



REPORT

7th MUFPP Global Forum Barcelona

19–21 October 2021

“Hosting the Global Forum meant affecting the global food agenda with climate discussion”

Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona, Hosting City 2021

“Returning to meet in presence was powerful in reaffirming our close cooperation”

Giuseppe Sala, Mayor of Milan, Chair of MUFPP

“We collect the legacy and we prepare to host the MUFPP community in 2022”

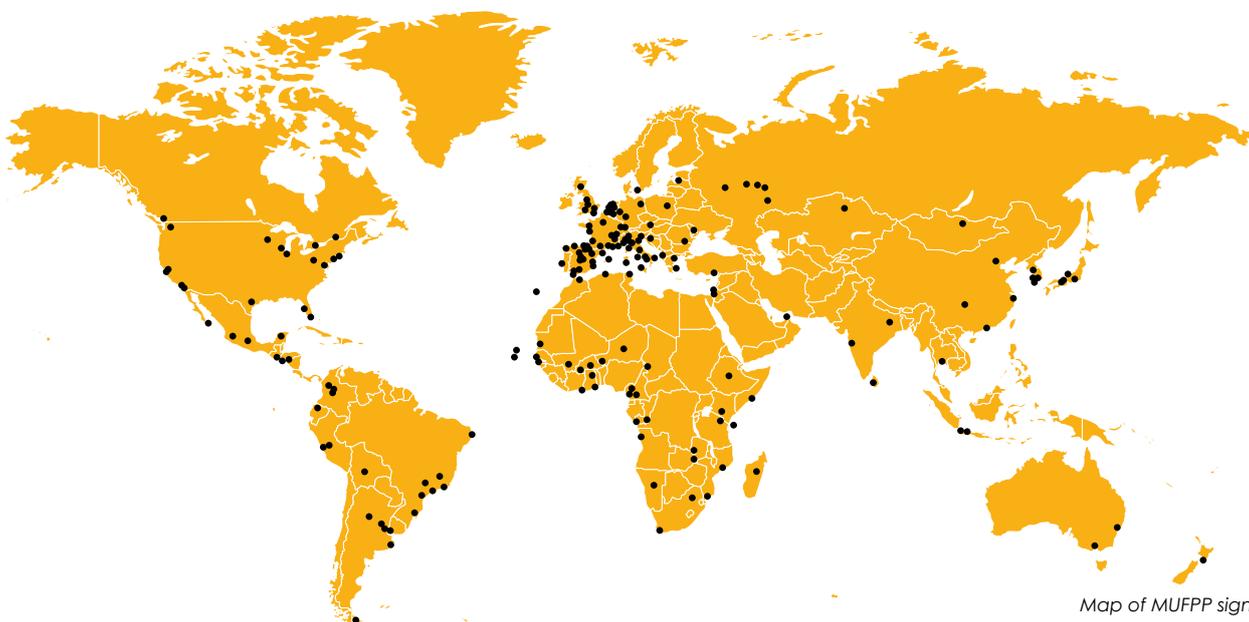
Eduardo Paes, Mayor of Rio De Janeiro, Hosting City 2022



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Map of MUFPP signatory cities in 2021.



Summary

In the context of the World Sustainable Food Capital 2021, between 19th - 21st October the City of Barcelona hosted the **7th MUFPP Global Forum** on the topic of **Growing Resilience: Sustainable Food to tackle the Climate Emergency**. The Forum was an excellent opportunity for cities and partners to re-connect, exchange experiences, challenges, knowledge, and best practices after two years of virtual exchanges. In light of the critical UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) to be held in Glasgow just a couple of weeks later, the Forum represented a strategic moment to raise cities' voices on the **need for ambitious climate targets and urgent effective actions** as well as to inspire and get inspired with the shared goal of fixing our urban food systems.

Given the focus of the event, the Forum saw also the launch of **The Barcelona Challenge for Good Food and Climate**, a call for cities and their citizens to transform their food systems as a way to tackle the climate emergency. Drawing on the C40 Good Food Declaration and the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Framework for Action, the Barcelona Challenge is a pioneering process initiated by cities leading climate actions through food policies.

