



Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Regionalisation process **ACTION PLAN 2021–23**

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Map of MUFPP regions and SC members.

Regionalisation process

Introduction

The MUFPP Regions Action Plan has the aim of providing an overview of the regional processes that the Secretariat and the Steering Committee members have been carrying out in preparation and during the 7th MUFPP Global Forum hosted in Barcelona in 2021.

Based on the assumption that cities face similar challenges and seek appropriate solutions for their specific geographical and socio-economic contexts, the Pact has created dedicated spaces to promote the regionalisation process.

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.

During the Global Forum 6 parallel regionalization strategy sessions were organized, where the Steering Committee members of the designated regions, presented to their cities a draft of their leadership plan to discuss 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 "State of the Pact and regionalisation strategies".

Steering Committee efforts

The Secretariat is responsible for a wide range of activities within the MUFPP community: engaging new signatory cities; developing partnerships with relevant stakeholders and institutions; engaging in international food-related policy and advocacy processes; supporting elections and work of the MUFPP Steering Committee; organizing Global and Regional Fora together with hosting cities; organizing the Milan Pact Awards.

The MUFPP governance is ensured by a Steering Committee, elected by the assembly of signatory cities every two years, representing different geographic areas. It provides strategic oversight to ensure the MUFPP mission and mandate are fulfilled.

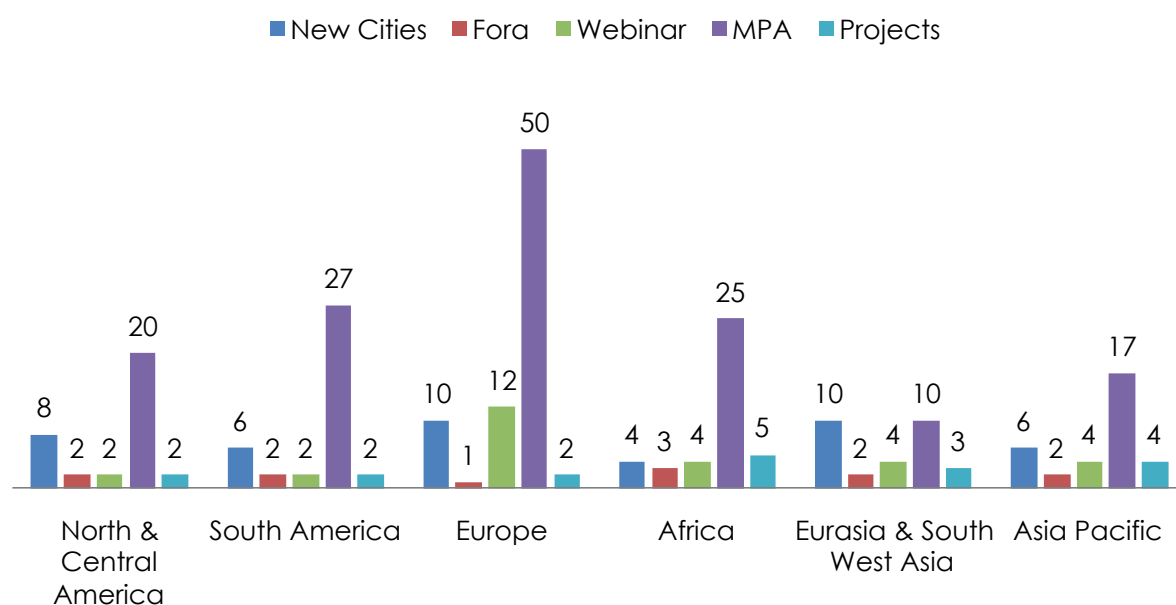
The MUFPP Regions Action Plan is the result of the Secretariat input to the Steering Committee representatives to define a targeted Leadership Plan per each region, in order to share their vision related to their specific context in terms of opportunities, challenges, goals and regional partners for the next three years.

In the section below all Leadership Plans are presented together with a general overview. The regional representatives of the Steering Committee have been in charge of structuring and developing the plan for each region. The MUFPP Secretariat is responsible for monitoring their implementation and supporting the SC members in transversal activities or connections to infra-regions.

Regional goals

The efforts of the Steering Committee define a set of ambitious goals for our community of cities summarized in the table below.

