

Food 2030 Urban food systems – cluster workshop

10 March 2026

Opening

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Pitch on main project impacts

What was your main impact on one or more of Food 2030's four priorities? Any challenges you encountered?

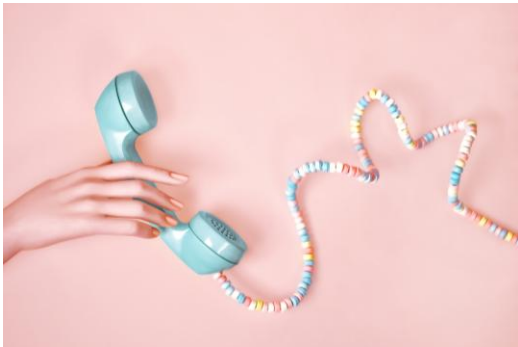
5min pitch – project impact



Community empowerment and food policy



Leveraging the power of tools, data and AI



Communication and labelling



Positive urban food environment

Community empowerment and food policy

FoodE
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FOODCLIC
FOODSHIFT
FOODTRAILS





Climate-smart and environmentally sustainable food systems. Managing natural resources responsibly within planetary boundaries

FoodE Winter School

Sustainability Assessment of City-Region Food Systems

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FoodE aims to accelerate the growth of sustainable city-region food initiatives

Free-of-charge and add Winter School will be from 9AM to 1PM (1)

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February 25th E

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Sustainable Production and Consumption

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A sustainability scoring system to assess food initiatives in city regions

- ✓ **800+** CRSF engaged, and **100** analysed by **LCA**, **S-LCA**, and **LCC**
- ✓ **6000+** stakeholders accessing **training** and **24'000** reached in scientific events
- ✓ **70 Scientific articles** and **20 Practice abstracts**
- ✓ **European Guidebook on Sustainable CRFS**
- ✓ Results peer-reviewed by school pupils in **FYM article collection**

Circular and resource-efficient food systems. Striving towards zero food loss and waste; responding to increased demand for local food.

- ✓ **17 pilot** initiatives visited by 60'000 citizens
- ✓ **FoodE App** eases citizen active engagement in identifying, monitoring and assessing **220 CRFS initiatives**



Food systems innovation and empowerment of communities. Fostering governance innovation, empowering local authorities and citizens through social innovation, citizen science and education

- ✓ **>400'000 citizens** reached through online activities
- ✓ **34'000+ citizens** in **8 FoodE Festivals**
- ✓ **>230 FoodE Events**
- ✓ **88 schools** and **16000+ pupils** engaged
- ✓ **1 comic** and **2 cartoon series**



THEMATIC WORKSHOP URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS

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March, 10th 2026

Fostering the **U**rban food **S**ystem
transformation through **I**nnovation
Living **L**abs **I**mplementation



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101000717.

Objective

Transform urban food systems towards more sustainable, healthy, and resilient models.

- Duration: 01/2021- 12/2024
- 12,160,305 € EC funding
- 34 partners from 13 countries,
- 12 Living Labs in 12 Cities



Key Areas

Focus on consumption, production, distribution, waste management, and governance.

Project achievements



12 Living Labs

Established in participating cities, uniting local efforts.



300+ Actions

Implemented across five key areas of food system transformation.



8 Food Policy Councils

Created to facilitate transformation and ensure long-term sustainability.



4 MUFPP Signatories

Cities committed to sustainable food policies during the project.

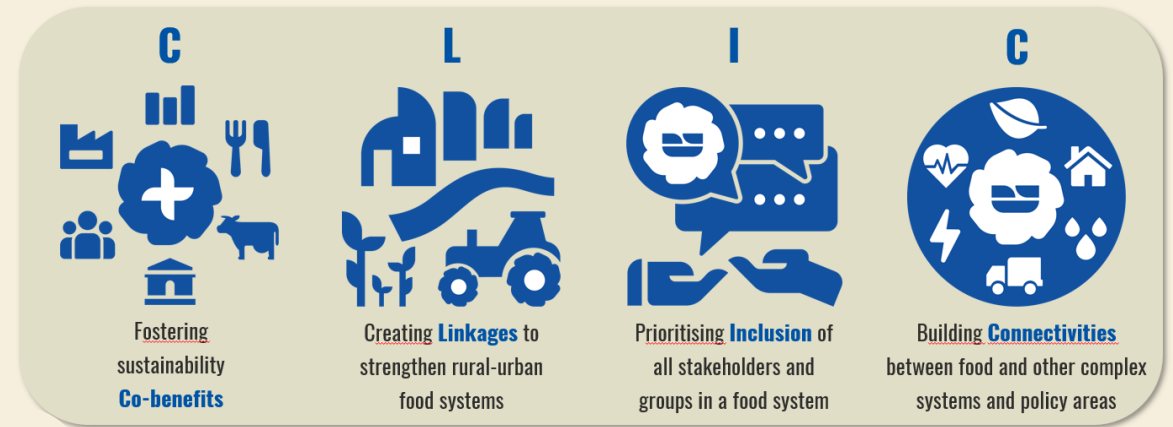
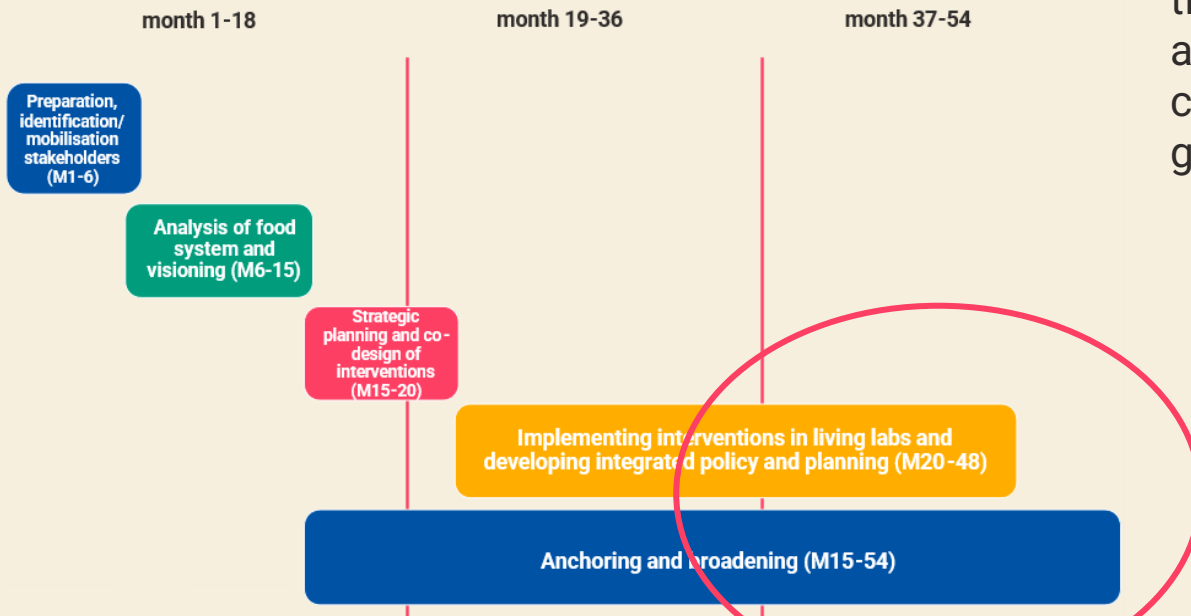


