Resilient Cities & Food Security on a Community Level

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Building Resilient Communities through the Use of Food

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Aerial view of Balma-Gramont, a neighborhood, north of Toulouse

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**Strategic line of study**
Sustainable enterprise, production and consumption in a smart city

**Strategic objective**
Move towards autonomy in terms of food supply by supporting local, responsible farming based on public management and the preservation of farmland

**Operational objective**
Draw up a metropolitan agricultural strategy
Development of local projects encouraging short food supply chains, organic farming and peri-urban market gardening

Context and challenges
Following the pattern of other major French agglomerations, the urban development of the Toulouse metropolitan area led to a reduction in the amount of available farmland.

A quick glance at the figures reflects the decline of farming in the region: between 1988 and 2000, 20% of workable agricultural land was lost, 77% of which was used for market gardening.

Maintaining workable agricultural land at a level equal to 25% of the region’s total land area, and interweaving the agricultural component into a balanced, controlled metropolitan development and urban planning project is a major challenge.

In this context, the PLUi-H (local town planning & housing plan) has set itself the goal of moderating the consumption of this land by 10% compared with the previous decade.
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**Objectives**

To achieve this, Toulouse Métropole has set itself a framework of action based on a sustainable agriculture charter and local and regional farming initiatives.

The aim of the latter is to preserve non-urbanised land, which is synonymous with:

- a more pleasant living environment,
- supporting the farming industry and the jobs it creates,
- helping to create high-quality food supply conditions based on short supply chains and certified production,
- regional cohesion and solidarity by bringing together city and country dwellers.
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Description of the action

- Preservation and development of market gardening as the central aspect of an urban redevelopment project focused on Toulouse’s northern districts (Les Izards - 3 Cocus, Paléficat)
- Renovation of an eco-farm selling produce directly from Salsas farm (Quint-Fonsegrives)
- Planned natural and agricultural reserve in Pin Balma including the development and reconversion of the Aufréry site
- Giving fresh impetus to high-quality, local farming practices based on market gardening in the Quinze Sols district in Blagnac
- Encourage diversified production modes (production with certification, short supply chains, circular and local economy, etc.)
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The Local Food Supply Project is part of the Métropole’s ongoing drive to preserve and develop sustainable local farming.

Building on an agricultural charter signed with the Chamber of agriculture in 2012, an ongoing PLUi-H (local urban planning & housing plan) that includes objectives aimed at protecting the farming industry, a mutual support contract signed with the Pays des Portes de Gascogne in July 2017, and its high level of involvement in Toulouse’s major wholesale market (MIN), the Métropole is seeking to consolidate its metropolitan agricultural project by turning its attention to food supply – a key pillar that brings together all stakeholders.
The Local Food Supply Project aims to consolidate the actions undertaken by Toulouse Métropole to foster the preservation and development of a good-quality local farming industry within its region. Its long-term objective is to strengthen ties between the region’s consumers and producers.

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To meet this objective, Toulouse Métropole has defined 4 major groups of actions:

- Institutional catering (canteens)
- Locally-based short food supply chains
- Synergies and cooperation between regions
- Education and awareness-raising about healthy eating and a fair trade, environmentally responsible approach to food supply.
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List of sub-actions

The following actions will be carried out:

- Increase the percentage of local and organic produce in the food supplied to canteens and institutional catering facilities
- Combat food waste
- Promote local produce and short supply chains among consumers
- Help the Toulouse MIN to become a key driving force for ensuring a safe supply chain and the traceability of local produce
- Define the programme of actions to foster cooperation in terms of farming and food supply with the Pays des Portes de Gascogne
- Share and reinforce actions aimed at preserving and developing a locally-based farming industry in Toulouse
- Educate and raise awareness about the benefits of a locally-produced, high-quality food supply that everyone can afford
- Raise awareness about ecologically-responsible eating habits
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