Over the next years, the goal is to engage about 40 new cities, organize 12 regional fora and 28 regional webinars to exchange good practices and food system knowledge, to share about 150 practices through the MPA and organize 18 project opportunities to advance our food policies.



REGIONS	State of the Pact			Regional Goals 2021-23				
	Cities	MPA	Fora	New Cities	Fora	Webinar	MPA	Projects
North & Central America	24	53		8	2	2	20	2
South America	20	70	2	6	2	2	27	2
Europe	99	154	10	10	1	12	50	2
Africa	37	57	4	4	3	4	25	5
Eurasia & South West Asia	18	20	1	10	2	4	10	3
Asia Pacific	18	19		6	2	4	17	4
				44	12	28	149	18

North & Central America

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



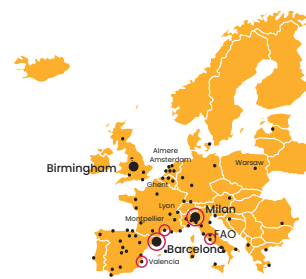
South America

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

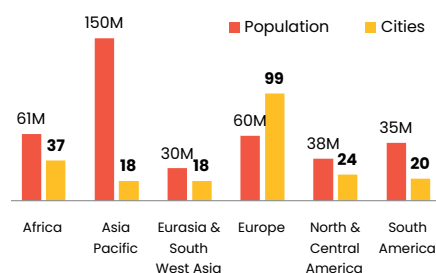


Leadership Plans

State of the Pact

At the 7th MUFPP Global Forum hosted in Barcelona in 2021, the plenary session State of the Pact and regionalisation strategies provides an overview of the 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 about 400 practices, have contributed to the creation of a common platform of food policy knowledge that continuously promotes the dissemination of innovative solutions.



Recordings of the session

<https://youtu.be/C3rYEzbexXI>





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North & Central America

REGIONAL CONTEXT

From the food system perspective, the North & Central America region presents a very diverse area. In order to better understand the regional context, it was fundamental to analyse one by one the two main parts that compose the region.

In North America, as is the case in many regions, COVID-19 has both exacerbated food insecurity and exposed the infrastructure weaknesses in our regional supply chain. Underlying this, structural inequities, such as racism and socio-economic disparities, have only widened or have been brought more to the forefront in discussions around food systems. Additionally, the ever-present threats caused by the global climate emergency impacts both our ability to produce food and accelerates farmland loss. Despite these challenges, there is limited support for systemic, cohesive efforts to rectify these root inequities and overcome these barriers to true food system transformation. As an example, under the previous federal administration, the US pulled away from many of its international commitments that had symbolic and practical impacts on food systems in the region. However, with the new federal administration in place, there is a seemingly more positive outlook on integrating food system policies in broader systemic efforts to reduce inequities and increase resources to those producing, harvesting, processing, transporting, preparing, and serving our food. For example, the federal government has established and is now putting more resources (including funding opportunities) behind a new office of Urban Agriculture & Innovative Production. Additionally, the significant influx of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act will support aspects of food systems transformation through 2025.

As it is the case globally, the food system in **Central America** faces important challenges in terms of health, sustainability, resilience and social inclusion that negatively impact people's quality of life, social cohesion and the environment. In the face of the COVID 19 pandemic, the needs and problems that exist in our region to access a minimum of the basic food basket became more evident, with a balanced diet being a distant point in the objective of families, especially with limited resources. In addition to this, local markets, agroecological fairs, goods from local producers, are in most cases difficult to find since there is a greater custom of buying in large supermarket chains. Furthermore, local produce also acquires a high monetary value which means that only a small part of the population is able to afford it.

There is an important loss of food, either due to the waste of citizens for their lack of conscience about their purchases and their consumption patterns, as well as for the environmental problems that lead to the loss of food during the supply chain.

However in recent years, a large number of initiatives undertaken pointed to a positive transformation of the food system. Indeed, there are a large number of initiatives related to health and food, food security, sustainable production, innovation in the agri-food sector and gastronomy as an engine of economic, social and cultural development promoted by a wide array of actors.

