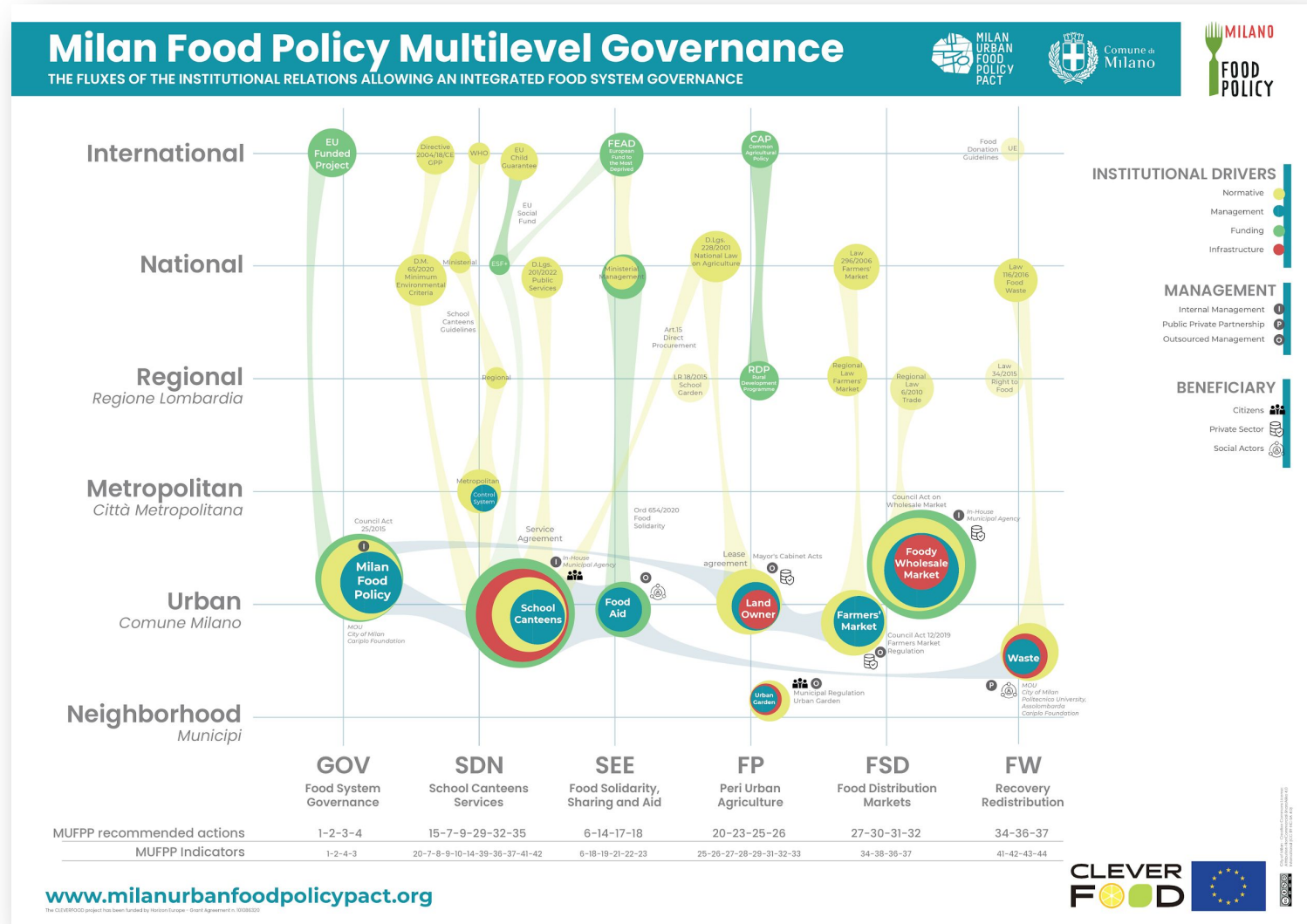
MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCES AND APPROACHES IN THE MILAN FOOD SYSTEM

Andrea Magarini
Director of Food Policy Area



Multilevel Governance Grid

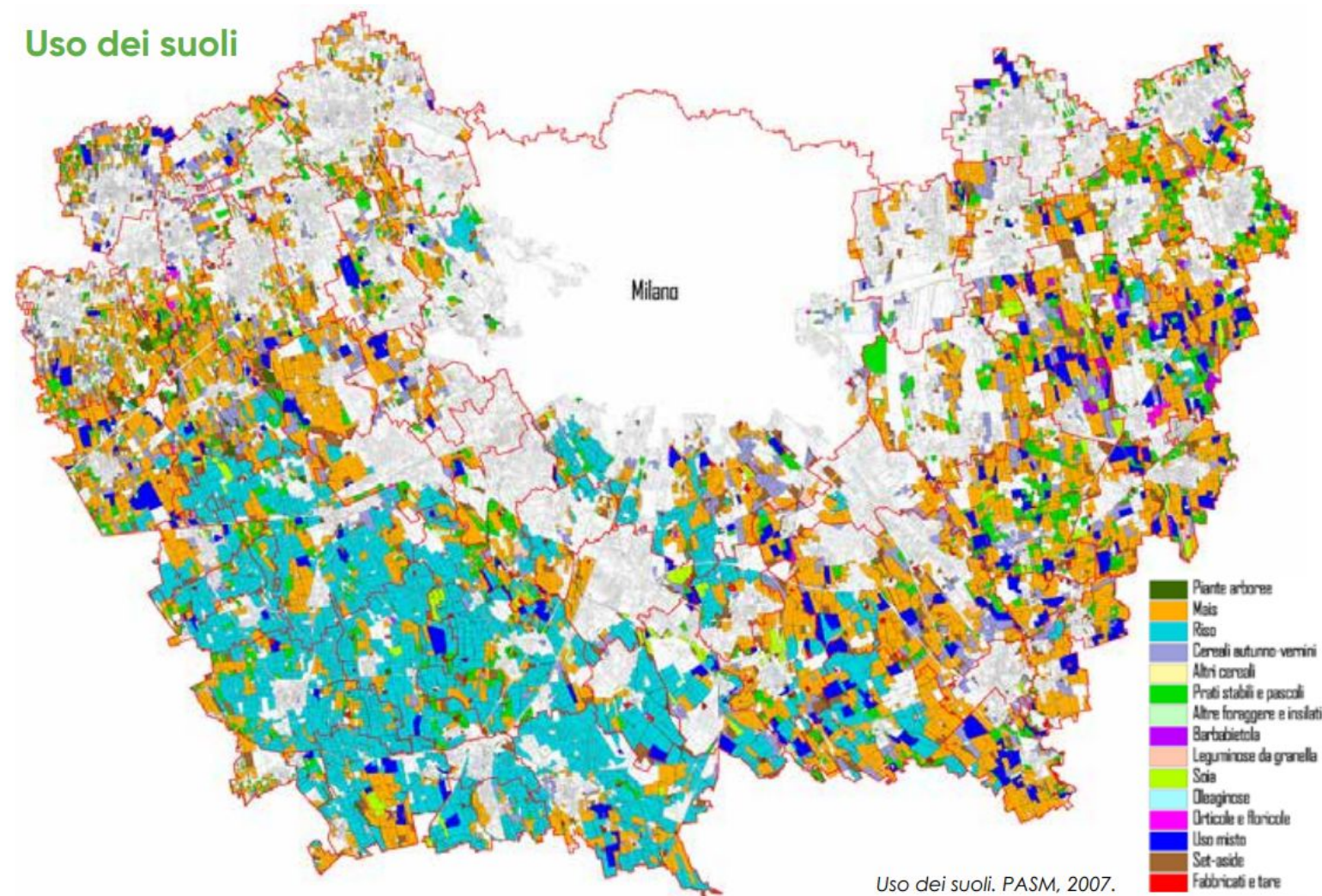
CleverFood project



Use of land

Metropolitan scale

Uso dei suoli



Uso dei suoli. PASM, 2007.

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Accordo Quadro di Sviluppo Territoriale