THE FOODCLIC PROJECT



Aim

To contribute to urban food environments that make healthy and sustainable food available, affordable and attractive to all citizens including deprived and vulnerable groups



FoodCLIC Pilot city-regions & FoodCLIC Broadening city-regions

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- AARHUS, Denmark
- AMSTERDAM, Netherlands
- BERLIN, Germany
- FREIBURG, Germany
- BARCELONA, Spain
- LISBON, Portugal
- WROCLAW, Poland
- BUDAPEST, Hungary
- BRASOV, Romania
- LUCCA, Italy
- TIRANA, Albania
- THESSALONIKI, Greece
- TBILISI, Georgia

FoodCLIC Broadening city-regions

- EBOLWA, Cameroon
- FORT PORTAL, Uganda
- ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, South Africa

Running time

September 2022 – February 2027

Budget

€ 11 182 035,01 EU contribution

€ 815 312, 50 UK R&I contribution

FOODCLIC'S IMPACT ON THE FOOD2030 PRIORITIES



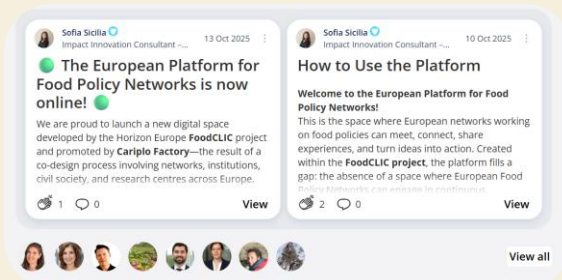
1. NUTRITION FOR SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE AND HEALTHY DIETS

Support cities and regions to address malnutrition and promote sustainable dietary shifts



4. FOOD SYSTEMS INNOVATION AND EMPOWERMENT OF COMMUNITIES

Build inclusive multi-level policy processes by empowering vulnerable communities and local authorities through capacity-building and social innovation and strengthening actions that address food poverty and promote citizen engagement



CHALLENGES

- **Scaling from local pilots to systemic, long-term national/European transformations**
- **Securing sustained political commitment for integrated food system transformation**
- **Sustainable commitment over time after successful capacity building including vulnerable groups**



2. CLIMATE-SMART AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Support sustainable transitions by helping local authorities develop integrated food strategies, strengthening multi-stakeholder collaborations and supporting measures that reduce environmental impacts across the food chain

3. CIRCULAR AND RESOURCE-EFFICIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

Enable city-regions to pilot resource-efficient practices, reduce food loss and waste, stimulate sustainable short supply chains and support innovations in localised, low-waste food provisioning



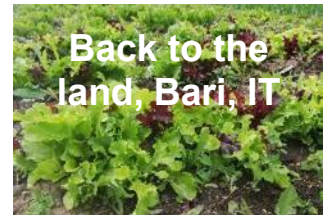
Major achievements of FoodSHIFT 2030



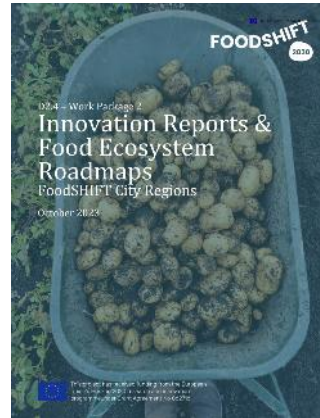
Guidelines for organizing living labs



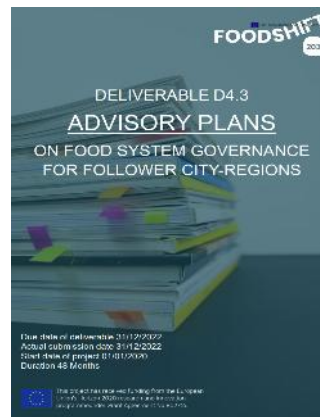
Mechanism for accelerating innovations



Methodology for sharing knowledge



Scoring system for assessing sustainability



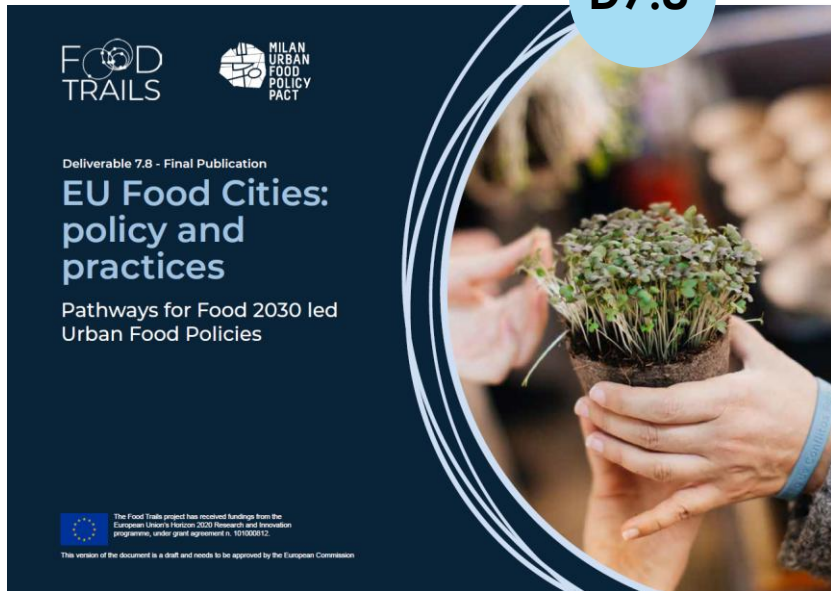
Advisory plans for food system governance



3 KEY DELIVERABLES

FINAL PUBLICATION

D7.8



HANDBOOK

D6.7



CCM REPORT

D8.6



Leveraging the power of tools, data and AI

Cities2030
CULTIVATE
Dietwise
Wisefood



Project info:

- **Lifetime:** 1 October 2020 – 30 September 2024
- **Total cost:** € 12 531 051,47
- **Coordinator:** Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy)
- **Partners:** 41

Objectives:

- Launch an intersectoral and **multi-stakeholder Cities2030 alliance**
- Prototype and implement **a roadmap** to transform urban food systems and ecosystems into more sustainable CFRS
- Generate **knowledge** for the innovation of **urban food policies**
- Establish (strengthen) existing **CRFS-LL** and **CRFS-PL**
- Provide **intelligent platform**
- Develop **awareness campaigns**

Main KPI:

- **50** cities reached
- **500+** engaged stakeholders
- **100** practices examined
- **50 CRFS-PL&LL** established
- **1** digital learning platform
- **100** experiments carried out
- **10+** investment actions
- **100** innovation pattern sessions
- **23** Food Systems dialogues

CITIES2030 main goal is to create a future proof and effective city region food system (CRFS) that enables dynamic management of complex interconnected sub-systems, generating circular models between cities and their peri-urban areas, by incorporating agents and relationships alongside the actual business network and supply chain.