PARTNERSHIPS

NORTH AMERICA:

- **National** - US Conference of Mayors, US Department of Agriculture (Office of Sustainable Development, Office of Urban Agriculture & Innovative Production, etc.), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **International** - ICLEI, IPES-Food
- **NGOs** - Food Chain Workers Alliance, HEAL Food Alliance, National Young Farmers Coalition, American Farm Trust
- **Foundations** - Rockefeller Foundation, Ford Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Natural Resources Defense Council (NDRC)
- **Academic institutions** - Michigan State University, Johns Hopkins University, Duke Word Food Policy Center, Morgan State University, University of Berkeley

CENTRAL AMERICA:

- **International organizations:** FAO, ICLEI
- **NGOs:** Banco de Alimentos, Casa Makulis, Eco Guerreros
- **Foundations:** Fundación Moon Palace, FEYAC
- **Universities:** Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Universidad Anáhuac-Mayab, UADY- CCBA Lool Neek´ Huerto Urbano, Vida Sustentable, Muul Meyaj Meliponario Kaabil Chimayjo

REGIONAL GOALS

[8] **Membership** *Number of new relevant cities that sign the MUFPP*

[2] **Forum** *Number regional forum*

[2] **Webinar** *Number of thematic webinar*

[2] **Project** *Number of food policy projects promoted among the network*

[20] **Practice** *Number of food policy practices submitted by your region to the MPA per year*

Potential new signatory cities, e.g. Atlanta, Seattle, Philadelphia, Richmond, Houston, Boston, Salt Lake City

In 2022 a forum at the regional level can be carried out with Mexico and Central America to share the needs and problems that arise in the Latin American countries that are similar for the most part. A second forum could be held in North America in 2023. On the other hand, North America can aim to organize regional webinars aligned with the US Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting in January of each year.

Webinars and forums will be fundamental moments for new cities in the region, presenting the achievements that have been made in cities in the same region, presenting successful strategies and motivating new signatory cities. The region plans to submit at least 20 practices at the Milan Pact Awards 2022. Work among North American cities (primarily US) to develop a project proposal to secure funding to be able to do in-person peer-to-peer exchanges among signatory cities in the region.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021 activities

US cities will continue to meet biweekly under the umbrella of the US Conference of Mayors to share best practices and problem-solve through shared challenges, especially as the impacts of COVID-19 on the food system persist. These best practices are in alignment with MUFPP food system foci. All participating cities are implementing these best practices as part of each municipal officials' formal job description. At the same time, cities from Central America will continue to hold dialogue tables with cities of the region that are interested in the food system to identify together the common problems and to be able to collaborate on tackling these issues. Once identified the problems workshops, forums or webinars will be carried out to improve the situation.

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2022 activities

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North America can aim to organize regional webinars aligned with the US Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting in January.

Central America aims to hold the regional forum of Mexico and Central America inviting identified cities as possible new signatory cities, as well as those most involved in the food system.

Webinars and work meetings with the cities will be fundamental opportunities to promote the improvement of practices, the exchange of ideas and, at the same time, a moment to identify best practices..

The region foresees submitting a total of 20 best practices during the Call of the Milan Pact Awards 2022.

4 new cities will sign the Milan Pact.

2023 activities

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According to the forums, webinars and different meetings that have been held with the cities during the last two years, a project of our region may be carried out to present to the Pact committee. 4 new cities will sign the Milan Pact.



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South America

REGIONAL CONTEXT

The South American region is facing a rapid nutritional transition. Food consumption habits have changed in recent decades, leading to a reduction in the proportion of staple foods (such as cereals, tubers, fruits, vegetables and water) in the diet, while the consumption of foods rich in sugars, added fats and salt has increased. This has led to overweight and obesity coexisting with extreme poverty, malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies. An estimated 4 million children are overweight in the region. To this must be added the gender gap in the area of malnutrition.

Although the configuration of food systems in the region is very heterogeneous, they have common characteristics: inefficiency and exclusion; the high degradation and depletion of natural resources; the concentration of capital, infrastructure and technology; the concentration of marketing channels; inadequate diets and unsustainable consumption habits; inequitable and high prices. These inequalities were also reflected in the COVID-19 pandemic, which went beyond a health issue but also affected the area of food security.