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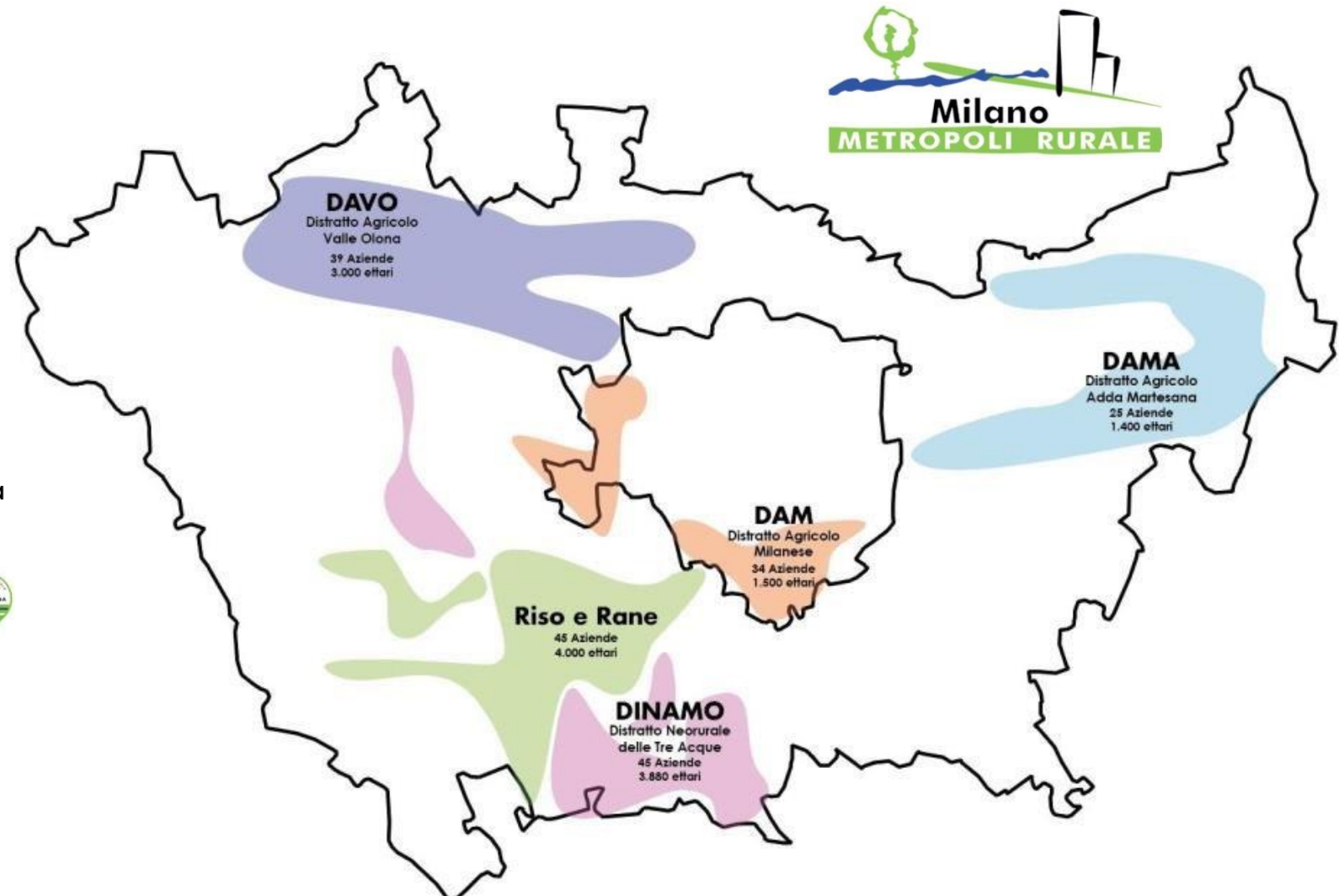
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3 Local Authorities

5 Agricultural Districts

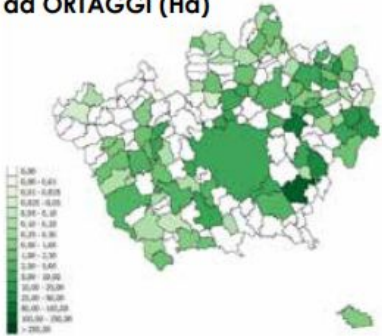
2 Water Basin Authorities



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distretto agricolo milanese

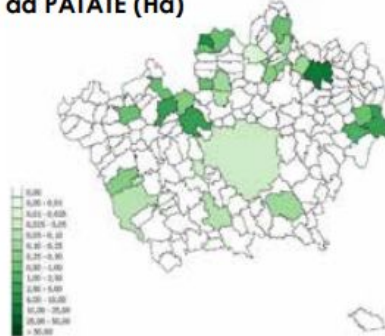


Superficie destinata ad ORTAGGI (Ha)



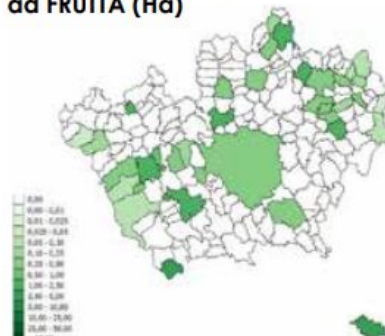
Superficie coltivata a ortaggi: **470,21 ha**, ai quali si aggiungono 16,68 ha di ortaggi biologici, che corrisponde allo 0,63% della SAU provinciale. Territori leader: Mantova, Bergamo, Cremona.

Superficie destinata ad PATATE (Ha)



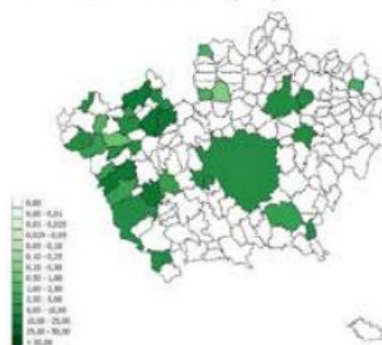
Superficie coltivata a patate: **33,82 ha**, ai quali si aggiungono altri 1,02 ha di patate biologiche, che corrisponde allo 0,05% della SAU provinciale. Territori leader: Cremona, Pavia, Mantova.

Superficie destinata ad FRUTTA (Ha)



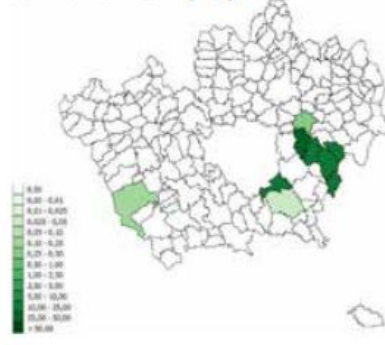
Superficie coltivata a frutteti: **22,26 ha**, ai quali si aggiungono altri 6,51 ha di frutta biologica, che corrisponde allo 0,03% della SAU provinciale. Territori leader: Mantova, Sondrio, Brescia.

Superficie destinata ad LEGUMI SECCHI (Ha)



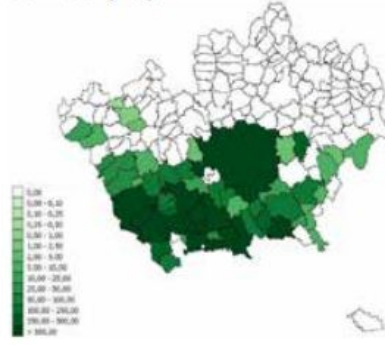
Superficie coltivata a legumi: **199,56 ha**, ai quali si aggiungono altri 40,3 ha di legumi seccchi biologici, che corrisponde allo 0,27% della SAU provinciale. Territori leader: Pavia, Lodi, Mantova.

Superficie destinata ad POMODORI (Ha)



Superficie coltivata a pomodori da industria: **119,97 ha**, che corrisponde allo 0,16% della SAU provinciale. Territori leader: Mantova, Cremona, Pavia.

Superficie destinata ad RISO (Ha)



Superficie coltivata a riso: **15.293,90 ha**, che corrisponde al 20,52% della SAU provinciale ed al 14,34% rispetto al dato dell'intera regione. Territori leader: Pavia, Milano, Lodi.

ORGANIC LOCAL FOOD



Analysis of local productions for school meals local public procurement

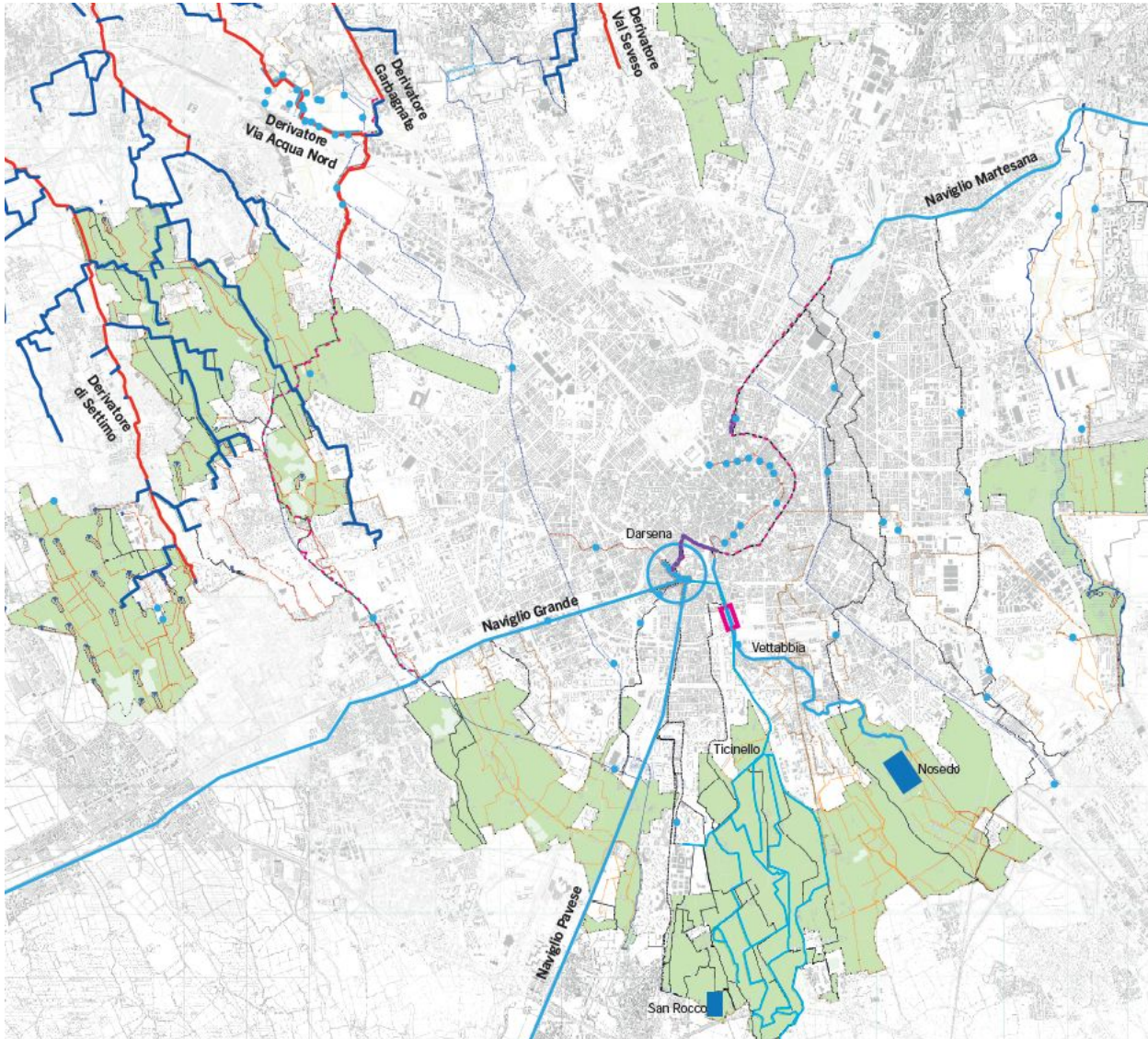
City of Milan water network

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Navigli network:

- Naviglio Martesana
- Naviglio Grande
- Naviglio Pavese

Darsena

hydraulic junction of the agricultural system between Ticino channel and Po river

Trough the Ticinello Channel it brings water to the southern area of Milan

Territorial water network



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Drought emergency/1

L'acqua dei Navigli all'agricoltura l'aiuto di Milano contro la siccità

In Darsena un calo di 15 centimetri per deviare la portata verso il Parco Sud. "Il mais sta bruciando nei campi"
L'afa non dà tregua: da domani si toccheranno i 36 gradi. Possibile arrivo di temporali da mercoledì

Allerta siccità

L'acqua
della Darsena
per i campi

Dalla Darsena
l'acqua che salva
l'agricoltura

L'acqua della Darsena contro la siccità: gli agricoltori tornano a irrigare i campi

Intervento del Comune, primi aiuti nella zona a sud di Milano. Ma crescono i prelievi illegali dal Naviglio

Agricoltura, l'idea di Sala:
«Acqua Darsena per i campi»

L'acqua della Darsena per i campi

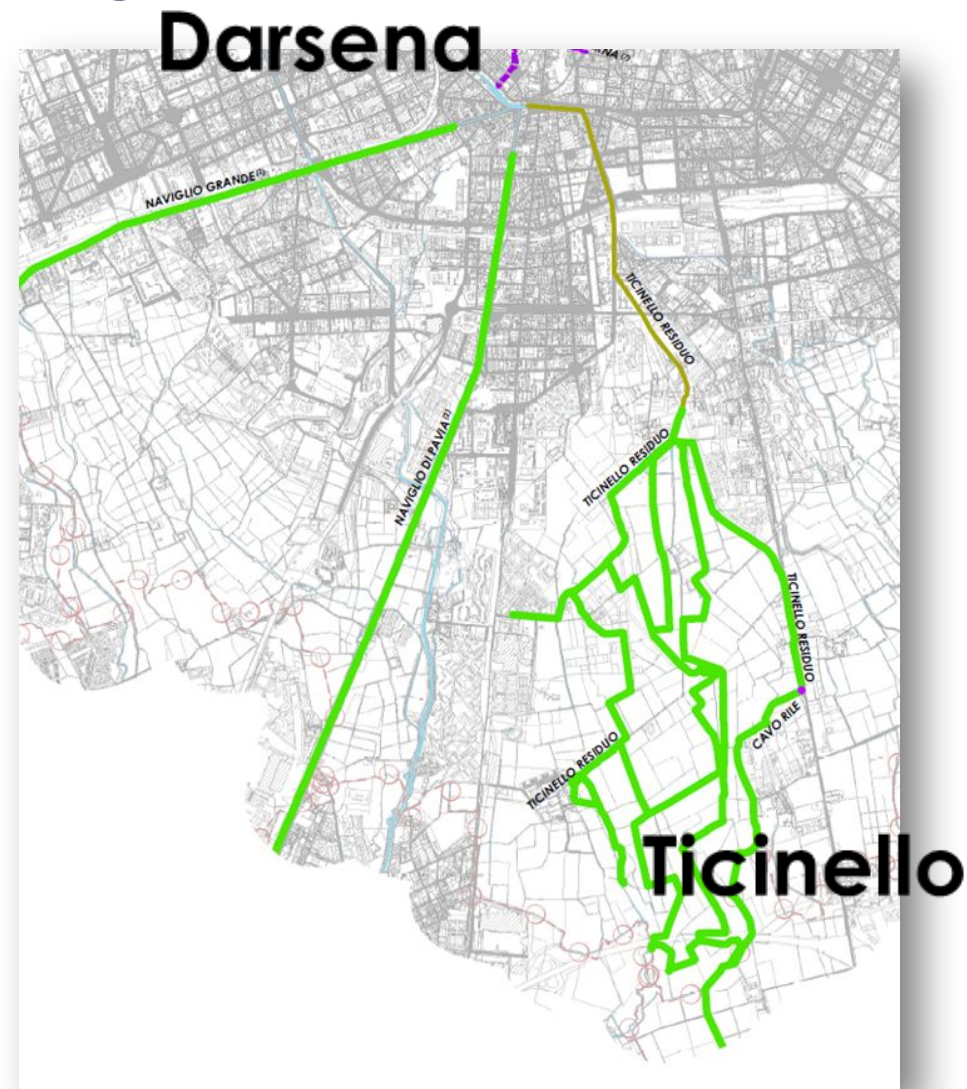
Misure d'emergenza per garantire l'irrigazione. Sala: viviamo gli effetti dei cambiamenti climatici



Drought emergency/2

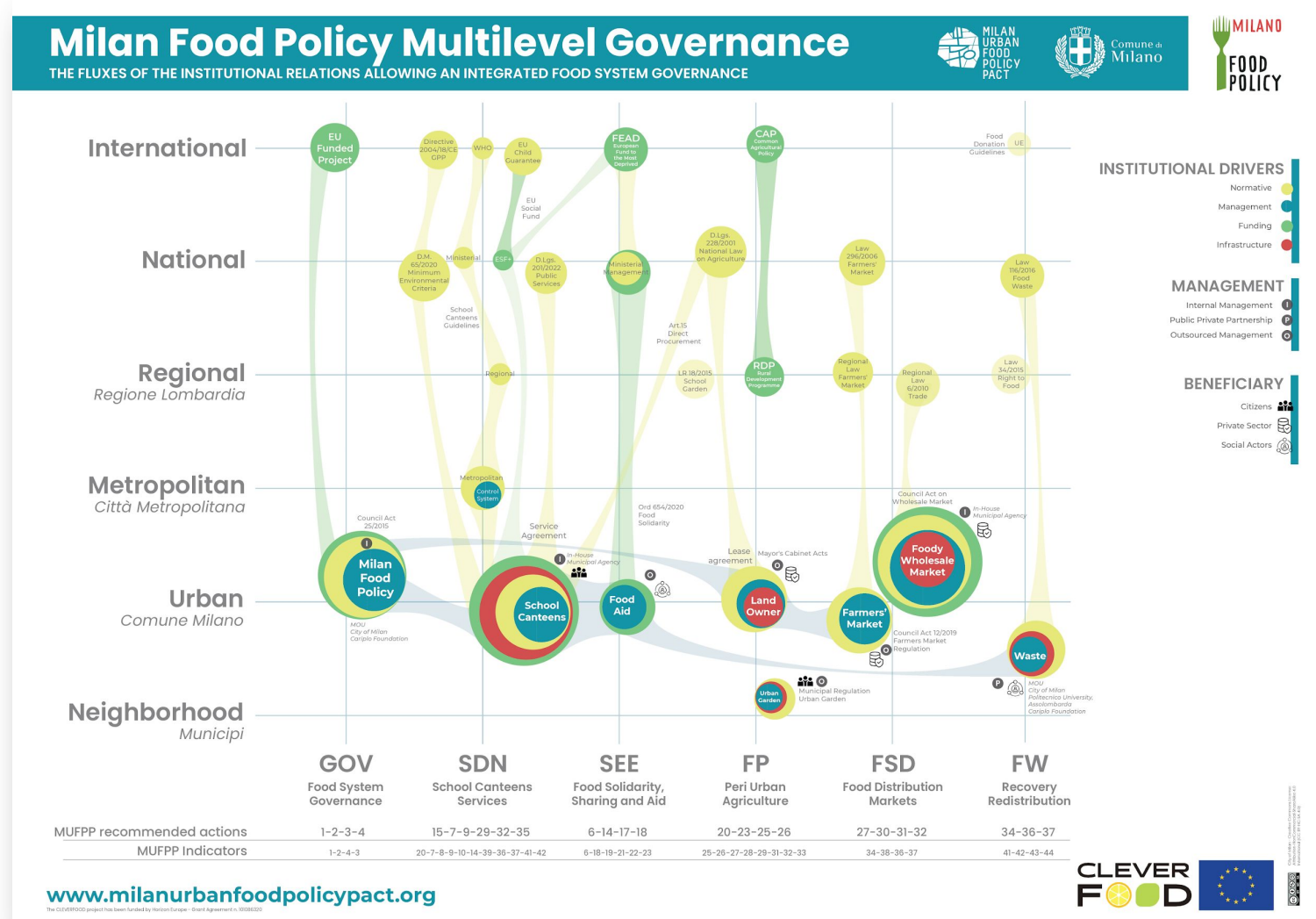
Drought COC activated on Friday 17 June
Municipal Operations Civil Centre