The event was a great success in terms of participation, gathering **500 attendees from over 150 cities committed to food systems transformation** for further sustainability and inclusion. A key moment for our community that brought together city delegates, experts and civil society organizations from all around the world to foster cooperation and best practices' exchange. **The Forum hosted over 25 sessions**, among side events, parallel sessions and plenaries, saw the **involvement of 40 political leaders** bringing the voices of MUFPP signatory cities and benefitted of the **valuable contributions of more than 100 speakers**, both online and in-person, spurring knowledge on food system transformation.

Regional sessions were also organized to give the chance to cities to focus on their common challenges and **seek appropriate solutions for their geographical and socio-economic context**. The aim was also to reinforce the network among cities within the same region and facilitate the sharing of best practices and experiences. The Steering Committee members took the lead and shared with fellow member cities their leadership plans for the two years ahead.

This Global Forum was possible thanks to the **over 15 partner organisations and stakeholders that continuously support our work** and that helped us develop and structure such insightful sessions, presenting the great challenges as well as achievements of our signatory cities.

During these fruitful three days, there was also the opportunity to discover first-hand the excellent projects that the city of Barcelona is carrying out through several field visits. On the last night in the beautiful setting of *Museu Marítim de Barcelona* the institutional dinner was held, where Slow Food Barcelona brought together five great chefs who created a 95% vegan menu which perfectly reflected the values of our community.

The Forum was also the occasion for the announcement of the next Global Forum Hosting City: the **8th MUFPP Global Forum will be held for the first time in South America in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro**.

On behalf of the MUFPP community, we would like to sincerely thank Mayor Colau for the strong commitment put in the organization of the very successful 7th MUFPP Global Forum. Thanks to such a valuable moment, our community can leverage our impact worldwide.



A glimpse of the
7th MUFPP Global Forum

<https://youtu.be/XOgMCb6GIJo>



Barcelona
World Sustainable
Food Capital
2021

1 Mayoral discussion

19 October 2021

21 October 2021

Opening plenary

The nexus between food and climate as one of the current emergencies that cities have to deal with has been the main focus of the 7th MUFPP Global Forum. Therefore, the Opening plenary had the aim of setting the scene and demonstrating how pressing is the issue of transforming our production and consumption patterns in order to tackle the climate emergency.

After the welcoming remarks of **Mayor Colau**, who highlighted how crucial this decade is for tackling the climate emergency and the pivotal role that cities can play in this process, the panel continued showcasing the experience of four cities that are working very hard to make a real change thanks to the interventions of the Mayor of Bordeaux **Pierre Hurmic**, the Vice-Mayors of Milan **Anna Scavuzzo** and of Kazan **Evgeniya Lodvigova** and to Councillor **Paulette Hamilton**.

Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona

Anna Scavuzzo, Vice Mayor of Milan

Evgeniya Lodvigova, Vice Mayor of Kazan

Pierre Hurmic, Mayor of Bordeaux

Paulette Hamilton, Councillor of Birmingham

Emilia Saiz, UCLG General Secretary

Vandana Shiva, Food System Activist

Qu Dongyu, FAO Director General

Master of Ceremonies: **Danielle Nierenberg** Food Tank Founder



Recording
of the Opening Plenary

<https://youtu.be/ZwOFqmAw5U8>



Closing Plenary

The closing plenary offers an overview of the political role cities are playing in the global food agenda. The session features a roundtable with mayors and relevant stakeholders discussing about the role of cities in addressing the food-climate nexus as well as the official launch of The Barcelona Challenge for Good Food and Climate, a call for cities and their citizens to transform their food system to tackle the climate emergency.

Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona

Giuseppe Sala, Mayor of Milan, Chair of the MUFPP

Joan Ribó, Mayor of Valencia

Manuel de Araújo, Mayor of Quelimane

Claudia López, Mayor of Bogotá

Susan Aitken, Mayor of Glasgow

Mark Watts, Executive Director, C40

Teresa Ribera, Vice President of the Spanish Government

Alberto Garzón, Spanish Ministry of Consumption

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Barcelona Challenge for Good Food and Climate

Drawing on the C40 Good Food Declaration and the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Framework for Action, the Barcelona Challenge is a call for cities and their citizens to engage in a series of commitments related to the transformation of their food systems in order to tackle the climate emergency. The Barcelona Challenge wants to address two key issues: the mitigation of and adaptation to the climate emergency, through a commitment to transform local agri-food systems to ensure access to sufficient, sustainable, healthy and nutritious diets for all, therefore preventing food vulnerability and enhancing food justice. Based on international scientific research data, the Barcelona Challenge for Good Food and Climate presents an operational tool that allows cities to set their aspirational targets and to understand the positive impact of the urban food policies in terms of GHG emission reduction, socio-ecological benefits (prevented deaths, jobs generated, water saved) and economic return.

The Challenge counts now on the support of C40, MUFPP, Barcelona City Council, Red de Ciudades por la Agroecología, Terres en villes, Sustainable Food Places, La Fundación Daniel y Nina Carasso and RUAF.



Barcelona Challenge website

www.thebcnchallenge.org



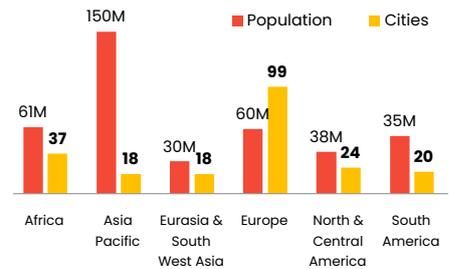
2 State of the Pact regionalisation strategies

State of the Pact

The plenary session State of the Pact and regionalisation strategies has the aim of providing an overview of the great work that the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact has been carrying out over its 6 years of activity, focusing on its evolving membership, extensive knowledge, regional and global fora and strong governance.

The Pact counts today 217 signatory cities, with 19 new additions only in 2021, representing a total of 400 million people distributed over the 6 MUFPP regions. Signatory cities are provided with a variety of tools and opportunities that they can employ as they progress on their journey towards a more sustainable and inclusive food system. The Milan Pact Awards, for example, with their 400 practices, have contributed to the creation of a common platform of food policy knowledge that continuously promotes the dissemination of innovative solutions.

Other key moments are certainly regional and global fora where cities can engage with peer cities and share opportunities with local and international stakeholders. In all of this, a pivotal role is played by the Steering Committee members that have the responsibility to lead the way and inspire signatory cities to commit to effective actions.



Recordings of the session

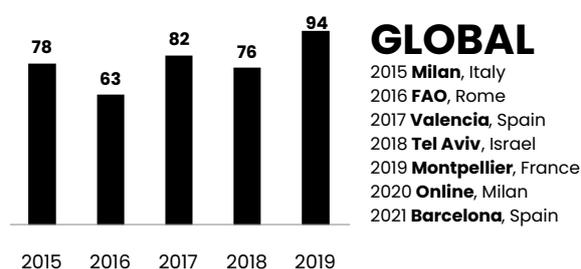
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Global Fora & Hosting City 2022

Rio de Janeiro

Over the years the city has always demonstrated its commitment in the different MUFPP events and activities. During the Steering Committee meeting held in occasion of the Global Forum, the representatives of MUFPP signatory cities had to decide on the next Global Forum Hosting City. Among the 3 cities that submitted the proposals, the Steering Committee decided that the next Hosting City will be Rio de Janeiro. The city has been selected upon its great expertise on food policy innovation and consolidated experience in hosting global events, but also for the proposed theme which appeared to be well connected to international process. It will also be the first time that a Global Forum will be held in South America.



GLOBAL

- 2015 **Milan**, Italy
- 2016 **FAO**, Rome
- 2017 **Valencia**, Spain
- 2018 **Tel Aviv**, Israel
- 2019 **Montpellier**, France
- 2020 **Online**, Milan
- 2021 **Barcelona**, Spain

REGIONAL

- 2021 **Kazan**, Russia
- 2021 **Ouagadougou**, Burkina Faso

WEBINARS

- 2020 **Belo Horizonte / Rio de Janeiro**
- 2020 **Milan / Barcelona / Warsaw**
- 2020 **Valencia / Tel Aviv**
- 2020 **Seoul**
- 2021 **Bandung / Milan / Seoul**