Likewise, the loss and waste of millions of tons of food each year occurs in a context where millions of people suffer from hunger. Paradoxically, the region concentrates one of the fastest growing agricultural industries, a vast array of natural resources, great geographic diversity, and one of the largest food production and export markets in the world.

PARTNERSHIPS

- **FAO** - a partner lies in the fact that it is the agency within the United Nations specialized in Food and Agriculture.
- **MERCOCIUDADES** - Created in 1995, it is one of the most important networks of local governments in South America and a prominent reference in regional integration processes.
- **METROPOLIS** - World Association of the Major Metropolises, is the global network of major cities.
- **UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE ROSARIO** currently, the UNR decides to commit itself to one of the most serious and urgent problems that Latin America has: hunger in order to act as a bridge between scientific and technological development and the impact of that development on concrete policies.
- **UNIVERSIDAD DEL CENTRO EDUCATIVO LATINOAMERICANOUCEL**
- **BANCO DE ALIMENTOS ROSARIO BAR** is a social organization dedicated to recovering food that lost its commercial value but is fit for consumption and to distribute it among social organizations that provide a free food service.
- **LUPPA** - Urban Food Policy Laboratory was conceived as a tool to support cities to achieve healthy food systems for people and the planet, resilient to climate and economic vulnerabilities
- **ICLEI** and **UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE MINAS GERAIS (UFMG)**
- **Fórum de Pesquisadores (Researcher Forum) UFMG** The University of Minas Gerais Researchers Forum is a great partner of the Belo Horizonte Sub-Secretariat for Food and Nutritional Security. It gathers several academic researchers in the area of food security and agriculture.

REGIONAL GOALS

[7] **Membership** *Number of new relevant cities that sign the MUFPP*

[2] **Regional Fora** *Number regional forum*

[2] **Webinar** *Number of thematic webinar*

[2] **Project** *Number of food policy projects promoted among the network*

[27] **Practice** *Number of food policy practices submitted by your region to the Milan Pact Awards per year*

[9] **Other** *please describe (e.g. communications activities)*

South America aims to increase by six the number of new signatory cities in the region, incorporating at least two new countries: La Plata, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Canoas, Brazil; Salvador, Brazil; Santiago, Chile

It wants to promote the organization of meetings and political dialogue of members of the region in the framework of two Regional Fora (one per each year), along with the creation of two technical spaces for exchange and training (thematic webinars). The region aims also to develop projects involving different partners in the network within the scope of food policies. It also wants to stimulate the annual presentation of at least 27 practices from the region at the MUFPP Awards 2022. Another goal would be also to increase the visibility of MUFPP in South America: in order to achieve this three annual notes on relevant websites (Mercociudades, FAO, Metropolis) will be made.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021 activities

During the 7th MUFPP Global Forum, the Steering Committee representatives have organized a thematic webinar to gather signatory cities of the region and discuss their leadership plan for the two years ahead.

A Panel about the MUFPP will be organized in the scope of the International Seminar of the Secretariat for Food and Nutritional Security of the Municipality of Belo Horizonte. The Panel will disseminate the MUFPP and its activities and non-members of the region will be invited.

Two new cities in the region will join the MUFPP.

Preparation of a project between the Municipalities of Rosario, Belo Horizonte and a MUFPP city, to present to the ADELANTE Program of the EU, in its call for the year 2022. The project will aim to generate an alliance of common learning and shared experiences to promote Innovation and Sustainability in the Food System of the city of Rosario (Argentina).

In order to disseminate the MUFPP in the region: 1 brief will be produced on the Pact and its activities on the Mercociudades website; 1 brief on the Global Forum and the participation of the cities of the region will be published in the social networks of Mercociudades; 1 brief will be issued on the Compact and the Global Forum in the Latin America section of the Metropolis Newsletter.

Belo Horizonte and Rosario plan to join the core group and implement the Barcelona Challenge.

2022 activities

Promotion of the MUFPP activity in 2 new cities in the region.

Organization of the second Regional Forum in South America.

Submission of one project (Ex. Adelante)

Organization of one webinar.

Publication of 3 broadcast notes to increase the visibility of the MUFPP.