- Protection Area
- Agriculture Area
- Water Resources Area
- MM
- East Ticino Villoresi Consortium
- Trade Associations
- Agricultural Districts
- Other competent



Multilevel Governance Grid

CleverFood project



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Design Orienting Food Scenarios: A collaborative design strategy for Milano 2035

24 October 2024

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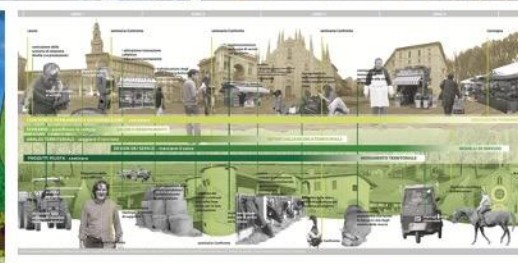
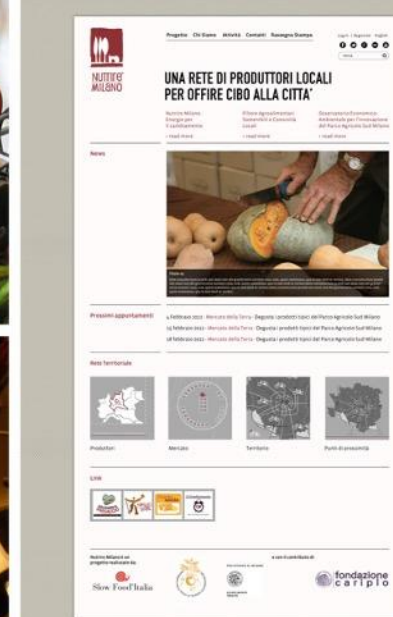
Students

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Applied research projects on Food
2010 to date

2010-14: **Nutrire Milano**, Feeding
Milano.

A platform of collaboration to design, prototype and implement a set of interconnected services, based on the principles of short food-chain, multifunctionality and cooperation between stakeholders. A place-based project combining stakeholders in a design process.



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Applied research projects on Food
2010 to date

2020-ongoing: **SOSpesa**, indoor
municipal market of NoLo, Milano.

A service that creates and
experiments with a network of
neighbourhood solidarity actors
that manage food flows and collect
donations to offer free food bags
to people in need.
Bags recover surplus/unsold food
and integrate goods at a reduced
price.





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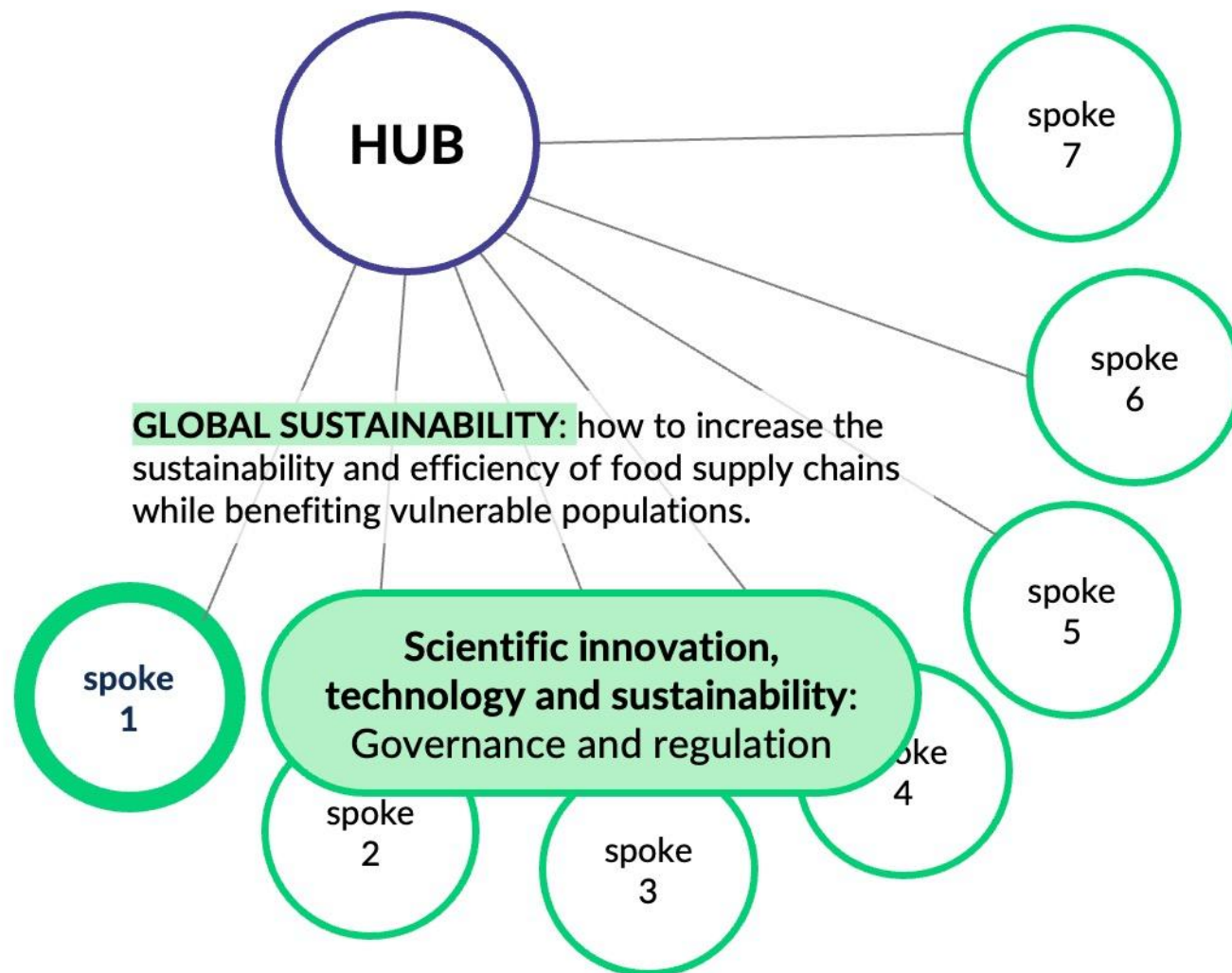
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*Taking Action On Food Systems,
Focused On Sustainability,
Working On Safety, Security and Health.*

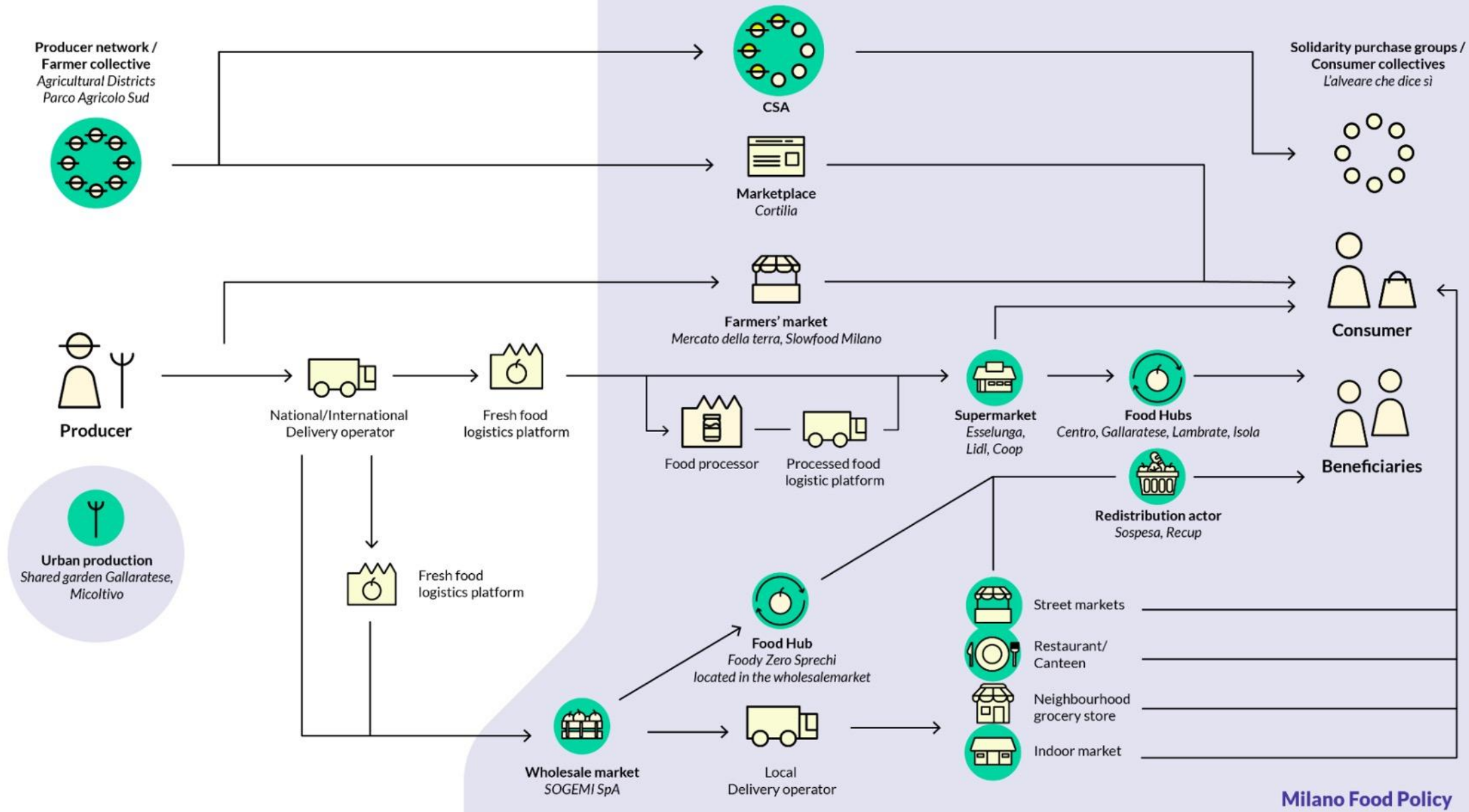
Nov 2022-Oct 2025

- A partnership of **26 public and private organisations**, in scientific research and sustainable innovation of food systems
- Funded under the **Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP)**

<https://onfoods.it/>



Nodes of the food system



Milano Food Policy



A future scenario enabling local actions

Contribute **transitioning**, through a **collaborative process**, toward a **more sustainable food future**.