UNFSS Pre-Summit Plenary Session on City and Local Food Systems

With the cities of
Addis Ababa
Bristol
Copenhagen
Milan
Quelimane
Sao Paulo
Seoul

Over the last year, thanks to its meaningful relations and partnerships the MUFPP has been involved in many significant international processes. In particular, last July the MUFPP Secretariat was asked to organize a plenary session during the UNFSS Pre-Summit. The session “City and Local Food Systems” has been the only session focusing on the role of cities as key drivers of the food system transformation. It involved a great number of speakers who addressed the main concerns about the issue and highlighted the importance of bringing together different stakeholders along with the need of planning across different levels of governance to achieve the 2030 Agenda.



Recordings of the session

<https://youtu.be/G-P3BjhbMo>

Cities on the Global Food Agenda

As food contributes to a third of global GHG emissions, this session focuses on the role cities are playing in the global food agenda when tackling the climate crisis.

Besides the valuable moderation of Júlia López Ventura (C40), the session featured amazing contributions from representatives of key organizations: Gunhild Stordalen (EAT Foundation) sharing some reflections on the outcomes of the UNFSS, Marcela Villarreal (FAO) expressing how the lessons learned at global level can be exploited also in international contexts, Carmen Burbano (WFP) explaining how cities can benefit from their respective countries signing the School Meals Coalition.



Recordings of the session

<https://youtu.be/vcuHEr1Xinc>

Regional sessions

Cities face similar challenges and seek appropriate solutions for their specific geographical and socio-economic contexts. During the 6 parallel regionalization strategy sessions, the Steering Committee members of the designated region, presented to their cities their leadership plan to discuss about the goals, the challenges and the joint activities for the two years ahead. The commitment and the findings of each region were shared during the plenary of the State of the Pact and regionalisation strategies.

The results of the 6 leadership plans will structure the MUFPP Action Plan, combining the efforts of the Steering Committee in supporting an equal advancement in all the MUFPP regions.



Download here the MUFPP Action Plan

<https://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/resources/mufpp-regionalisation-process-action-plan-2021-23/>



North & Central America

24 Signatory Cities
53 Food Practices submitted
4 Awards Winner
3 Awards Special Mentions



South America

20 Signatory Cities
2 Regional Forum
70 Food Practices submitted
1 Awards Winner
5 Awards Special Mentions



Europe

99 Signatory Cities
5 Global Fora
10 Regional Forum
154 Food Practices submitted
1 Awards Winner
10 Awards Special Mentions



Africa

37 Signatory Cities
4 Regional Fora
57 Food Practices submitted
1 Awards Winner
3 Awards Special Mentions



Eurasia & South West Asia

18 Signatory Cities
1 Global Forum
1 Regional Forum
20 Food Practices submitted
1 Awards Winner
2 Awards Special Mentions



Asia Pacific

18 Signatory Cities
1 Regional Webinar
19 Food Practices submitted
2 Awards Special Mentions



3 Parallel Sessions

How to communicate urban food policies

Session co-organised by **Barcelona University**

Urban food policies aim to democratise food systems by empowering citizens and facilitating their participation in policy development and implementation. Key challenges arise to ensure equitable representation in policy spaces of diverse groups as well as communicating opportunities for citizens to engage in policy reform and specific actions. This session presents learnings from cities that have mobilised different communication strategies to coordinate action within and beyond city councils, as well as enhance citizen involvement and public support for transformative urban food policies.

With the cities of
Baltimore
Belo Horizonte
Brighton and Hove

Integrated food policies for healthy citizens on a healthy planet

Session co-organised by **EAT Foundation**

This session highlights inspiring examples of urban policies focused on improving health, with special attention to obesity and inequalities. The session sees the participation of experts on an expert on the topic and representatives of three cities prioritizing urban food policies for health and obesity prevention.

With the cities of
Barcelona
Lyon
Rio de Janeiro

Food infrastructure to feed cities

Session co-organised by **ICLEI**

Food system infrastructure visibly promotes and sustains local food systems as well as connects buyers and sellers, consumers and producers. However, food system infrastructure not only includes physical and technology-orientated structure but also the actors and their social practices. This session highlights a wide range of inspiring examples of local governments using their food infrastructure to promote a local food system transformation.