Submission of 27 best practices during the Call of the Milan Pact Awards 2022

2023 activities

Promotion of the MUFPP activity in 2 new cities in the region.

Organization of the third Regional Forum in South America.

Submission of one project

Organization of one webinar.

Publication of 3 broadcast notes to increase the visibility of the MUFPP.



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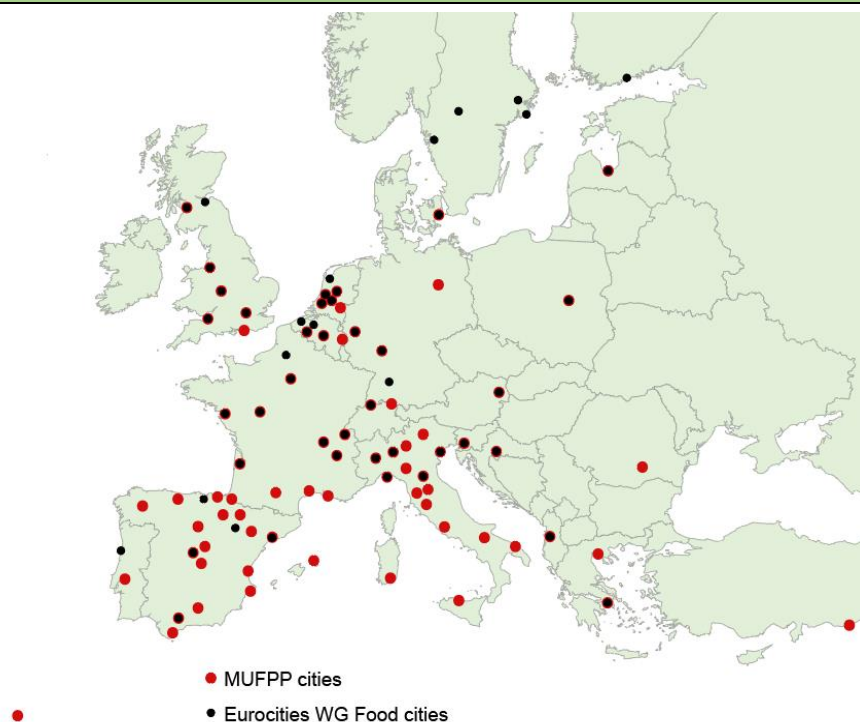
Europe

the leadership plan was drafted in October 2021 by the cities of Milan, Warsaw, Barcelona and Birmingham, as leading group of the Eurocities Working Group Food or MUFPP Steering Committee in Europe, than shared and discussed with the MUFPP European cities the 20th October 2021 during the 7th MUFPP Global Forum hosted in Barcelona.

REGIONAL CONTEXT

European cities strongly believe in the MUFPP potential in transforming their local food systems and altogether improve the European food system. Since the launch of the MUFPP, they have begun to work more and more together, developing a permanent network, a set of meetings, projects, and organizing joint advocacy actions towards the EU institutions.

The European interest in the MUFPP also became apparent due to the advisory role the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions had, in 2015, in the process of defining the content and international dissemination. In 2016 Eurocities, the organisation of major European cities, launched a dedicated Working Group Food that became the regionalization process of the MUFPP.



The relevance of the MUFPP in Europe, through the active role of different cities, also increased interactions within European spaces of debate and the most innovative EU food projects.

In 2016 the City of Milan, Cardiff University and Eurocities won a tender by the EU Commission to elaborate a report on the innovative actions of European cities in MUFPP implementation. Since 2017 Milan has a seat in the EU Platform for Food Losses and Waste lead by the EU Commission representing the voice of local authorities. In 2021 Eurocities participated in the JRC expert group on the building blocks for an EU sustainable food system law, expected by 2023, bringing there the role, best practice and challenges of cities.

The EU Commission's Food 2030 Expert Group has defined cities as new kind of actors that can make a difference in food-system transformation, and has proposed cities as an innovative partner for Europe in defining a multi-objective and multi-actor drive for responsible innovation across the food system. Through EU funded projects (Horizon2020, Urbact, DEAR, UIA, Life+) cities can strengthen their food policy processes thanks to the support of researchers and other stakeholders.