Design Scenarios:

A set of visions for the future that are **motivated, illustrated and visualised through specific solutions**, representing different perspectives to be discussed with different actors to identify **contexts for experimentation**.

Narrated & visualized

Near-future

Situated

Exemplified



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Outputs:

(Pre)prototyping or **experimental actions** of formal /informal food networks showcasing potential evolutions in the food system.

“Rehearsing” spaces

Transition experiments

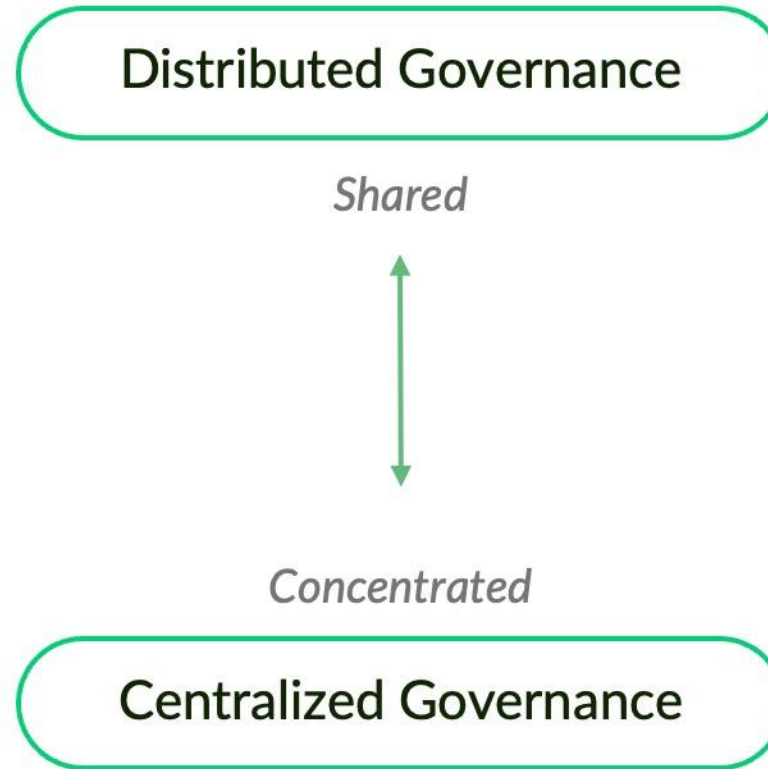


Influencing factors

Scenario building

GOVERNANCE Models

How the system will structure and execute decision-making processes and power dynamics



Influencing factors

Scenario building

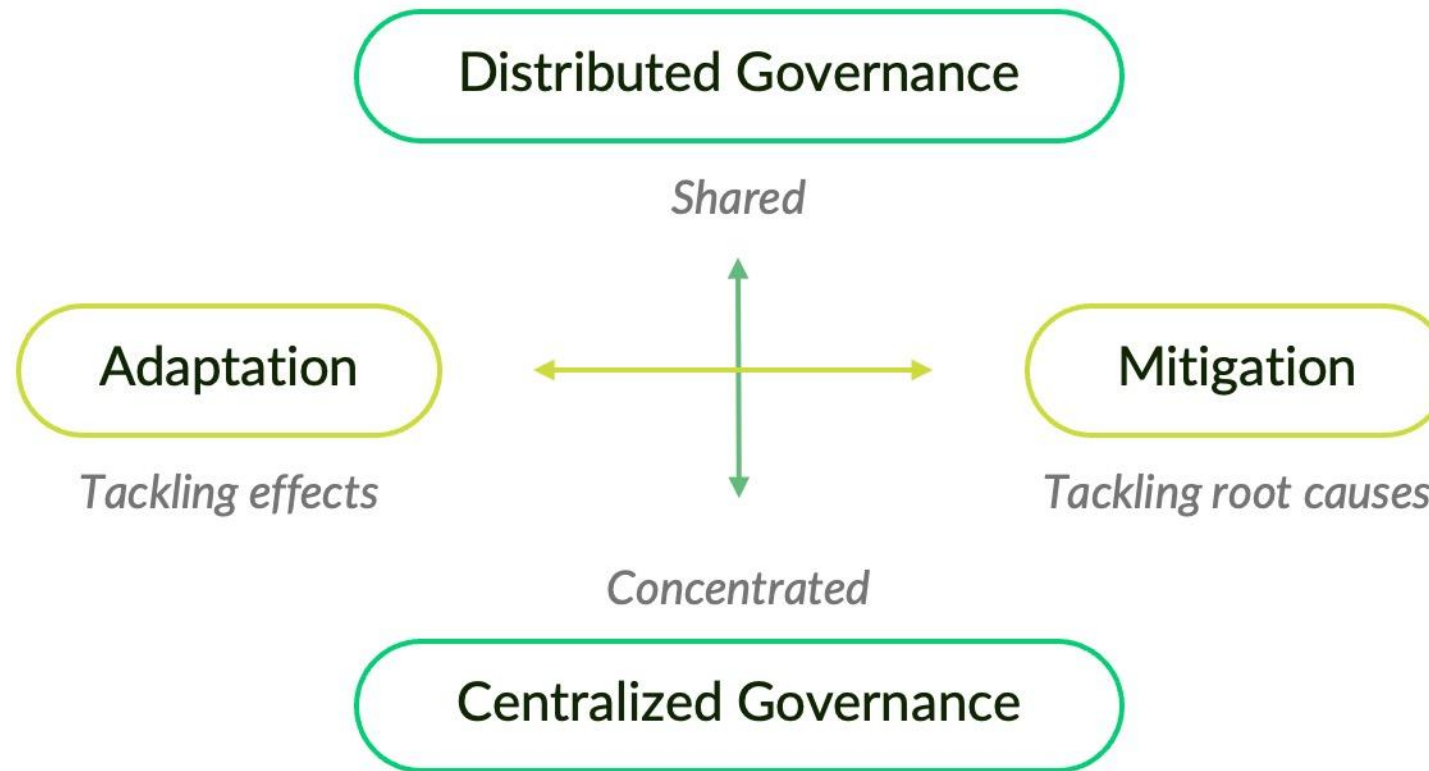
SUSTAINABILITY Strategies

How society and institutions address environmental and social issues



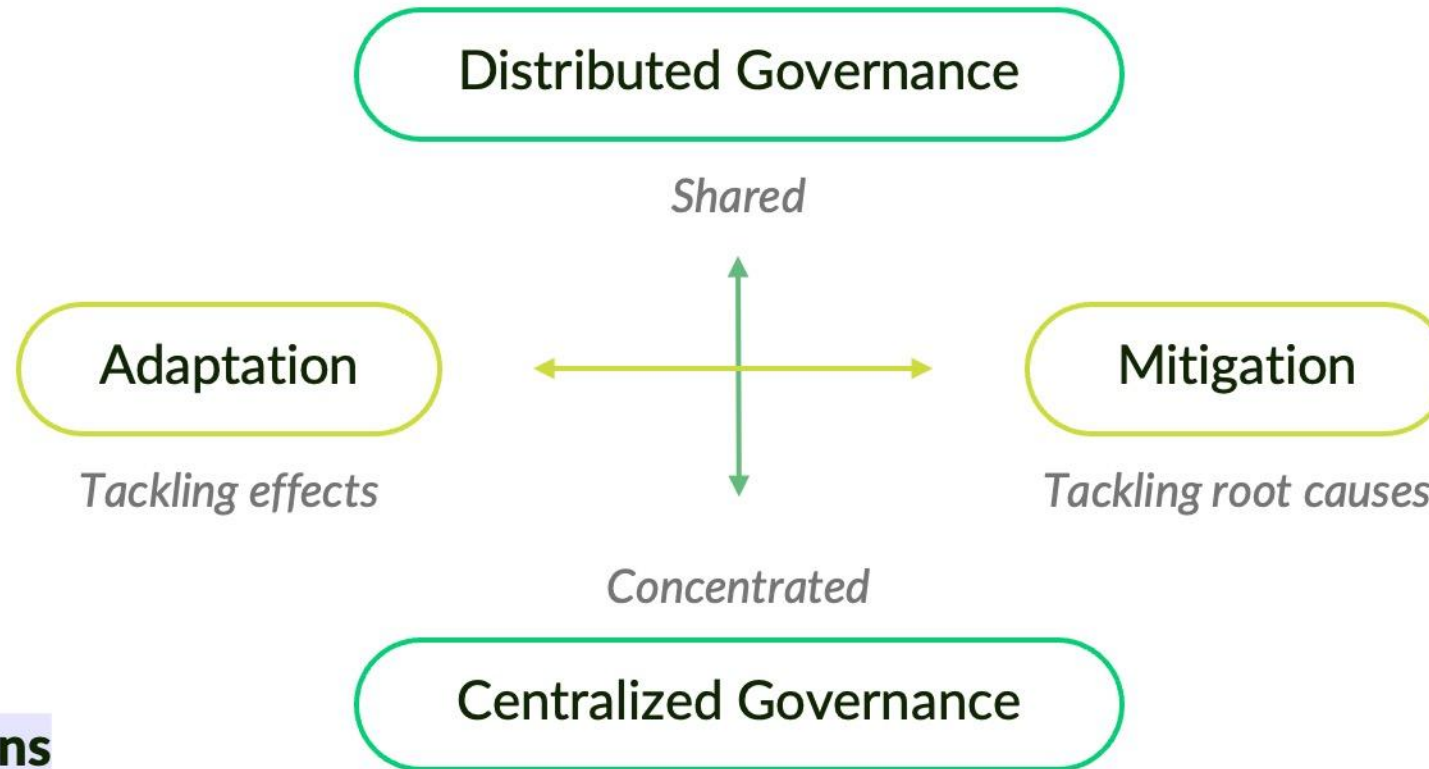
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Influencing factors + other ingredients

Scenario building



CIRCULAR actions
SOCIAL actions
TECHNOLOGY as enabler



Distributed

Food Communities

Cooperation and community engagement become key in redefining the urban food experience, fostering the growth of circular economy and the connection of different food practices.



