



SUPURBFOOD is a research project funded by the European Commission's 7th Framework Program. It aims to contribute to the development of sustainable modes of urban and peri-urban food provisioning.

About the project

Until recent, short food supply chains and multifunctional agriculture were considered to be part of the rural development realm. However, this project looks at these topics from the perspective of urban rather than rural development. Short food supply chains have been advocated as a means to reduce the environmental impact of the agro-food system. However, to improve the ecological performance of the agro-food system other flows ((e.g. nutrient, water, and urban waste) need to be considered as well. In the current context these aspects are usually treated separately. This project will treat them in an integrated manner.

Approach

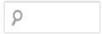
Research will be carried out in seven European city-regions (Rotterdam (NL), Rome (IT), Ghent (BE), Vigo (ES), Bristol (UK), Zürich (CH) and Riga (LV)) in collaboration with a diverse group of SMEs to further innovate in urban and peri-urban food provisioning, nutrient, water and waste management, and multifunctional use of urban and peri-urban space. Finally the project will also establish links with researchers, policymakers and SMEs in these domains in developing countries. This will be organised through a process of dialogue, sharing of experiences, exchanging of best practices and joint learning.

More information

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The online home of the Bristol Food Policy Council



What is The Bristol Food Policy Council about?

The Food Policy Council is a non-government body which helps support and develop sustainable food in Bristol and covers the whole of the city region. It is endorsed by the local municipality. It is a priority for the council to make sure that people in Bristol have access to food that is affordable, safe and nutritious. It has a food charter (2012) with plans to achieve a resilient food system for the City region. Aims of the Food Policy Council are

To ensure that Bristol residents and visitors have access to healthy food:

- produced in a such a way that non-renewable resources, soil integrity, and biodiversity are maintained rather than depleted
- that is affordable and fairly available to all
- where workers involved in the food system are fairly treated, and
- with production, distribution, retail and supply systems that are resilient to the impacts of projected climate change and fossil fuel depletion.

These elements to underpin all food related work in the city.

Who is involved?

The Council includes people who represent the main sectors of the food system in the city.

The steering group is designed to represent different sectors of Bristol and has 12 members including academics, representatives of the health sector, the small retail sector, food distribution, the soil association, the local and regional municipalities and sustainability and environmental groups.

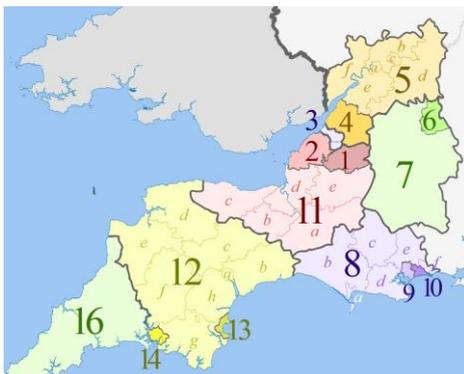
Which activities are carried out?

The Food Policy Council is working with the food sector to deliver work plans and conferences; develop and promote key messages to help engage people, organisations and businesses; develop a set of metrics to allow the Food Policy Council to review its work: develop a set of tools to help people, organisations and businesses use food more sustainably, and identify key issues that are barriers to progress and to lobby Government and others for change to help achieve the vision for Bristol.

Projects include sustainable food procurement for the public sector; develop a food charter; develop effective communication and implement the 'Who Feeds Bristol?' report

Where is The Bristol Food Policy Council located?

The Council covers the whole of the Bristol City sub region which is represented by the four municipalities in the map below. As a policy group it has the potential to influence a much wider area through good practice.



Bristol City region comprises four Unitary Authorities

1. Bath and North East Somerset UA
2. North Somerset UA
3. Bristol UA
4. South Gloucestershire UA



Lessons from the Bristol Food Policy Council for SUPURBFOOD

✓ Provides a good example of how the community and the local state can work together to achieve sustainable food aims

✓ Shows the role that analytical research (the Who Feeds Bristol? Report) and forward planning (the food Charter) can help in orchestrating action

✓ Shows how multiple objectives relating to all parts of the food chain can be considered together.

✓ Illustrates the importance of planning before action.

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