99 MUFPP Signatory Cities	5 MUFPP Global Fora	10 Regional Fora	154 MPA Food Practices	1 MPA Awards Winner	10 MPA Awards Special Mentions
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PARTNERSHIPS

The following table present the most interesting stakeholders for European cities that already declare an interest in working with MUFPP community.

Actor	Role
Eurocities	Establishment of the Working Group Food as neutral space to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> share knowledge among EU cities through meetings and webinars advocate actions towards the EU institutions codesign joint participation in EU funded calls for projects
EU Commission & other EU actors	Participation of EU Cities in platforms, working groups, meetings organized by the General Directions of the EC such as RTD, SANTE, EMPL, ENVI, AGRI, DEVCO
EU-based stakeholders	Thematic support from EU-based stakeholders during the activities of the sharing knowledge, joint project and EU advocacy in the field of: planetary health diets, circular economy for food, citizens engagement, start-ups and investments
National Network of cities	Relations with national city networks active on food ES, UK, FR, NL

REGIONAL GOALS

<p>[10] Membership new relevant cities that sign the MUFPP</p> <p>[2] Forum Number regional forum</p> <p>[12] Webinar Number of thematic webinar</p> <p>[2] Project Number of food policy projects promoted among the network</p> <p>[50] Practice Number of food policy practices submitted by your region to the Milan Pact Awards per year</p> <p>[20] Other news&materials on Europe to be shared via newsletter</p>	<p>European cities want to increase their knowledge of urban food systems, inspiring each others in order to strengthen our political commitment on urban food policies development. By doing local actions, European cities want to influence the European institution and national governments by raising the voice of cities on sustainable food system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve 10 key cities already active on food policy (covering countries with low membership e.g. Finland, Norway, Sweden Bulgaria, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Germany), Sharing food policy knowledge among the EU community of the MUFPP and Eurocities Maintain 2 Regional fora/Eurocities meeting per year, with thematic field visits Organization of the MUFPP Global Forum 2021 in Barcelona Raise the political' food voice of EU cities towards European and global agenda Increase +5 the number of practices from Europe to next call of the Milan Pact Awards 2022 (45 practices in 2019) Facilitate the activation of joint consortium to EU calls among member cities and sharing practices in a neutral space among the cities partner in EU projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horizon: Food Trails, FoodShift2030, FUSILLI, Cities 2030, FoodE, etc... Urbact: BioCanteens, BeePath Net, Next Agri, etc... DEAR: Food Wave, European Forum of Urban Agriculture Hank) More advocacy actions towards the EU institutions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food2030 Strategy Farm to Fork and its legislative framework European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and CAP EU Child Guarantee for the healthy meal in each school ESF+ for food aid distribution
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REGIONAL ACTIVITIES 2021-23

2021 activities

Month	Activities	Account	State
March	Online meeting on Food Aid during the pandemic <i>Policy brief on food aid in European cities</i>	EUR, MIL WAR	Done
September	Launch of the Eurocities Food Statement	EUR	Done
September	Online meeting on EU food proposal matchmaking	EUR	Done
October	7 th MUFPP Global Forum hosted in Barcelona	BCN MUFPP	Done
October	Meeting on EU Leadership Plan <i>European MUFPP Leadership Plan</i>	EUR, MIL WAR, BCN, BIR	Done
October	Launch of the Barcelona Challenge for Good Food and Climate during Global Forum	BCN	Done
October	Launch of the Cities Food Justice Pledge during Global Forum	BIR	Done
December	Online meeting on Food Environment & Childhood Obesity <i>Policy brief on childhood obesity in European cities</i>	EUR, MIL WAR	Done

2022 activities

Month	Activities	Account	State
January	Webinar on EU Child Guarantee	MIL, EUR	TBC
March	Online meeting among local politician active on food to share political perspective in order to share ideas about the definition of political goals for our cities		TBC
6/8 April	Field Visit in Grenoble during Eurocities Environmental Forum	EUR	TBD
22/24 June TBC	Meeting in Almere during Floriade 2022	EUR, MIL, WAR, BCN, BIR, MUFPP	TBD
	Webinar on EU Food System Law in the framework of Farm to Fork	EUR	
	Webinar on Barcelona Challenge for Good Food and Climate follow up	BCN	
	Webinar on diversity, culture and food systems in cities	BIR	
	Webinar on addressing Food Justice in urban food systems	BIR	
	Online meeting on EU food proposal matchmaking and brokerage event	EUR	
November	Meeting of the EU Cities in the 8 th MUFPP Global Forum in Rio De Janeiro	MIL	