Key achievements:

- Establishing and enhancing existing CRFS policy labs (CRFS-PL)
- Establishing and enhancing existing CRFS living labs (CRFS-LL)
- CRFS CITIES2030 Observatory
- Single Click CRFS Platform (S2CP)

Impacts (4 priorities):

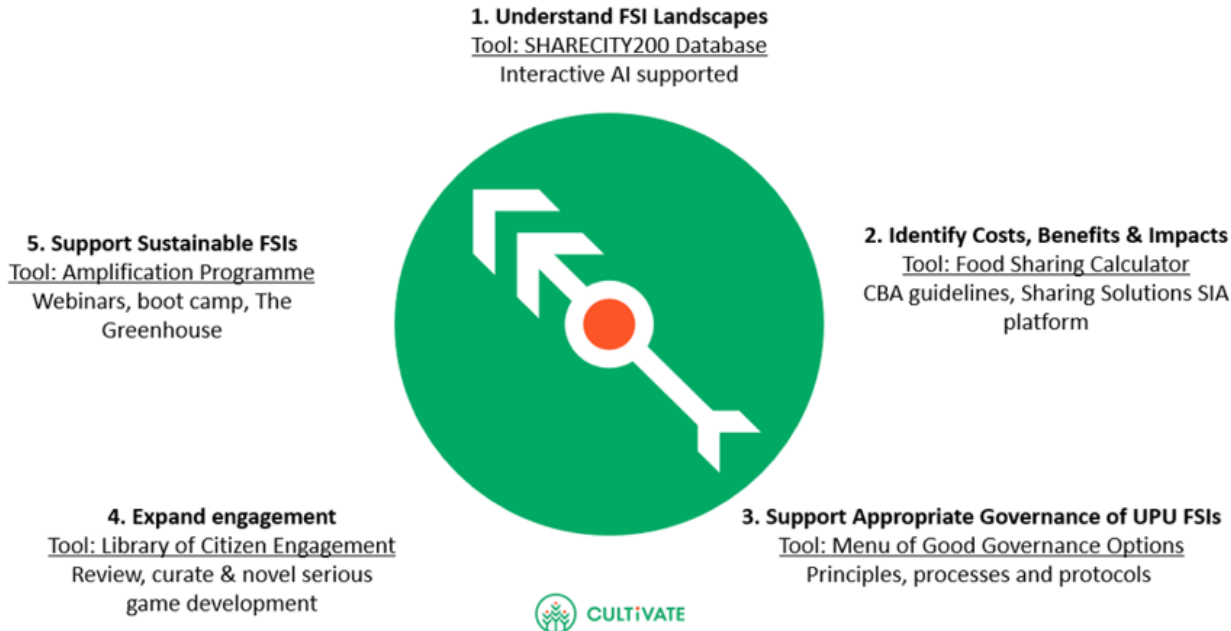
- Digital Platforms; Sustainable Diets; Promoting Local Food Culture; Educational Initiatives
- Circular Food Systems; Food Waste Reduction; Data-Driven Food Systems
- Community Engagement; Youth Engagement; Food Inequality Reduction
- Changing Perceptions and Mental Models; Climate Action

Challenges:

- Stakeholder's involvement and engagement
- Common events with other projects for knowledge sharing and brainstorming
- Enlarging the scope of data sharing to other systems and sectors connected to food (transport, energy, environment, healthcare)

CULTIVATE Aim: Co-designing food sharing innovation for resilience

Objective: The Food Sharing Compass



The online platform will support: FSIs; policy makers; food supply actors; researchers; and citizens to:

- Navigate diverse UPU food sharing landscapes and cultures
- Understand, engage with, develop, replicate, scale out and strengthen sustainable food sharing

Impact on Food2030 priorities

1. Nutrition for sustainable, affordable and healthy diets. Improving awareness of, and access to, locally grown or surplus food and nutritious meals via FSIs [Mapping & Library]
2. Climate-smart and environmentally sustainable food systems. Increasing capacity amongst actors to report on SIA created from FSI activities at initiative and urban scale [Mapping & Calculator]
3. Circular and resource-efficient food systems. Improving awareness of FSIs activities and impacts relating to FLW, including SFR. [Mapping & Calculator]
4. Food systems innovation and empowerment of communities. All tools support innovative practices. The Menu supports municipalities and FSIs (existing or potential), the CoP provides mutual support for FSIs and allies.



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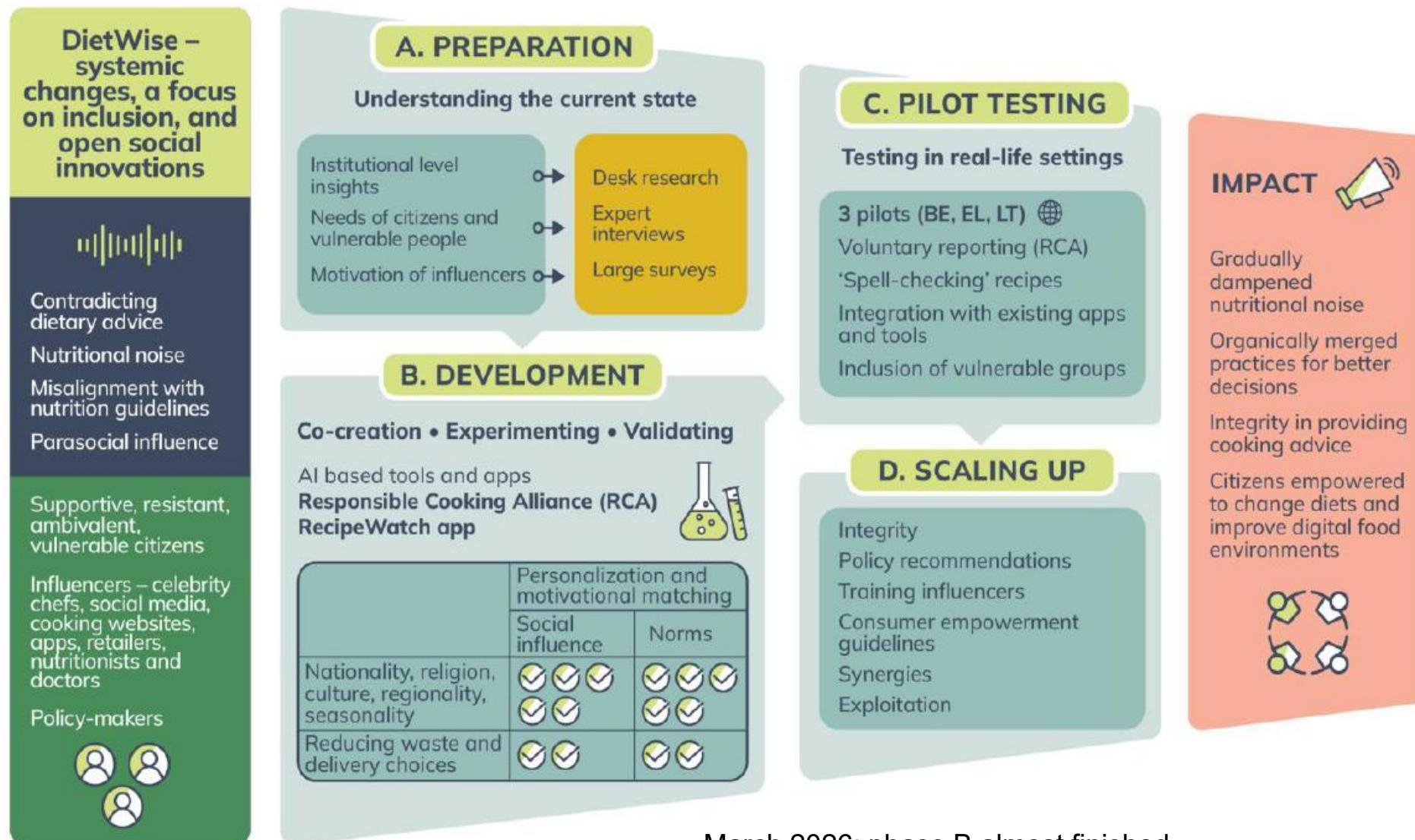


CULTIVATE

Funding: HORIZON.2.6 - Food, Bioeconomy Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment under Grant Agreement Number 101083377(€9025268,50).