With the cities of
Almere
Barcelona
Bogotá
Ede
Guangzhou
Milan





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With the cities of
Bergamo
Birmingham
Johannesburg
Sao Paulo

The Cities Pledge on Food Justice

Session co-organised by **Birmingham City Council**

This session reflects on lessons learnt around food security during the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent legacy of disruption to the food system. The session also launches a new Cities Pledge on Food Justice to put political weight into the voices of cities emphasising the need for local and national and global policies which create and support an affordable, nutritious and sustainable food system for all citizens.

With the cities of
Antananarivo
New Haven
Quito
Shanghai

The MUFPP Monitoring Framework and related approaches

Session co-organised by **RUAF** and **FAO**

The session encourages cities to use the new MUFPP Monitoring Framework Handbook and Resource Pack. This session draws on examples from the related City Region Food System assessment toolkit that specifically address climate resilience. As well as launching the new handbook and resource pack, this represents a call for cities to take the next step from signing the pact, to monitoring their progresses.

With the cities of
Addis Ababa
Copenhagen
Curitiba
Glasgow
Los Angeles
Tel Aviv

Urban food policies to tackle the climate emergency

Session co-organised by **C40**

In order to tackle the climate emergency we must urgently transform the way we produce, eat, and dispose of food, worldwide. The session explains how cities are addressing the food-climate nexus at the city level through the delivery of the Good Food Cities Declaration. The session covers the three main themes of the Declaration: food procurement; healthy diets & the food environment; and food waste.

With the cities of
Cape Town
Nairobi
Windhoek

Food environment

Session co-organised by **GAIN**

Food environments are related to the physical, economic, policy and socio-cultural surroundings, opportunities and conditions that influence people's decisions about acquiring, preparing and consuming food. The session showcases how cities are shaping their food environments to promote healthier and more sustainable food.

With the cities of
Belo Horizonte
East Java
Quelimane
Strasbourg

Strengthening Territorial Food Systems

Session co-organised by **UCLG**

The session demonstrates the importance of articulating different levels of governance to address issues linked to hunger, malnutrition and sustainability and highlights examples on how cities and regions are promoting alliances with multi-stakeholders, adopting territorial policies to transform food systems and ensure the right to adequate and sustainable food and nutrition, particularly of the most vulnerable.



4 Side Events

The role of wholesale markets in transforming the food system

Session co-organised by **World Wholesale Market Association**

Wholesale markets are key actors in urban food systems. These markets constitute hubs where producers, traders, retailers and the food service sector come together, and therefore become essential infrastructures to support a diverse and vibrant urban foodscape. Wholesale markets are open spaces that contribute to improving efficiency in food distribution and enhance access to market information for various actors, as well as connect establish connections between urban and rural areas.

With the cities of
Barcelona
Buenos Aires
Milan
Paris
Shangai

Metrics Matter

Session co-organised by **Nourish Scotland** and **IPES-FOOD**

An increasing number of local governments around the world are adopting ambitious food policies to tackle health and nutrition, socio-economic inequalities, and the climate crisis. However, the impact of their efforts is often difficult to quantify and remains unknown. This event brings together city representatives and experts to discuss their experiences, successes, and challenges in developing and using appropriate metrics and indicators for measuring the climate, biodiversity, health, and resilience impacts of their food policies.

With the cities of
Bristol
Ede
Ghent
Marseille
Rome

Civil Society and Local Government alliances

Session co-organised by **Barcelona City Council**

Transforming the food system involves a multiplicity of actors: public and private sector, the scientific community and the civil society. In this side-event leading civil society groups, in alliance with local governments, present their transformative food projects in Barcelona and beyond.

With the cities of
Mezitli
Rosario



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With the cities of
Avignon
Bruges
Milan
Turin
Kazan
Warsaw

EU Food Policy Strikes again

Session co-organised by **Food Trails**

Food Trails is a EU-funded Horizon 2020 project aiming to translate in Europe the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact's collective commitment to integrated urban food policies into measurable and long-term progress towards sustainable food systems. The European Commission has funded 5 Horizon consortia to innovate local food systems, involving 52 cities, on which 21 are part of MUFPP and investing 48 million euro by 2024. The side event involves representatives of the 5 projects to share approaches to co-creation of effective food policy solutions with local actions, to conclude with a round table that questions how this European experience can inspire the entire MUFPP community.