2023 activities

Month	Activities	Account	State
	Webinar on the topic of xxxx		
	Webinar on the topic of xxxx		
	Online meeting on EU food proposal matchmaking and brokerage event		
Spring	Meeting in XXX on the topic of xxxx		
	Webinar on the topic of xxxx		
	Webinar on the topic of xxxx		
Autumn	Meeting in XXX on the topic of xxxx		
	Webinar on the topic of xxxx		



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Africa

REGIONAL CONTEXT

African cities face challenges related to urban food systems, the most important of which are:

- Growing increase of urban population
- Urban expansion on agricultural land
- Distance between places of production and consumers
- Lack of storage facilities which create disparities in access to healthy and quality food
- Food insecurity aggravated by climate change and terrorism
- Vulnerability of food systems to shocks, such as the COVID 19 pandemic.

According to the United Nations Human Settlements Program, sub-Saharan Africa has an average urbanization rate of 9% which will reach 55% in 2050. That represents 1.34 billion people to house, transport and feed in the African cities of tomorrow. Small and medium-sized cities are expected to urbanize the fastest.

African cities are growing with a marked densification of peri-urban areas to the detriment of fields intended mainly for agriculture. This phenomenon of urban sprawl, in addition to issues related to transport, infrastructure development and access to services, leads to land competition between the need for housing and the land to grow food. As a result, the cost of food increases as the places of production get further.

City's food system includes agricultural production, processing, delivery and distribution of products, which ensure food and nutrition security for city dwellers. Crisis and their consequences in terms of economic and social impacts have shown the importance of having efficient and resilient food systems. During the peak period of Covid -19 pandemic, restrictions intended to limit the spread of the virus (closure of borders and markets) have had significant consequences on the food and nutritional insecurity of the most vulnerable urban households who often only have access to so-called traditional markets for supplies.

Despite those challenges, local communities can use different levers to contribute to the sustainability of food systems and their resilience in the event of a shock. Throughout Africa, measures were taken to support the other links in the food system: facilitating storage by providing additional space, maintaining the circulation of goods to guarantee delivery, and supporting agricultural production capacities.

African cities are moving forward to implement progressive food system policies through city to city cooperation and multi-stakeholder engagement. African cities conveyed their engagements through multiple regional summits in Dakar, Brazzaville, Niamey and Ouagadougou. This year, Antananarivo and Ouagadougou are reinforcing their commitment to promote city to city cooperation and African Mayors' roles in the sustainable food policies.

PARTNERSHIPS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO • Region Ile de France • AFD (French Development Agency): Funding of Urban agriculture projects • European Union • GRET (Group For Research and Technology Exchanges): technical support and capacity buildings for cities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIMF (Association Internationale des Maires Francophones) • ACRA • WASCAL • RUAF • RIKOLTO • Mani Tese |
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REGIONAL GOALS

[4] **Membership** Number of new relevant cities that sign the MUFPP

[3] **Forum Number** regional forum

[4] **Webinar Number** of thematic webinar

[5] **Project Number** of food policy projects promoted among the network

[25] **Practice Number** of food policy practices submitted by your region to the Milan Pact Awards per year

[1] **Other** please describe (e.g. communications activities)

Our ambition for the Africa region is to facilitate the exchange of experiences between cities and to contribute to the creation of pilot projects based on common good practices. In order to contribute to the dynamism of the Milan Pact in the Africa Region, four (4) African capital cities will be co-opted, in addition to medium size cities of Burkina Faso and Madagascar.

Three (3) regional fora on the Milan Pact in 2021, 2022 and 2023 in order to strengthen the sharing of experience and promote good practices. The plan is to launch a call for candidates to host the next Regional Fora.

Four thematic webinars will be organized, including two (2) in 2022 and two (2) in 2023. Themes will be identified together with the stakeholders, signatory cities of the Milan Pact in the Africa region, partners and the Secretariat of the MUFPP.