Timeline: 2023-2026

Dietwise in a nutshell



March 2026: phase B almost finished

Key Expected Outcomes	KPI	KPI	KPI
<i>Empowered citizens supported by tools and applications to make healthy and sustainable food provision, cooking and eating, and treating of food at home the easiest choice</i>	App-extension: RecipeWatch	Website add-on Responsible Cooking Alliance	Getting influencers on board
<i>Enhanced uptake of beneficial tools and applications by citizens, especially those who need it most, considering socio-economic characteristics and differences</i>	Behavioral interventions	Reaching vulnerable citizens	Trainings and guidelines

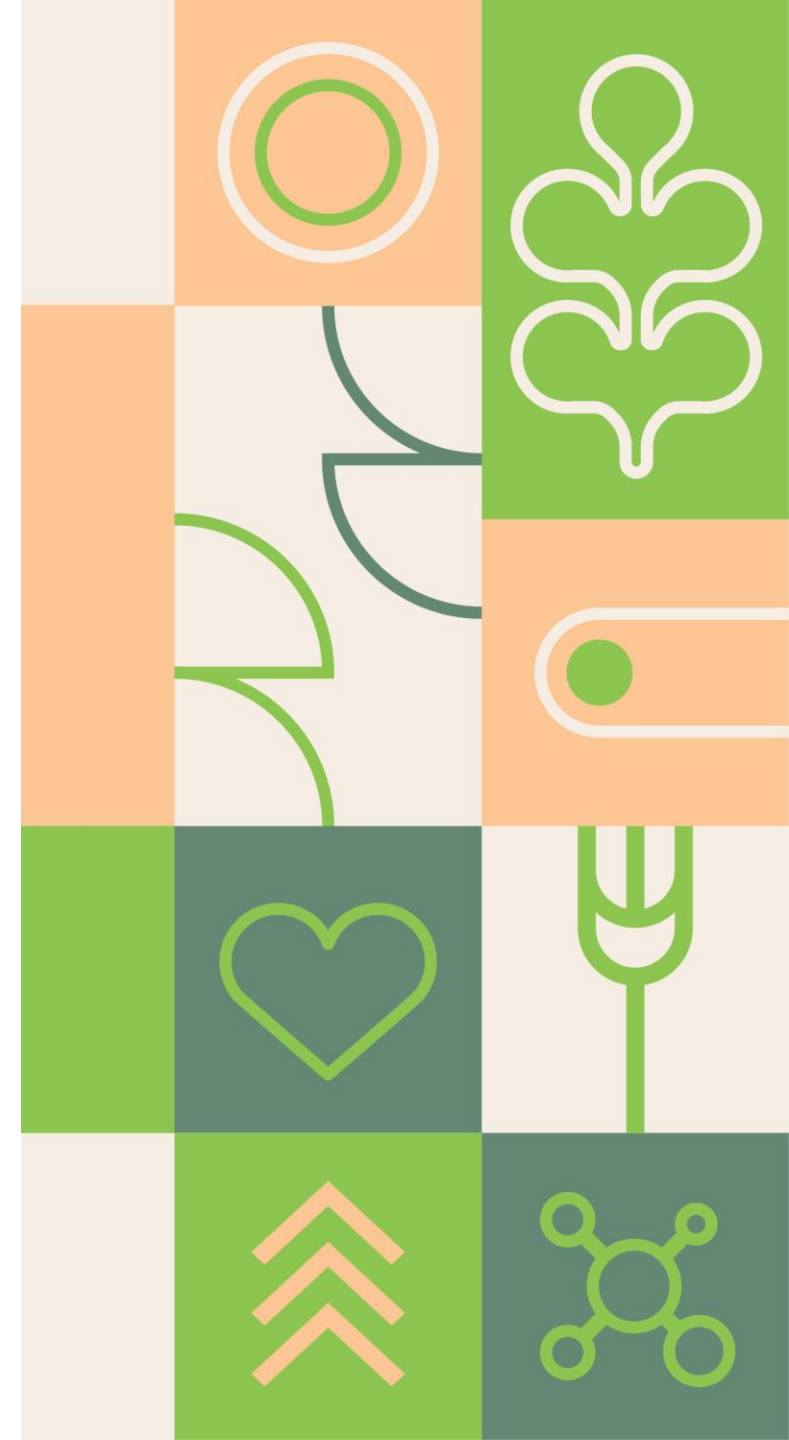
Duration: Nov 1 2024 – Oct 31 2027

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WiseFood: Leveraging data and AI to empower citizens to make healthier and more sustainable food choices

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Project Factsheet & Objectives

Title:	WiseFood: Leveraging data and AI to empower citizens to make healthier and more sustainable food choices (Grant No. 101181895)
Topic:	HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-5: Creating smart and attractive tools to enhance healthy and sustainable food provision, eating and treating of food at home [Innovation Action]
Duration:	01/01/2025 – 31/12/2027
Web site	https://wisefood-project.eu/

Objectives

Remove knowledge barriers:

- Facilitate access to reliable information to transform food consumers to food-literate citizens.
- Empower citizens to cope with information overload, fragmentation, and misinformation.

Remove action barriers:

- Bridge the gap from dietary recommendations to meal selection and planning.
- Empower citizens by offering holistic and personalized recommendations that are actionable.

WiseFood Digital Applications

Explore Food Knowledge



Offers information , , and over a corpus of such as scholarly articles and official guides.

Analyse and Adapt Recipes



Offers functionalities to , , and based on and indicators as well as and .

Get Personalised Meal Plans



Provides for that are aligned with dietary guidelines and user profiles.

Communication and labelling

CUES

TEALHELIX



Main impacts on one or more of Food 2030's four priorities and possible challenges

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(Fair Trade Advocacy Office)

CUES APPROACH

Multi-actor Participatory Approach

IMPACT

Nutrition: Increase sustainable food consumption for three (3) million consumers.

