

Constellation of Actions

of the Urban Agenda for the EU Partnership on Food



Food Partnership



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Comprising 26 members



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**BETTER
REGULATION**



Action 1

ADVOCACY
Advocating for a EU
framework for local
food policies

Advocating for an
empowering EU
framework for local food
policies, by promoting
policy recommendations
based on the Partnership's
work across EU different
domains and collecting
views and feedback
from EU cities

Lack of EU commitment
to an integrated Food Policy
that ensures cross-sectoral
and multi-level policy
coherence from the EU down
to the local level



Action 2

REGULATION
Showcasing the role of
regional and national actors
in supporting local food
policies

A synthesis of European
policies highlighting how
regional and national
frameworks can support
for collaborative
governance, capacity
building, and promotion
of local food policies

Addressing the
lack of understanding
of the influence of food
policy at EU level on
the different
governance levels

supporting the
implementation

providing
content



Action 4
FOOD POLICY
Urban Food
Policy Training

Creating online and in-
person training on how
to set up and implement
local food strategies

Local awareness of food
policies in urban cities
across the EU to actively
promote local food
strategies

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Action 7
PROCUREMENT
Promoting
Sustainable Food
Procurement

Understanding the
fundamental role of local
authorities in current
agricultural strategies and
their implications in the
definition of new EU and
other relevant regional
strategies

Public food procurement
is not an understood
policy level for food
systems transformation
that needs to be
increased through better
regulation



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Action 3

R&D
Building bridges
between local
authorities and
relevant regional
strategies

Identifying inspiring
practices and drawing a
roadmap with
recommendations to
enhance synergies
between local food
strategies, urban agendas,
and regional programs,
mainly in:

Although place-based
agreements exist, the
importance of coordinated
multi-level governance in
practice local governments have
a very low profile in EU and
national food food strategies
or urban agendas are not
mentioned in EU

providing
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Action 6
INDICATORS
Selecting indicators
for urban food
systems

Identifying new common
indicators to monitor urban
food systems that can be
widely used to track
progress and compare
conditions and trends
across European cities

Lack of a standard
framework to assess
urban food systems and
their sustainability
dimensions

supporting the
implementation



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KNOWLEDGE**



Action 5
PUBLIC LAND
Public land for
local food policies

Creating an internet database
on Public Land and use of
such land for food
sovereignty, health of soils
and agriculture

Lack of good practices sharing
disseminating lessons and
better; Low knowledge on the
opportunities offered by public
agricultural land

**Food Action Plan: Driving transformative changes in
food systems**

The Food Action Plan comprises seven complementary actions aimed at driving food system transformation through a systemic approach, with a strong focus on cities as key leaders in this process. It combines knowledge-sharing and capacity-building initiatives to help cities develop, implement, monitor, and finance local food strategies with actions advocating for an empowering EU framework for local food policies, ensuring cross-sectoral and multi-level policy alignment from the EU to the local level.

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