



Sustainable Food Systems COP

WEBINAR

Municipal Food Strategies

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Agenda for the discussion

1. Brief summary of the review circulated on municipal food strategies.
2. Participants add other exemplars to our list of seven. Why are these new exemplars interesting from a ROBUST perspective?
3. How can we build on the analysis in the paper to deepen insights into ROBUST's objectives?
4. Next, we will consider: how do experiences of currently developing food strategies (e.g. Lucca, Ljubljana, Ede, Tukums, Gloucestershire) compare to the municipal strategies outlined in the paper.
5. Lastly, does the paper/webinar discussion reveal anything about the potential of food strategies as instruments of innovation?

Review paper key points (quotes/highlights)

1. The literature has tended to associate municipal food strategies with the objective of food security.
2. There is a distinction between the focus of urban and rural food strategies.
3. A Robust analysis suggests that rural-urban synergies do exist in some (Toronto, Malmö), but distinctly not in others (Lincoln). SO: different scales/forms of rural-urban relations?
4. Hierarchies of policy-making may impede innovation (due to the distribution of functions, services, governance).
5. The exemplars shown are a small range of (mainly urban, mostly UK) food strategies. They have been associated with ROBUST themes.
6. The multifunctional and social concerns, and collaborative approaches to addressing food issues by municipalities, are reflected in the exemplars.

Over to you...

Participants are now invited to add to the list of exemplars.

- Tukums
- Valencia
- Ede

Please discuss your contributions with reference to the slide(s) you have prepared in the chat facility.

Discussion

What does our discussion about municipal food strategies like this tell us about innovation in relation to food?

How does this further our interests in ROBUST in rural-urban relations, smart development and multi-actor governance?

Next steps for our CoP?

Thank you!



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