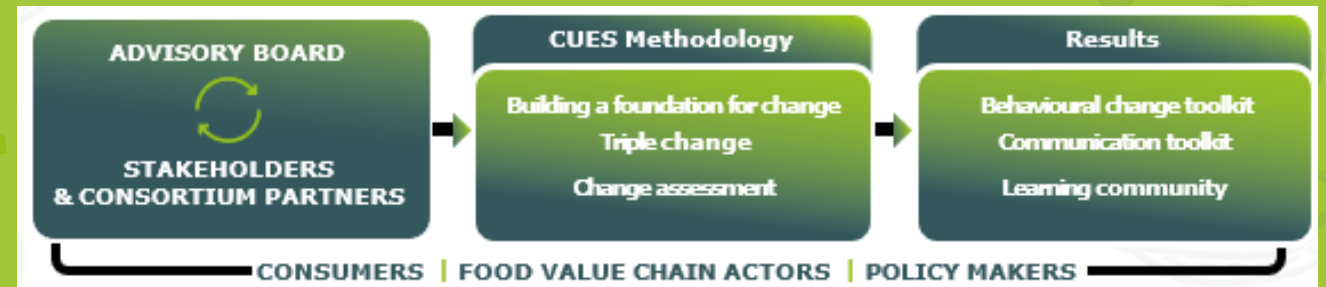
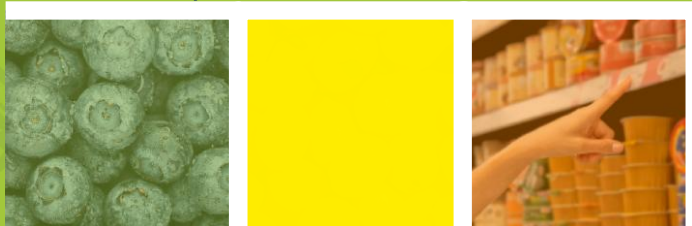
Food: Reduction of global food waste.

Cultural: Improved consumers' perceptions of desirability of sustainable food options.

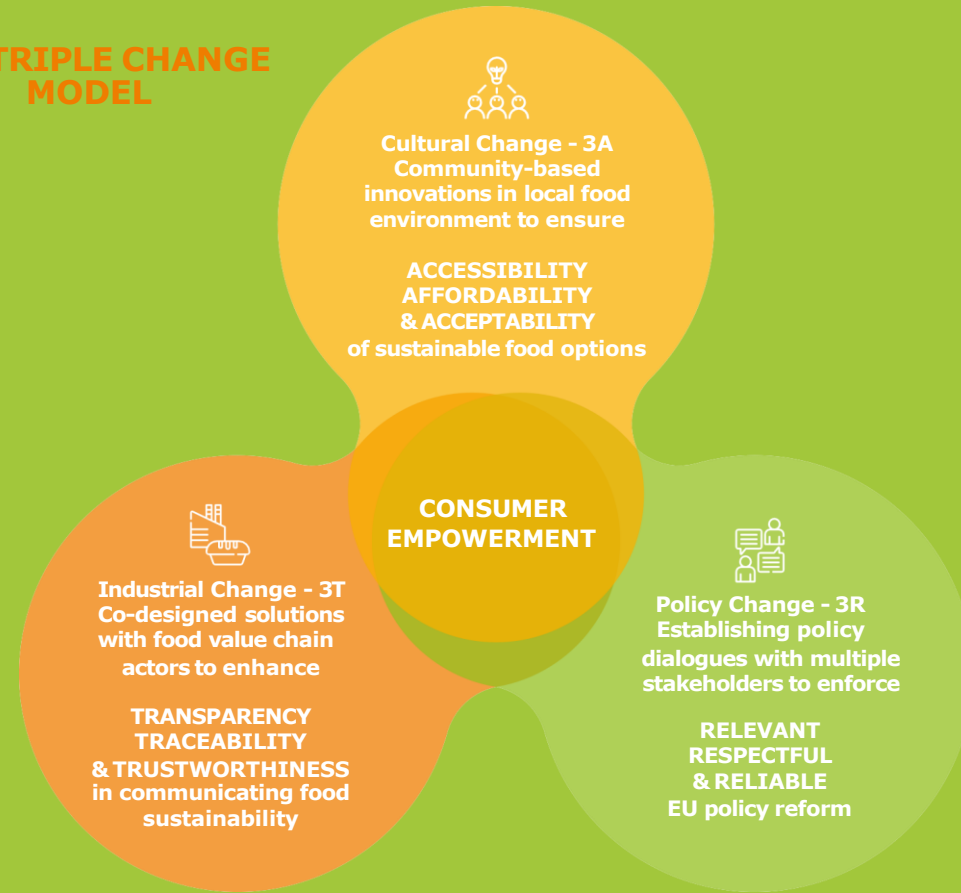
Food value chain: Improved scalability of sustainable food business models.

Policy: Enhanced policies for transition to sustainable food system.

Academic: Training methods and insights to study sustainable food consumption.



THE TRIPLE CHANGE MODEL



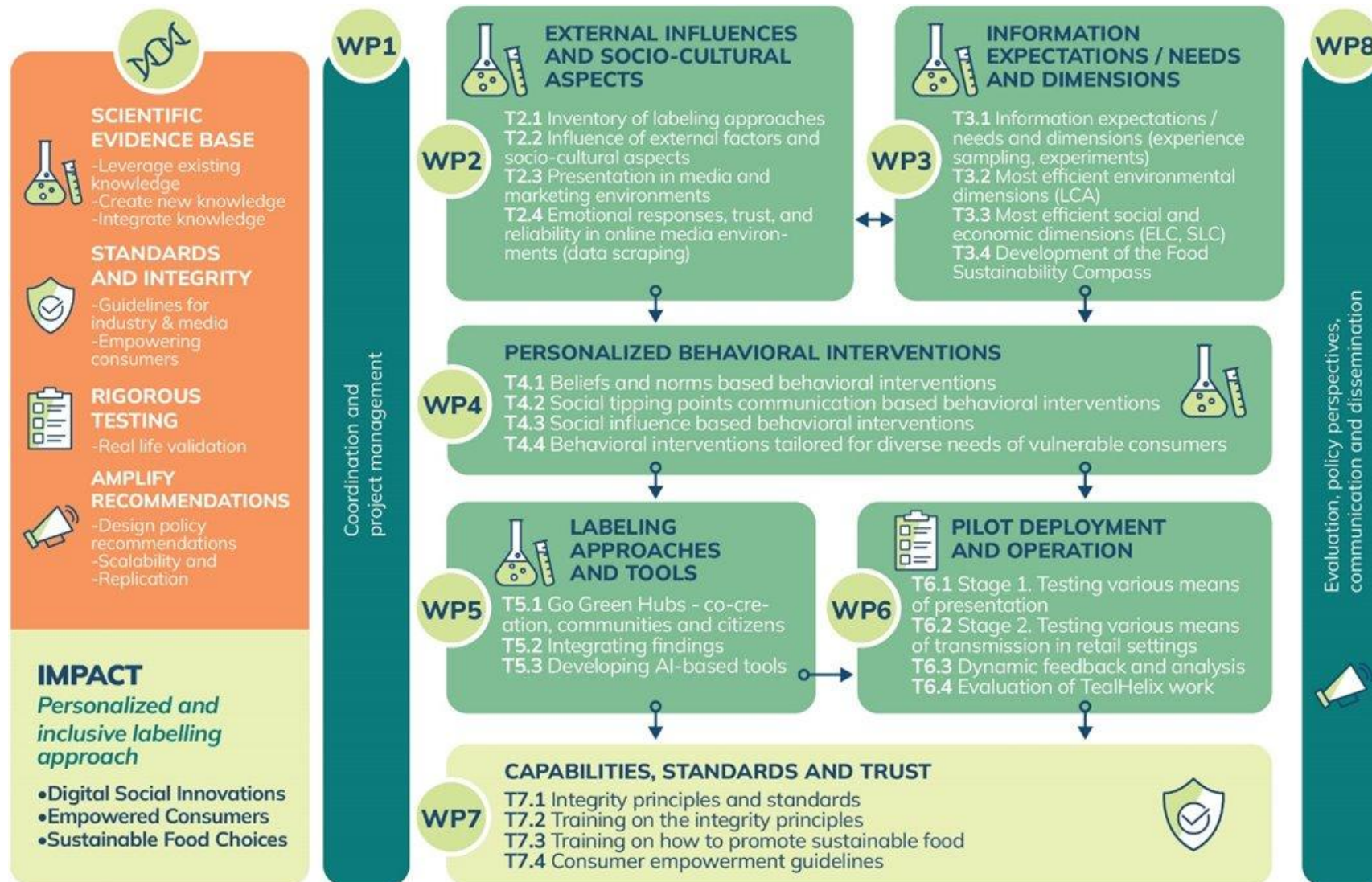
Main impacts priority 1 and 4 Food 2030

In the first 18 months, CUES has:

- **Scientific foundations:** Completed systematic reviews, focus groups in multiple countries, and large-scale surveys to identify **key drivers of (un)sustainable food choices**, including among **vulnerable groups**
- **Food value chain:** Co-design workshops with actors in Italy, Greece, Hungary, and Iceland **identified barriers and developed intervention concepts**
- **Consumers and culture:** Used **backcasting approach** for the preparation of the intervention design in diverse settings, including schools, low-income families, elderly groups, and digital applications
- **Policy and governance:** Screened and coded EU policy documents, **identified gaps in consumer-oriented measures**, and established an Advisory Board linking EU, national, and civil society actors.



Tealhelix in a nutshell



March 2026: WP2 finished, WP3, 4, 5 at full speed. WP6 and WP8 starting



TEALHELIX

SMART LABELS
INCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS



Key Expected Outcomes	KPI	KPI	KPI
Enhanced understanding of the status of consumer information expectations/needs (conscious and unconscious) related to all three dimensions of sustainability and its drivers and challenges, including the influence of external factors and socio-cultural aspects	LCA and consumer-based Sustainable Food Compass	App: Labelguide	App: HowiBuy
Identified best means of transmission and presentations of sustainability related information to guide and change consumer behaviour	Behavioral interventions	Reaching vulnerable citizens	Trainings and guidelines

Duration: Sep 1 2024 – Aug 31 2028
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PARTNER



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Positive urban food environment

REDESIGN
SPOON
BAUHAUS BITES





Climate-smart and environmentally sustainable food systems. Managing natural resources responsibly within planetary boundaries



- ✓ **Urban Food Value Framework** developed and tested on 10 inspirational case studies to assess non-economic value of urban foods
- ↑ **400 people** taking part in the three LLs mapping and co-creation activities
- ↑ **REDESIGN Network** institutionalized and operational with 15 initiatives selected across the globe (20+ by the end of the project)
- ↑ **Inspirational case studies compendium** describing selected best practices around the globe

Circular and resource-efficient food systems. Striving towards zero food loss and waste; responding to increased demand for local food.



- ↑ **90K** organic waste diverted from landfill and processed in 2 LLs (Teviot & Salt)
- ↑ **8K kg** of food produced per year using compost from organic waste by the end of the project (Teviot & Salt)

Food systems innovation and empowerment of communities. Fostering governance innovation, empowering local authorities and citizens through social innovation, citizen science and education

- ✓ **3 problem maps** on drivers and impacts of food insecurity in the 3 LLs
- ↑ **90+ artists involved** in LLs events and communication activities
- ↑ **6 events** for the launch of policy survey per each LL (300 participants involved)
- ↑ **1 50-min documentary** on the LLs transformation

FOOD2030 and SPOON activities

F2030 Priorities	Relevant SPOON activities (and results) – ongoing.	Contribution of SPOON (so far, ongoing)
Nutrition for sustainable, affordable and healthy diets	1). Analysis of citizens' utilisation of digital solutions for food management and identification of barriers and enablers 2). Focus groups and Citizen Science Labs conducted across European countries to validate findings with citizens. 3). Literature review on household food consumption behaviours and their links to food purchasing environments 4). Cross-country survey in five European countries generating first-hand data on food consumption behaviours across the food consumption journey (planning, purchasing, preparing/cooking, storing and disposing).	Provides evidence-based behavioural insights into how citizens manage food across the consumption journey, identifying leverage points for digital solutions that can support healthier, more sustainable, and affordable food practices.
Circular and resource-efficient food systems	3) & 4) above 5). Development of the SPOON digital toolset enabling citizens to share data on food consumption patterns while ensuring high data privacy, security and transparency in line with GDPR. 6). Citizen Science Labs conducted across European countries focusing on food consumption journeys.	Generates evidence on where inefficiencies and food waste arise in household food management and informs the development of digital tools that support more resource-efficient and circular food consumption practices
Food systems innovation and empowerment of communities	1). above 7). Citizen Science Labs established in six European countries focusing on food consumption journeys. 8). Development and co-creation of the SPOON digital toolset with participants.	Strengthens food systems innovation and community empowerment by actively engaging citizens in participatory research, validating findings, and co-creating digital tools that foster more sustainable food consumption practices.

Bauhaus Bites: Positive Food Environments Fortified with Nature-Based Solutions and New European Bauhaus



Project duration: 01.11.2024. - 31.10.2027.

Total budget: € 3 063 385,00

Programme:
HORIZON.2.6 - Food, Bioeconomy Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Topic: HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-01-1 - Unlock the potential of the New European Bauhaus in urban food system transformation

Funding scheme: HORIZON-IA - HORIZON Innovation Actions



VISION (updated)	Integrate sustainable food into the design of public, urban, and rural spaces, embedding the food system as a core consideration in all place-based transformations.
	Make seasonal, and sustainable food more affordable, attractive, available, and accessible by creating a circular system with relevant actors and emphasizing on local production.
	Encourage people to choose healthier, nutritious, and environmentally friendly food.
	Foster self-sufficiency to address food security challenges.
	Enhance existing green spaces to support local food production, improve biodiversity, climate adaptation, and increase quality of life.
	Strengthen local networks, communities, and stakeholder ecosystems to foster active participation in the local food environment/food production.
	Rethink traditional food environments to adapt to climate change while preserving unique qualities, history, and potential, fostering a sense of belonging, pride, and community ownership.
	Build awareness and understanding of culturally diverse food as well as dietary diversity beyond culture, together with communities and their ambassadors.
	Nurture positive food environments that bring people together around food to strengthen community and social resilience.
	Involve communities and empower grassroots in co-creative-democratic-changemaking development processes.
OUTPUT S	Use artistic and cultural interventions to engage stakeholders from diverse disciplines, interests, cultures, and ages, reaching new audiences and fostering innovation.
	7 Action & Strategy Plans
	7 positively transformed BB Food Environments
	7 LATs, 10 local/regional stakeholders each
	10 financially-viable partnership models
OUT-COMES	20 place- and community-based interventions and 12 other types of ERs registered and reported on the BB website as 1 e-marketplace
	O#1: 7 positively transformed food environments that enhance sustainable food system transformation by applying the vision of New European Bauhaus (NEB).
	O#2: 1,000 reconnected and engaged citizens with nature and healthy and sustainable food for their well-being and health while providing multifunctional benefits, such as biodiversity.
IMPACTS	Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities" (EI#5)
	20 urban and peri-urban communities to replicate BB interventions.
	Innovative ways to tailor policy responses to the place-based challenges and needs identified at various levels of governance, contributing to implementation of linked European strategies.
	1,000+ people in vulnerable situations able to access, afford and choose healthy, nutritious and environment-friendly food.
	1,000+ inhabitants have raised awareness and engagement in the benefit of nature and the importance of healthy and sustainable food, empowered to act as ambassadors in their communities.