With the cities of
Milan
Mollet Del Valles
Mouans Sartoux

Integrated local food ecosystems to tackle climate change: URBACT's lessons

Session co-organised by **Urbact**

Since 2013, URBACT has supported 8 networks to learn from each other on the topics of sustainable food and urban agriculture. This represents almost 50 cities leading the transition towards more sustainable local food ecosystems. Building on the varied experiences of URBACT's smaller towns and larger cities, this session presents URBACT's work under the Food Knowledge Hub, discussing integrated local food systems through a variety of entry points, stakeholders and activities.

With the cities of
Bandung
Maputo
Pune
Rio Grande

Beginner's Guide to Food Policy

Session co-organised by **Food Foundation**

The UK Food Foundation's Food Cities 2022 initiative aims to mobilise and support city authorities in ODA countries to develop and implement food policies, strategies and multi-stakeholder partnerships that aim to increase access to healthy diets and generate a positive impact of urban food systems as they respond to the COVID-19 emergency. The initiative is a learning partnership that facilitates peer-to-peer exchange and offers an online platform with tools to guide cities in developing urban food systems solutions. The session describes the key stages to initiating a Food Policy/Strategy and participating cities explain their experience of beginning the process of developing a food strategy.

With the cities of
Birmingham
Bordeaux
Mouans Sartoux

Urban food policies Pecha Kucha

Session co-organised by **CEMAS**

Loosely embracing the innovative presentation format known as Pecha Kucha, this session aims to generate an open space for cities to present their policies and projects exceeding the scope of the themes of the parallel sessions. Cities share their experience and get feedbacks and comments from peers around the world.



5 Institutional dinner & Field visits

Institutional dinner

The Institutional dinner moves from the idea of creating a sustainable gastronomic experience thanks to a menu developed by 5 great chefs from Slow Food Barcelona. Their proposal consisted of a low-carbon plant-based menu, exclusively prepared with seasonal and organic food, coming from small local producers, reflecting the peri-urban and regional agro-biodiversity. Through these dishes, the chefs wanted to convey the values which we should all encourage, for the good of our people and planet.



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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mufpp/albums/72157720139569313>



Field visits

Barcelona History Museum MUHBA contributes to the World Capital of Sustainable Food with the exhibition “Feeding Barcelona. City, supply and health”, it brings together the study of Barcelona’s supply throughout its history, research on the city’s hospital and healthcare history.

Fishermen’s Guild of Barcelona, Marina Monsonís is a visual artist who works with social transformation processes, she offers a tour that transmits her knowledge on the types of fishing, environmental impacts, discarded and forgotten species, “trash cooking” and working people’s struggles.

Sants Market, Barcelona is a city of municipal markets and these facilities have left imprint on the character of the city and its inhabitants. These municipal markets have become a benchmark of life in the neighbourhoods of Barcelona.

Can Calopa de Dalt is a publicly owned farmhouse located in the midst of the Collserola Natural Park, home to the only wine made in the city of Barcelona. The social cooperative L’Olivera runs the farmhouse, promoting organic agriculture through a social commitment.

Baix Llobregat Agrarian Park

The delta and the lower valley of the Llobregat river is an example of cultural, economic and ecological heritage located in the center of the most populated area of Catalonia. Spread over 3,300 protected and self-managed hectares, it represent the peri-urban agriculture in the city, the multifunctionality of agriculture and the role of public institutions in promotion of agricultural production.

Mercabarna, Biomarket and Centre for Food Use

Mercabarna is a major driver of the food sector in Catalonia, a veritable food city that operates year round to supply food to the public with nearly 600 companies and 7,500 workers. The visit presents the Biomarket, the first wholesale market in Spain to specialise in organic produce. The Centre for Food Use is a pioneering project in the fight against food waste. It aims to optimise the sorting of food losses and facilitate their redistribution for human consumption amongst social organisations.





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