Regenerative Loops

The food system is transformed into a network of regenerative circuits that bring food closer to people and people closer to each other.



Adaptation

Green Command

The city's integrated approach to food, centralises logistics and knowledge, ensuring an efficient and fairer food system, from farm to fork.



Mitigation

Data-driven Renewal

Technological advances and artificial intelligence support the transformation of food culture and city life improvement.



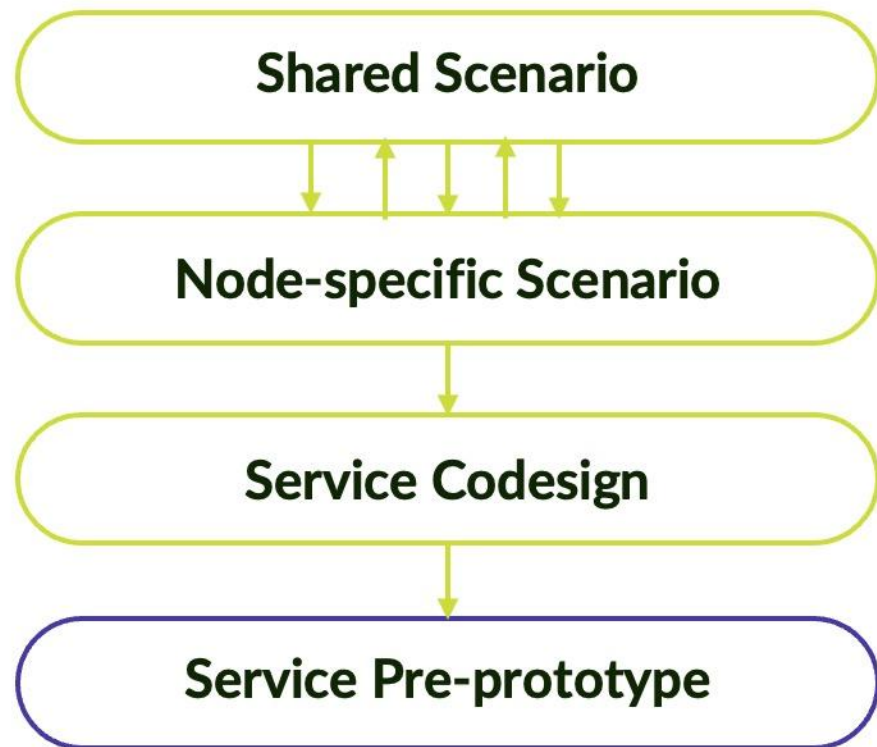
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Codesign Journey

Codesign workshops



System Nodes



Caffè Indifesa

Caffè sociale situato presso Spazio Indifesa, che collabora con le realtà del quartiere per reperire eccedenze alimentari e trasformarle in pasti utilizzando i loro spazi e servizi.

Il caffè è aperto ai soci, i quali accedono al cibo a prezzi ridotti o tramite lavoro al caffè (pulizie, cameriere, barista). Grazie alla rete di partner, il caffè offre eventi e attività di educazione alimentare o di convivialità comunitaria a cui i soci accedono gratuitamente.

Il caffè offre un programma di formazione specialistica per i beneficiari dell'Hub intorno al tema delle eccedenze alimentari in termini di stoccaggio, distribuzione, trasformazione e somministrazione, oltre a una rete di spazi di formazione dove gli studenti possono fare esperienza pratica. Il programma include tutoraggio e mentoring per far coincidere gli interessi e le competenze con le migliori opzioni di lavoro.

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Utenti



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Keywords: neighbourhood scale, engaged citizens, low technology, bottom-up initiatives, sharing

Adaptation + Distributed

Food ceases to be an individual issue and becomes a communal one.

Citizens and residents have adopted a shared approach to food and have begun to participate to the activities and decisions of the food system nodes. The municipality has taken a proactive step in facilitating this trend by providing opportunities and spaces for the stakeholders.

While neighbors meet, co-create, and develop strategies to transform waste, schools teach children how to use food surplus. Food swaps, donations, and distribution are organized by each neighborhood. The city's policy focuses on revitalizing neighborhoods and repurposing buildings, while citizens learn to make the most of what they have.

Farmers share strategies - crop rotation, crop adaptation and water usage optimization - to adapt to the changing climate while those most affected by droughts and floods receive support from the government.



Indoor proximity markets

A widespread and capillary system for distributing and selling fresh food

The system integrates and connects the wholesale market to the 21 indoor municipal markets scattered around the city.

In this context, the market acts as a **proximity hub and platform** for both producers, sellers and buyers as well as for social activities for the neighbourhood.

The market establishes itself as a **living and welcoming space** that can offer economic benefit to sellers and a sense of belonging to customers.



Indoor proximity markets

A widespread and capillary system for distributing and selling fresh food

Base services

- Intracity logistic system
- Food surplus redistribution
- Food education activities
- Neighbourhood concierge

Integrative services

- Urban production of food
- Professional upskilling services
- Circular economy services (repair, recover, reuse, ...)
- Desk sharing
- Inclusive training paths



Food Hubs (Gallaratese)

An efficient system for regenerating food and people

The Opportunity Hub

Opening spaces and services

The Gallaratese Food Hub is a reference space for everyone at Gallaratese to enjoy. By opening its spaces and services to all, the Hub establishes itself as a welcoming space, while finding new ways to sustain its activities.

Base services

- Community and social kitchen
- Food education and training activities
- Co-working spaces
- *New models: co-production, co-management*



L'Hub delle Opportunità
Aprire spazi e servizi



Food Hubs (Gallaratese)

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Caffè Indifesa

Social café located at Spazio Indifesa working with neighbourhood businesses to source surplus food and turn it into meals using their spaces and services.

The café is run by a **local youth association** and is open to members, who can access food at reduced prices or by working at the café. Through its network of partners, the café offers food education, as well as community conviviality and activities, which members can access for free.



Scenario *outcomes and possibilities*

From visions to transitions.

To explore roles and shared service ideas.

To exploit existing options while creating counter-narratives.

To discover shared opportunity areas.

To be situated and context specific.

To stay connected with current offers, interests, assets.

**Design Orienting Scenario:
A conversation device**

To be not too far to be achievable.

To foster alignment among actors and link to a shared strategy.



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COOP interPAT, action-research on cooperation between Food Territorial Plans at different governance levels in France

- **Gilles Perole**, Deputy-Mayor of Mouans-Sartoux

PAT ...a definition:

Territorial food projects (PAT) aim to **unite the various players** in a given area around the **issue of food**, thereby helping to address the **social, environmental, economic and health** dimensions of the region.

Most often supported by local authorities, they are based on a **shared diagnosis of agriculture and food** in the area, and the **definition of operational actions** to implement the project.

They can play a vital role in **speeding up the transition to agriculture and food** in local areas, by **bringing stakeholders together**: producers, processors, distributors, local authorities and consumers, and helping to develop relations between urban and rural areas.