Current activities:

- Implementation of place- and community-based Pilots and interventions in 3 Trailblazer cities: Birmingham, Zagreb, Fundao
- Developing of place- and community-based Pilots anchored in tangible Action Plans in 4 Twin cities: Murska Sobota, Ostend, Palermo, Sarajevo
- Learning from and replicating each other's transformative practices - Trailblazers and Twins
- Identifying co-benefits across sectors and interests, to de-risk and increase willingness to invest using the NEB Impact Model

Foreseen activities:

- 4 Celebratory Kick-off events in Twin cities (March-April)
- Trailblazers and Twins to deliver a long-term Strategy Plan for urban food system transformation that
- Innovation management, Policy Analysis, Final even, Playbook



Bauhaus Bites + Food2030

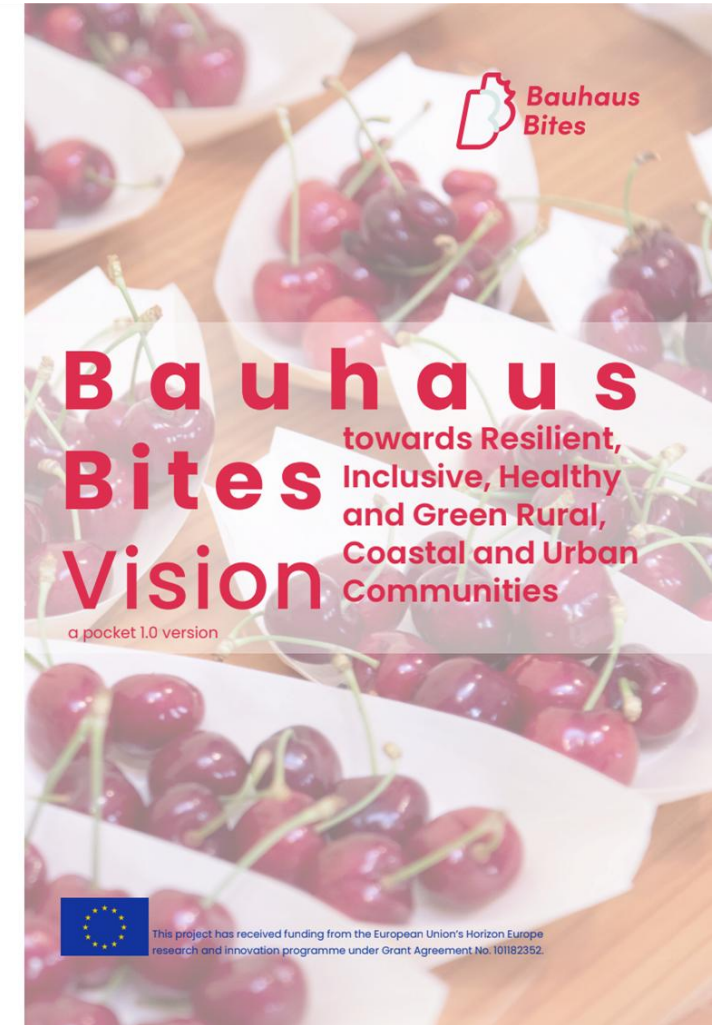
Healthy & sustainable diets. BB “aims to make sustainable food systems accessible and attractive for all,” emphasising healthy, affordable and culturally diverse food, supported by food literacy and sustainable cooking within community-led interventions.

Climate-smart & environmentally sustainable food systems. BB embeds nature-based solutions (urban growing, green infrastructure) into food environments, aligning with EU strategies for greener, more nature-connected cities and contributing to environmentally responsible food practices.

Circular & resource-efficient food systems. BB supports “social food spaces, nature-based growing, food literacy, and sustainable cooking” — interventions that reduce waste, strengthen local food circulation, and enhance resource-efficient urban food ecosystems.

Food systems innovation & community empowerment. BB is built on inclusive participation and co-creation, working with “city and regional authorities, community- and business-driven initiatives, and inhabitants and end users” to empower communities and strengthen social innovation in food systems.

BB results will be exchanged with 30 sister projects and summarised in a **Bauhaus Bites Playbook** for wider adoption and replication.





Discussion

- Reflections?
- Synergies?



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INtegrated and Circular Technologies for Sustainable city region FOOD systems in Africa (INCiTIS-FOOD)

Grant No.: 101083790

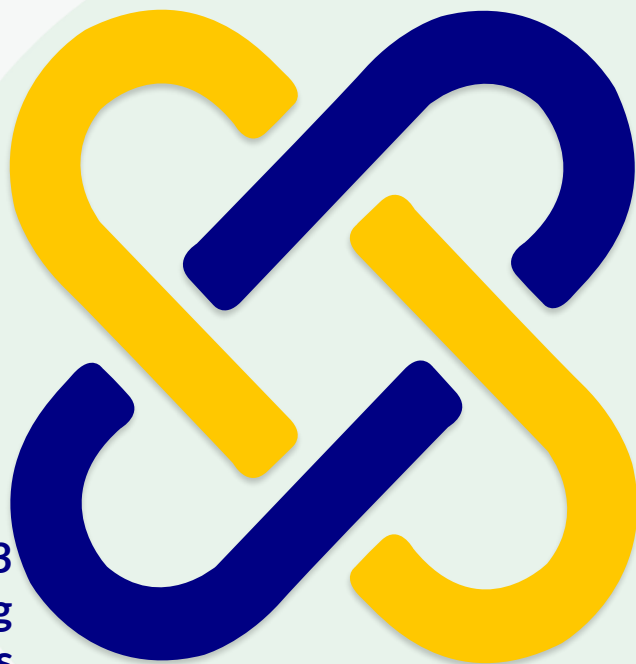
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Overview

Horizon Europe (HE)
Funded Project |
HORIZON-CL6-
2022-FARM2FORK-
01-14

Duration from Jan 2023
to Dec 2026 concluding
48 months



8 Living Labs in
6 countries
(Cameroon,
Gabon, Ghana,
Kenya, Nigeria
and Sierra
Lone)

23 (European
and African)
Partners



Total Funding Euro
(€) 5,9 million



Open Call ca. €1 million

Achievements towards 4 cross-cutting priorities:



Nutrition for sustainable, affordable & healthy diets

- ⇒ Affordable, circular low-cost agri-food MVPs
- ⇒ Fish protein and vegetables in 8 African cities



Climate-smart and environmentally sustainable food systems

- ⇒ MVPs based on upcycling, e.g. organic waste
- ⇒ 3-times higher yields



Circular and resource efficient food systems

- ⇒ Aquaponics, hydroponics, no effluents
- ⇒ High water use efficiency
- ⇒ Organic fertilizer through upcycling of organic waste



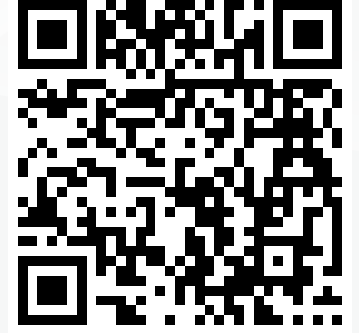
Food systems innovations and empowerment of communities

- ⇒ Several African cities pre-registered with MUFPP
- ⇒ 2 Open Calls with >1000 beneficiaries, particular focus on women and youth





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Thank you for your attention

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Throughout Europe's cities, different types of urban agriculture (UA) initiatives, such as gardens, rooftop or vertical farming, have emerged which could provide impactful responses to megatrends like biodiversity loss, climate change, unsustainable resource use while providing economic opportunities and a reconnection between rural, peri-urban and urban areas. Policy-makers and practitioners urgently need knowledge on the benefits, impacts and risks of urban farming, to help them shape policy and legal frameworks that can foster benefits and mitigate risks of urban farming.

