

FoodE

Food Systems in European Cities



Horizon 2020
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for Research & Innovation



Comune di Bologna

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Budget for the Municipality of Bologna:

Total cost: € 332. 125

(100% EU funding)

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The purpose

The objective of FoodE is to accelerate the growth of citizens-driven food systems in cities and regions (CRFS) by bringing together local initiatives across Europe and co-developing and disseminating a range of tools - designed in collaboration with academia, citizens and food system start-ups - to ensure the application of the most up-to-date cross-sectoral knowledge.

Start-ups will provide an in-depth understanding of the needs of key stakeholders, making it possible to build resilient food systems. The main challenge is therefore to aggregate the most sustainable CRFS models and enable the co-creation of innovative pilot experiences, promoting the health and well-being of European citizens.

This challenge will be addressed by establishing a co-creation mechanism, based on the principles of *Citizen Science* and *Responsible Research and Innovation*, in which public authorities, citizens, economic actors and non-profit organizations share ideas, tools, good practices and new models, supporting cities to become innovative food centres. The results of FoodE will have an impact on job creation, the promotion of the local economy, the strengthening of the role of local communities in meeting the Sustainable Development Objectives, as well as on the identification and strengthening of the relationships between the different actors in the food chain.

Activities

The Municipality of Bologna manages the creation of the pilot project n.2 to promote the research of new models of food production in urban areas.

The Salus SPACE complex owned by the Municipality has been chosen as an incubator, as a place dedicated to social inclusion, capacity building and income generation.

The activities planned here include the creation of an innovative form of urban agriculture with the construction of a roof garden, a vertical farm or a greenhouse, using the infrastructure and space already available including temporary buildings and the terrace of the historic mansion.

Finally, the project involves a wide involvement of the local community: the creation of new jobs for international refugees, training activities for over 300 people, as well as dissemination and promotion of events through the involvement of over 2000 citizens.