**An action-research
designed by the**

- Sustainable Food Education Centre (MEAD) from Mouans-Sartoux

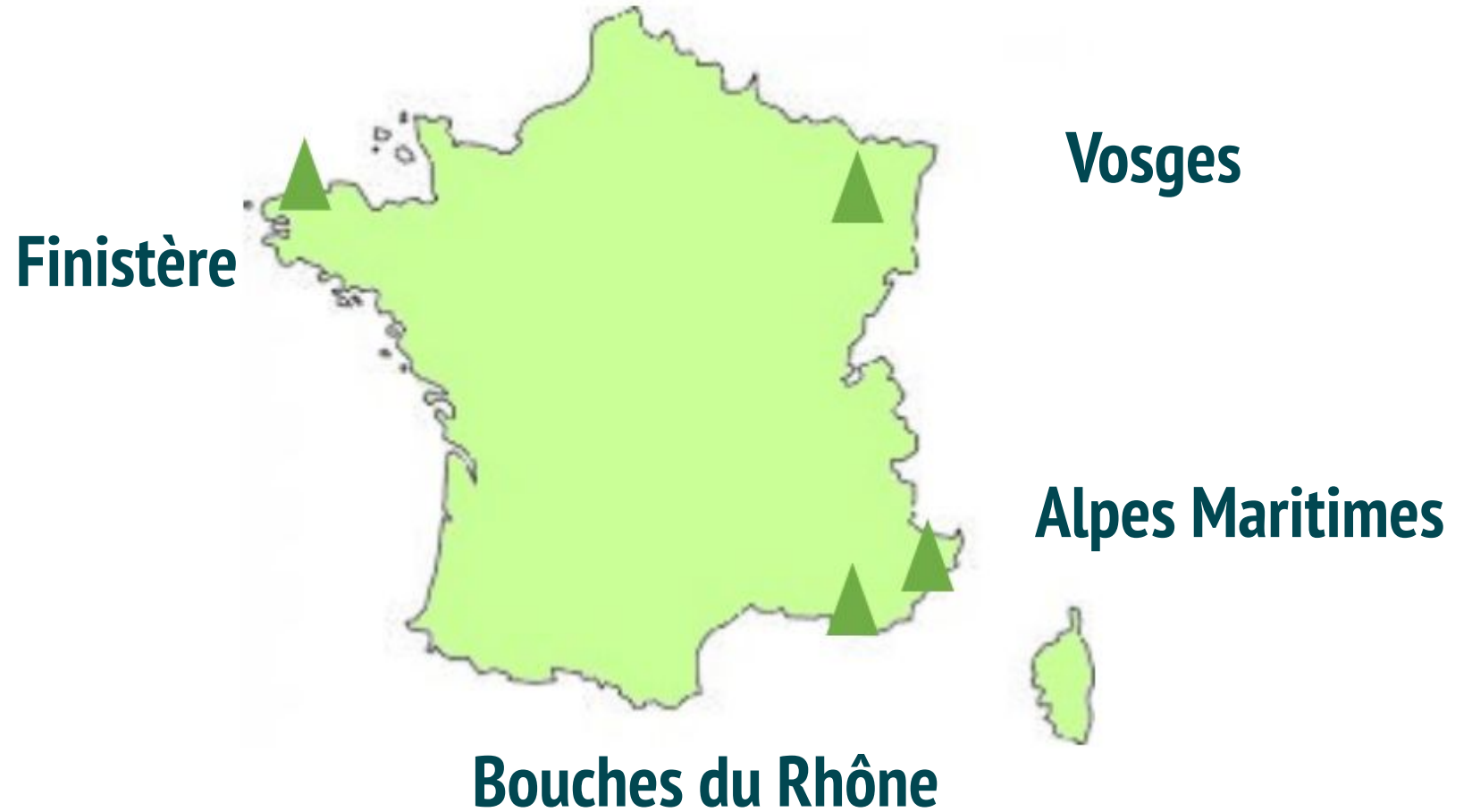
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4 pilot territories:



Multi-levels territorial governance:

- region
- department,
- intermunicipality
- city

Different coopération paths:

- production,
- transformation,
- consumption,
- research,
- promotion,
- education.

Cooperation intensity: High, Middle, Low, None

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Coffee break...





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Towards an How-to Guide to Land Strategies to feed the cities: Brainstorming on city's approaches

Overview of the practices exchanged today

- Building a Sustainable Food System: Milan's Focus on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture, Milan, Italy
- Making land accessible and supporting farmers, Granollers, Spain
- A tripartite access to local food production, Mouans-Sartoux, France
- A LEADER approach to support and increase farming, Amersfoort, Netherlands
- Supporting local production by promoting it, Bergamo, Italy
- Phytoremediation: a smart approach for bringing food production back in the cities, Baia Mare, Romania

Building a Sustainable Food System: Milan's Focus on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture

Milan, Italy

Deep dive into the cases presented yesterday and find out more on the Milan Food Policy, a comprehensive framework aimed at creating a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient food system for the city. It focuses on ensuring healthy and accessible food for all, reducing food waste, and promoting environmental sustainability.

Fundamental is the promotion of urban and peri-urban agriculture, which plays a crucial role in enhancing local food production, supporting biodiversity, and fostering social cohesion. By integrating agriculture into the urban landscape, Milan aims to reduce its carbon footprint, promote green spaces, and strengthen the connection between citizens and their food sources.



Making land accessible and supporting farmers

Granollers, Spain

13 years of work to avoid the decline and risk of disappearance of our agricultural sector, bringing it closer to the city, looking for solutions for its economic viability, attracting new agricultural projects...

Promotion of measures such as an own brand of local product, mediation for access to land, subsidies for conversion to organic or other improvements, farmer's market, local seed bank, public purchase of agroecological products in municipal schools. ..



A tripartite access to local food production

Mouans-Sartoux, France

Come and explore the way the City of Mouans-Sartoux has safeguarded agricultural land in its urban plan, agreed with owners to give their lands to agriculture, and developed a municipal farm. You will also hear from the “The citizen feeds the city” initiative.



A LEADER approach to support and increase farming

Amersfoort, Netherlands

We support innovations around the scaling up of a circular and local food chain, in which the health of people and the system is central.

Attention is paid to bringing together supply & demand and the connection between farmers & citizens by sharing knowledge and creating new physical connections.

Example projects:

With the Mijn Boerderijtje-app people from the city can take part of the farming on the land, in their own remote allotment garden.

Gardenpark Laakzijde is a sustainable food park of 2.7 hectares on the edge of Amersfoort Vathorst, on the border between city and countryside. There are various initiatives on the location: a food forest, vegetable gardens, urban agriculture, a care farm and learning-work company and a tea house.

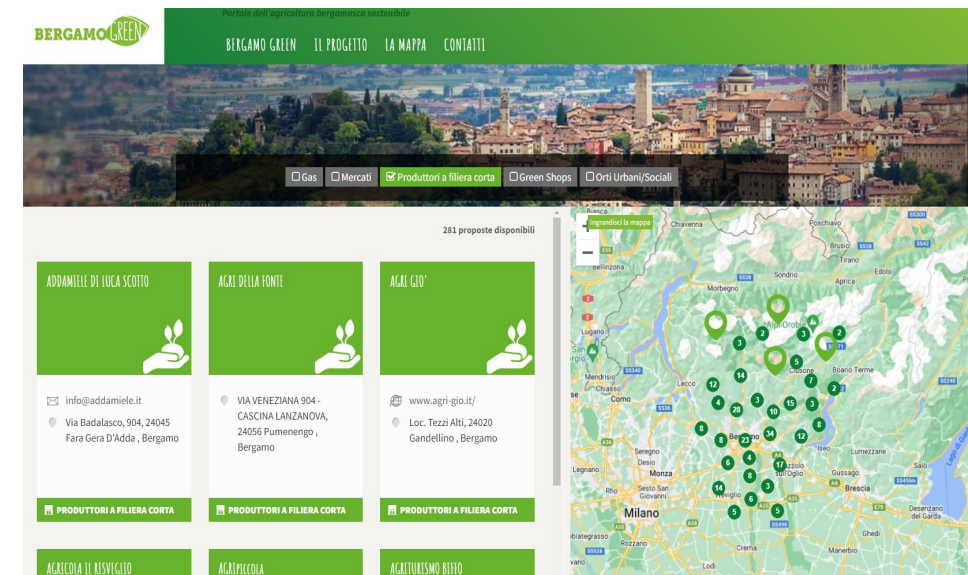
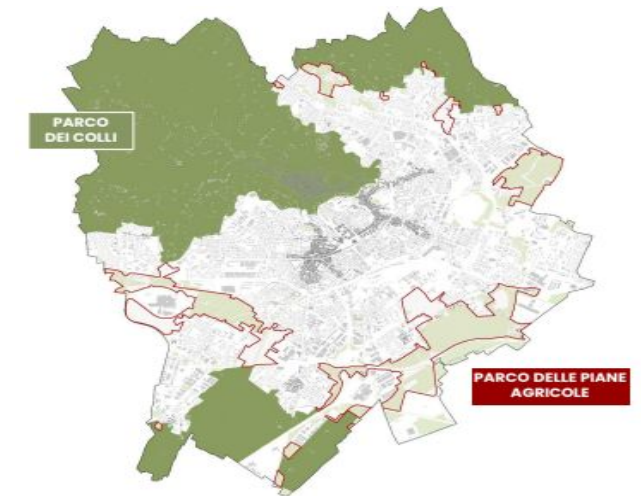


Supporting local production by promoting it

Bergamo, Italy

The City of Bergamo is promoting its local food system by providing platforms for farmers:

- promoting a local markets;
- organising annual event (Agriculture and Right of Food);
- mapping local farmers, local markets and shops in a specific website (Bergamo Green);
- managed the process of recognition of food district;
- the management of lands to create landscape for farmers.