FOODCITYBOOST (<https://foodcityboost.eu/>) is Horizon Europe project which started in 2024 (up until 2027) with 20 partners. It develops a knowledge-based decision-support tool, consisting of (i) evidence-based indicators of environmental, social and economic performance and impacts of urban farming at farm, regional and EU scale, (ii) guidance on policy instruments that foster the development of urban farming. FOODCITYBOOST uses a co-creation approach inspired by living lab approaches in 6 living lab (LL) locations namely in Almere (Netherlands), Valladolid (Spain), Flanders and Brussels (Belgium), Wroclaw (Poland), Riga (Latvia) and Sofia (Bulgaria) to learn from regions throughout Europe where urban farming thrives and is supported by regional policies

So far, FOODCITYBOOST has collected **data to determine 20 key social and economic** (SE) indicators related to 5 key dimensions of UA in >100 urban agriculture (UA) initiatives across our LLs. The data were collected through survey and interviews and is currently being analyzed to draw conclusion on the main socioeconomic impacts of UA. In parallel, data were collected from 10 farms and 23 additional inventories were produced outside our LLs for a total of **33 inventories for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)**. This LCA characterizes climate change, acidification, eutrophication, ecotoxicity, resource use, water resource depletion, cumulative energy demand. This environmental analysis is complemented with a **soil pollutants analysis** (pesticide screening, heavy metal content and PFAS analysis) in laboratories and with a **monitoring of biodiversity** (birds, weeds and arthropods) which took place for one year in 2025 with a second year planned for 2026/2027.

A **catalogue of good governance and policy practices** for urban agriculture was produced for stakeholders like municipalities to provide a comprehensive guide for integrating urban agriculture into city and spatial planning, focusing on effective practices for governance and policy. Ongoing visioning workshops are happening for co-designing improved governance of urban agriculture in different LL locations. A foresight analysis has identified 4 core scenarios for cities and urban agriculture around eco-scenary cities, green autonomy, fragmented local food practices and high-tech circular cities. In relation to these possible futures, novel urban agriculture designs are being produced in different LL locations to respond to local challenges, building on a **catalogue of 30+ innovative urban agricultural systems** produced within FOODCITYBOOST.

Based on our mapping of urban agriculture in the different LLs and across Europe (of 895 initiatives in 11 cities), we have been able to analyse spatial drivers of UA emergence and some of the services it provides to the population. For instance, allotment gardens provide **cooling service in 682 European Functional Urban Areas benefiting about 4.1 million habitants**. To provide a holistic assessment of UA, the FOODCITYBOOST project is developing tools to guide decision-makers. The **Urbanaa tool** (<http://www.urbanaa.fr>) **allows project holders and municipalities to evaluate urban agricultural projects**, identify their potential benefits and receive guidance on how to support such initiatives. Foodshed analyses are also conducted to assess **the potential of urban and peri-urban agriculture to increase food production for cities** involved in the project. In addition, land-use modelling frameworks are being developed to explore scenarios for the development of urban agriculture and to assess how these scenarios respond to local needs while ensuring fair and just urban development.

The project is still running as of March 2026 for an additional 22 months, and we hope to connect with other European projects to synergistically explore and assess the potential for peri-urban and urban agriculture to develop and improve the sustainability of cities.

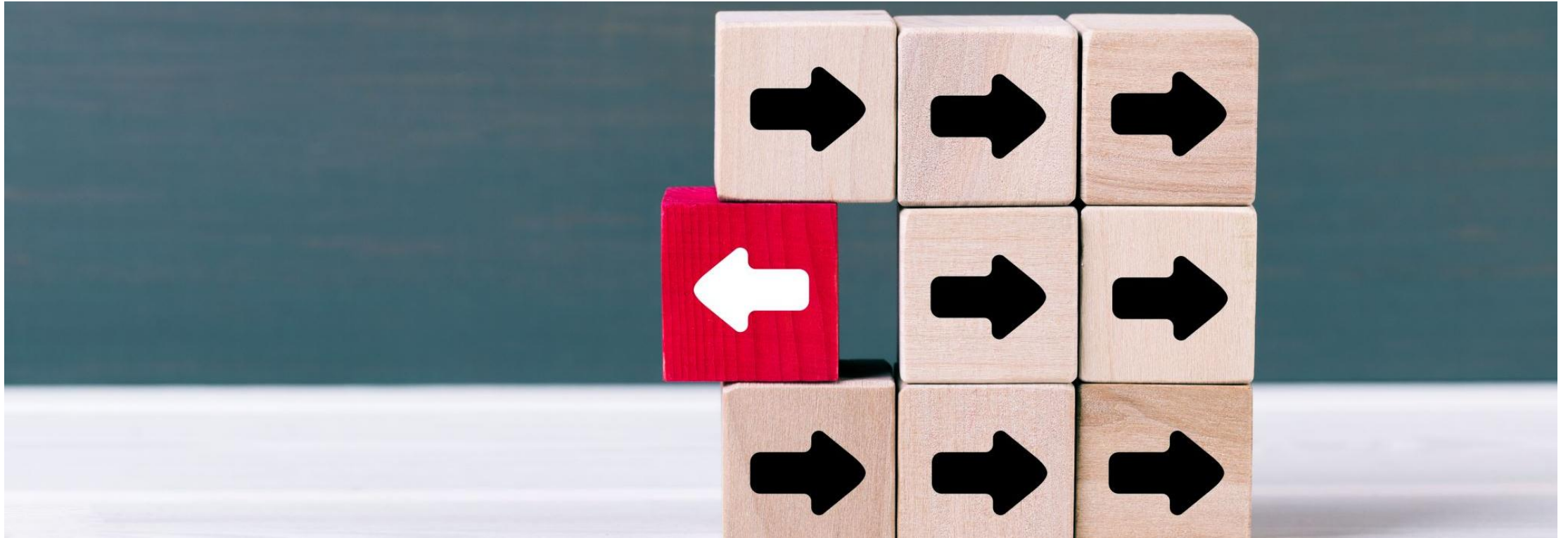
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Pitch on deployment and valorisation

How have you successfully deployed and valorised your project outcomes?

1min pitch – deployment and valorisation of project outcomes



Collaboration on R&I needs

What are emerging R&I needs you see based on your current work?

Emerging R&I needs



What are emerging R&I needs you see based on your current work?



What are emerging R&I needs you see based on your current work?



Thank you



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