

**SUPURBFOOD** is a research project funded by the European Commission's 7<sup>th</sup> 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

[www.supurbfood.eu](http://www.supurbfood.eu)



### Stopping food becoming waste?

FareShare South West is an independent franchise of the national UK charity, [FareShare](http://www.fareshare.org.uk).

We work with the food industry to minimize fit-for-purpose fresh, frozen and long-life food going to waste, and send this food into organisations working with the most vulnerable people in the community.

Thousands of tonnes of perfectly good in-date food are wasted in the South West each year due to packaging errors, out of date promotions, discontinued lines, veg not up to specification and so on

### Who is involved?

The Fareshare charity works with supermarkets, distributors and food processors to gather food that might otherwise be put into land fill or digesters. This food is then sent onto charitable organisations in the city working with vulnerable people – the homeless, drug or mental health projects or foodbanks.

Fareshare has some paid employees but offers a range of opportunities for people to volunteer for up to 50 people a week either building-up work experience or taking part in the community.

## Which activities are carried out?

- Pre-cycling of food that is at risk of being wasted.
- Redistributing food to charitable projects in the city region
- Running a catering service for not for profit events
- Taking part in the feeding the 5k thousand event – where thousands of free meals are cooked by local chefs and given away to local people

## Where is FareShare Southwest located?

FareShare Southwest is based in an industrial unit in the centre of Bristol close to the M32 motorway, so that it can both receive deliveries efficiently and re-distribute the food.



## Lessons from FareShare South West for SUPURBFOOD

- ✓ 1 – How the problems of long supply chains can become local opportunities
- ✓ 2 – A model of social enterprises working with multi-nationals
- ✓ 3 – Using food to create employment opportunities
- ✓ 4 – Closing nutrient cycles in the city
- ✓ 5 – The power of 'events' to publicise food in the city.

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