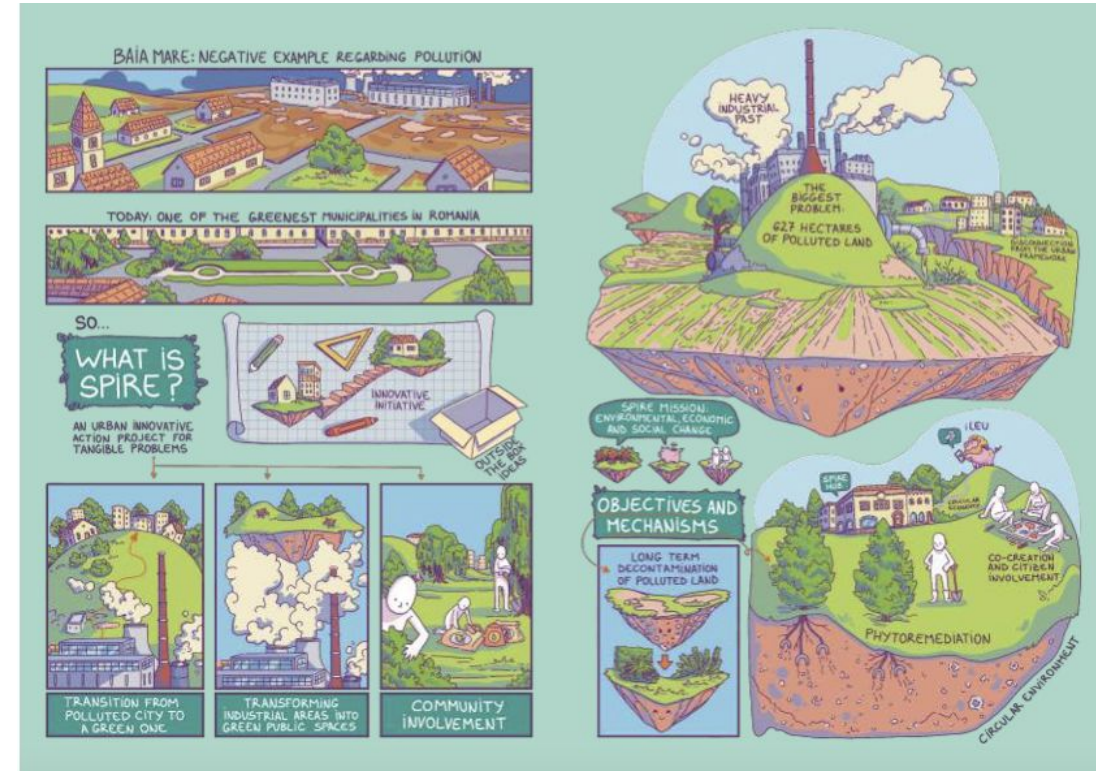
Phytoremediation: a smart approach for bringing food production back in the cities

Baia Mare, Romania

SPIRE proposes a mix of ambitious, innovative, cross-sectorial interventions that together aim to revive the sustainable heart of Baia Mare Municipality.

They are all inter-connected and aim to work together to activate the entire ecosystem of the city: citizens, businesses, educators, civic actors, public authorities, youth, media, etc

The focus was on a revolutionary approach to the reuse of heavy metal-contaminated land in the city, through adaptive phytoremediation and the creation of new urban ecosystems, as a long-term strategy for sustainable local economic development.



Towards an How-to Guide to Land Strategies to feed the cities

Round 1

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More debrief... What to Bring Back Home?

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Aims of the session:

- Collectively define/**enrich the lessons learned**
- Already organise **feedback material to present when back home**

Process:

- At tables : **3 courses menu of conversations** to guide the collective analysis
- **Sharing tables' inputs on « Feedback posters »** on the wall
- **Voting on the best quotes/answers** and sharing insights

Moderator:

- **François Jégou** (URBACT/EUI Expert)

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4 November

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of 2025!

8-10 April 2025

Wroctaw, Poland

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Upcoming opportunities from URBACT

URBACT Transfer Networks

- ➔ Cities **share** and **adapt** a successful **URBACT Good Practice** that has already been implemented in a Network's city.
- ➔ From **1 April to 30 June 2025**
- ➔ Launch at the **URBACT City Festival** → great opportunity to network and form a new TN!

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June 2025, Krakow, Poland

- **DG REGIO's major biennial event, organized by EUI**
 - Join us to meet and listen to workshops and sessions from over 700 participants from:
 - Stakeholders implementing and promoting integrated and sustainable urban development, including cities, regions, umbrella organisations and NGO's,
 - High-level political representatives from all levels of government, from all over Europe,
 - Including a keynote session featuring a representative from the College of Commissioners
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EUI Funding opportunities

EUI – Innovative Actions Transfer Partners

- See all Call 1 projects on EUI website:
<https://www.urban-initiative.eu/ia-cities>
- Opportunities for 3 Transfer Partners to learn from funded innovative Urban Practices!
- At least two of the four cities involved (MUA + the 3 Transfer Partners) are located in less developed or transition regions. The partnership includes cities of different sizes.
- **120 000 € ERDF lump sum for each partner city.**
- Apply on the Urban Matchmaker :
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EUI Funding opportunities

City-to-City exchange

- **1 applicant city**
 - And another **1-2 cities from a different EU Member State** with expertise to help tackle this challenge ('the peer')
 - **Simple application form**, quickly implemented visit(s) (between 2 and 5 days each)
 - **Ongoing Call – Apply when you need.**
- ✓ EUI covers funding for **travel, accommodation, subsistence** in addition to providing **expertise and support**. Up to 2 staff members from the peer cities get **staff expenses** covered.



More: <https://www.urban-initiative.eu/capacity-building/pilot-call-c2c-exchanges>

Call for Peer Reviews currently open!



- **1 “City under review” wishing to** improve the design and implementation of their Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategies, through a process of benchmarking and peer learning.
- Up to **6 “peer reviewer” cities** with expertise to help tackle this challenge.
- Cities are grouped according to the identified challenges and work together in preparation, accompanied by experts, and meet in a **2-day “Peer review event”**. They leave with an implementation report.
- **Autumn call open – Apply before November 13th!**

✓ EUI covers **travel, accommodation, subsistence, expertise, support** and **per diems** for all participants.

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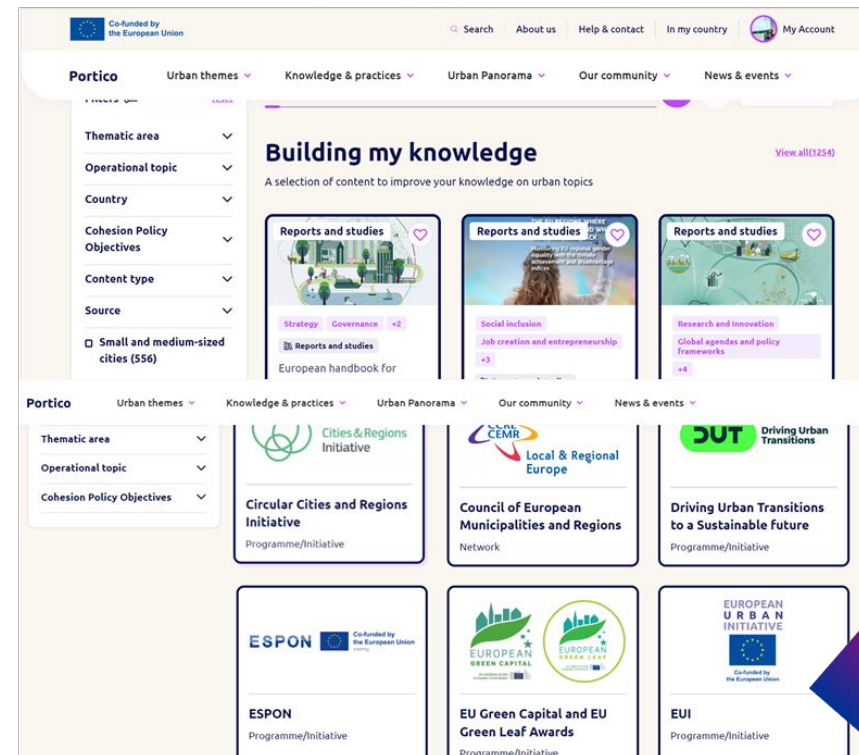
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➤ Learn from EU-level Sustainable Urban Development knowledge on Portico's **Knowledge Hub!** (including 485 results with keyword "food")

➤ Learn about EU-level initiatives and funding on Portico's **Urban Panorama!**



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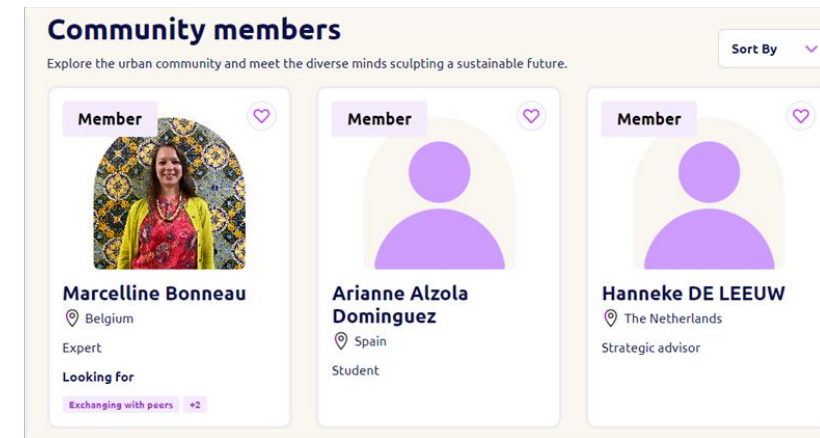
- **Connect with urban policymakers and practitioners everywhere in Europe on Portico's community space!** Over 300 members found with the keyword "food"



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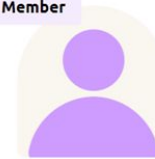
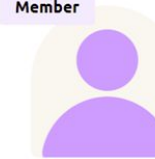
The Urban Matchmaker is a tool that helps cities match with each other to share knowledge & expertise

- City to City exchange**
Find a peer city to share practices
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- Innovative Action**
Find a partner or learn from an EU-funded project
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Community members

Explore the urban community and meet the diverse minds sculpting a sustainable future. Sort By ▾

- Member** 
Marcelline Bonneau
Belgium
Expert
Looking for
Exchanging with peers +2
- Member** 
Arianne Alzola Dominguez
Spain
Student
- Member** 
Hanneke DE LEEUW
The Netherlands
Strategic advisor

- **Find peers for City-to City exchanges AND IA transfer partners through Portico's Urban Matchmaker!**



Thank you for having been with us!