

Towards a sustainable City-Region Food System - lessons learned from the European project CITIES2030

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What is a City-Region Food System & why should we care about it?



- 55% of the global population lives in cities, estimated to grow to 70% in 2050
- CRFS: Cities and local surrounding areas are linked in food production, processing and consumption
- Food security for a growing population through a sustainable food system

The CITIES2030 project



- European Horizon 2020 project (2020 – 2024)
- 41 partners from 20 countries
- 10 cities & 2 regions with “living labs”
- Research & policy creation



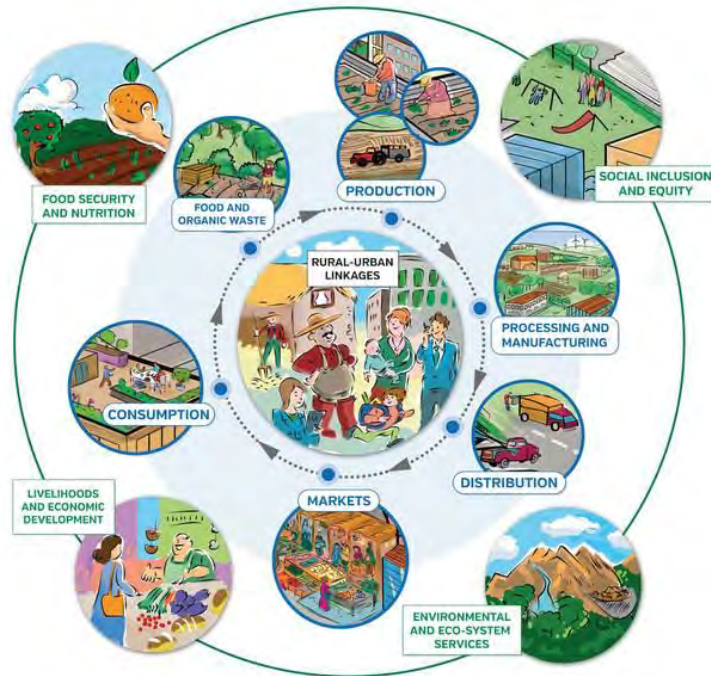
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What have we learned so far?



- Information about the capital region CRFS is fragmented and not always easy to find and access
- The capital region CRFS shows both similarities and differences to other European CRFS
- Vulnerabilities of the food system derive from Iceland's geographic location, climate and a small number of "key players"
- Strengths include e.g. the availability of cheap, renewable energy and a strong innovative & entrepreneurial culture

How could we improve our CRFS?



- Look at the CRFS as a whole
- Increase the resilience against disruptions through local food production and through innovations
- Educate & include more and diverse stakeholders
- Learning from each other & building networks
 - Joining the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP)