



# Minutes of the EURO CITIES WG Food

## 19 October 2017, Valencia

### Short overview meeting:

	9:00-9:15 9:15-9:40	<b>Registration</b> <b>WG Food in the context of MUFPP and future agenda</b> <i>Anja De Cunto, EURO CITIES</i> <i>Davide Di Martino and Andrea Magarini, City of Milan</i> WG chair elections and 2018 work plan
Session I <b>EU funding opportunities</b>	9.40-10.40	<b>Overview of next funding opportunities</b> <i>Anja De Cunto, EURO CITIES</i> <i>Horizon2020, Erasmus+, Interreg and URBACT</i> Free discussion
	10.40-11.00	<b>Coffee break and networking</b>
Session II <b>Food in Cities</b>	11.00-11.50	<b>EU Food2030 for Urban Food Policy</b> <i>Sandra Tuijelaars, DG RTD, EU Food 2030 initiative</i> <b>Presentation of results of “Food in Cities” projects</b> <i>Anja De Cunto, EURO CITIES and Cecile Michel, City of Milan</i> Free discussion
Session III <b>New CAP for Urban Food Policies</b>	11.50-12.50	<b>Ongoing activities in CAP field of action</b> <i>Andrea Magarini, City of Milan</i> <i>Fabien Chaufourrier, Grand Lyon</i> <i>Silvia Pigozzi, Cariplo Foundation</i> <i>Nick Jacobs, co-secretary of IPES-Food - TBC</i> <b>Free discussion</b>
	12.50-13.00	Next meeting: Environment forum, Amsterdam, April 2018

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## Short minutes of the meeting

### Intro and practicalities

1. WG Food met in Valencia on the occasion of the 3<sup>o</sup> **Annual Gathering and Mayor Summit of the Milan Pact**. For more information about the event check the [MUFPP website](#).
2. **Andrea Magarini** is the new food policy coordinator for the **City of Milan**. He took over the role of chair of the WG Food.
3. The city of Milan was confirmed chair of the **EUROCITIES WG Food**. New elections will take place next year during the Autumn meeting. The chair will prepare the working group 2018 work plan, based on the outcome of today's discussion.

### Session I: EU funding opportunities

4. The main aim of the **EUROCITIES network** is to share best practices and knowledge among cities and to support cities in expressing their needs towards the European Union institutions. To achieve these objectives, the **WG member cities** and EUROCITIES could apply for European funding opportunities.
5. Followed a [presentation](#) on current funding opportunities available to cities for working further on urban food.
6. The development of a project with the EUROCITIES secretariat is envisaged. In particular the recently launched call under [H2020](#) "*CE-SFS-24-2019: Innovative and citizen-driven food system approaches in cities*" could allow many cities to exchange with each other on successful citizens' engagement methodology for development of food strategies.
7. Other opportunities where cities could get involved include: URBACT, INTERREG, ESPON and other Horizon2020 calls.
8. Followed interactive discussions on activities and themes the WG Food could include in a future project proposal related to citizens' engagement in the food system.

### Session II: Food in Cities

9. **Sandra Tuijtelars** from the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation presented the European Union [FOOD 2030 initiative](#). One of the main next steps of the initiative is the inclusion of cities in their work. Check the [presentation](#). The 2<sup>nd</sup> FOOD 2030 High Level Event will take place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, next 21-22 June 2018.
10. **Anja De Cunto** presented some of the key results from the study on Food in Cities carried out by **EUROCITIES**, the **City of Milan** and **Cardiff University**. The study includes some lessons on the innovation dynamics of cities working on food related projects and initiatives. Check the [presentation](#). Check the [results](#) from the study.
11. Followed discussion on the latest activities and work of cities in relation of the outcome of the study.

### Session III: Ongoing activities in CAP field of action

1. **Andrea Magarini** presented the activities of the City of Milan in the field of local public procurement and some opportunities related to the **EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)**. Followed discussion on similar CAP activities carried out by **Lyon Metropole**, **City of Ljubljana**, **City of Copenhagen**.
2. In the future CAP, cities could interact to implement food policy actions in local public procurement. As far as now this linkage had not been so evident, **WG Food can be a platform** for future institutional advocacy actions, linking our cities to other European players such as the six foundations of [European Foundations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food - EFSAF](#) and IPES-food three-year process of reflection on a [Common Food Policy for the EU](#).
3. City officers from **Almere**, **Birmingham**, **Bruges**, **Ghent**, **Ljubljana**, **Lyon**, **Milan**, **s'Hertogenbosch** and **Vienna** declared their intention for a work jointly in the field of CAP advocacy. **City of Milan** will prepare an Open Letter addressed to the **EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)** about the role of the cities in the future CAP with the support and/or co-signature of other WG Food cities, European foundations and other EU stakeholders that could potentially be engaged. This Open Letter should be sent before the declaration of EU Commission of the Future of the CAP scheduled for **29 November 2017**.



Photos of the WG Food meeting in Valencia.



European cities active in the Eurocities WG Food and in the Milan Pact activities and meetings.

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