25 good practices will be presented at the MUFPP Awards in 2022.

One (1) database of innovative projects related to urban food policies will be set up among which, five (5) high impact initiatives will be promoted within the Africa network of MUFPP

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021 activities

During the 7th MUFPP Global Forum, the Steering Committee representatives have organized a thematic webinar to gather signatory cities of the region and discuss their leadership plan for the two years ahead. The inputs will be used to plan regional webinars.

Prospection for possible city signatory (1 a least)

The region is planning to launch a call for candidates to host the next Regional Fora.

2022 activities

Prospection for possible two city signatories

Organization of 2 Webinars for African cities on a particular thematic (one can focus on the use of MUFPP Monitoring Framework by the city of Antananarivo)

Planning and Organisation of a Regional Forum

Submission of 25 good practices to the Milan Pact Awards 2022.

Creation of a database of innovative projects related to urban food policies will be set up among which, five high impact initiatives will be promoted within the Africa network of MUFPP.

2023 activities

Organization of two thematic webinars.

Planning and Organisation of a Regional Forum.

Prospection of a possible signatory city.



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Eurasia & South West Asia

REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Eurasia & South West Asia Region is a diverse area with different characteristics, which are expressed in various cultures, food consumption, food production, and means of transportation and different levels of food insecurity. From the deserts of the Middle East, through the steppes of Eurasia to tropical forests and mountain peaks in the Indian subcontinent. The different climates of the region present us with changing challenges. In dealing with the above mentioned challenges, it is possible to reach sub-regional outcomes and promote solutions to the most common challenges.

Special consideration should be given to children's diet and healthy nutrition. The focus on the children's diet could provide opportunities to tackle the challenges from the beginning, create a healthy diet culture, and reduce the need to deal with the consequences of unhealthy nutrition.

PARTNERSHIPS

Relations with partners in the region have been created thanks to the organization of the **1st MUFPP Regional Forum in Kazan**. Possible new partnerships in the Eurasia & South West Asia Region will be updated on occasion of the 2nd Regional Forum.

REGIONAL GOALS

- [10] **Membership** *Number of new relevant cities that sign the MUFPP*
- [1] **Global Forum** *Number global forum*
- [2] **Regional Forum** *Number regional forum*
- [4] **Webinar** *Number of thematic webinar*
- [3] **Project** *Number of food policy projects promoted among the network*
- [10] **Practice** *Number of food policy practices submitted by your region to the Milan Pact Awards per year*
- [1] **Other** *please describe (Subscription and implementation of Barcelona Challenge)*

As for 2021, Eurasia & South West Asia region has 18 members, 5 of which joined the MUFPP in June 2021 during the Regional Forum held in Kazan.

Indeed in June, the city of Kazan organized the first **Regional Forum of the region** on the topic Healthy Nutrition for Children. In 2021-2023, we plan to involve new cities from countries that are not yet represented at the MUFPP. It is important to actively involve old and new member cities at the ongoing MUFPP activities.

The city of **Moscow** that joined the MUFPP in 2015 during the Expo in Milan is interested in hosting either a Global Forum or Regional Forum in 2022.

In 2022 and 2023 we will organize **four thematic webinars** for the signatory cities of the region. The Eurasia & South West Asia region will actively encourage member cities to prepare their best practices and apply for the **Milan Pact Awards** in 2022. Both the city of Kazan as well as the city of Tel Aviv Yafo plan to join the Barcelona Challenge.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021 activities

From 1 to 3 June, 2021, the city of Kazan hosted the 1st Regional Forum in Eurasia & South West Asia. The Forum brought together Mayors, Russian and foreign experts in the field of healthy nutrition and healthcare from all over the world. During the events of the Forum, which included round tables, working sessions, lectures, and master classes, were considered opportunities for partnership and cooperation in priority issues of forming a healthy generation and preventing diseases through the prism of urban realities. Over 2 days, 37 online and 63 offline speakers spoke at 11 parallel sessions. The event was attended by more than 1000 participants who took part in round tables and discussion sessions from various parts of Russian Federation and 25 countries. On occasion of the Forum, 5 new cities signed the Milan Pact.

Both the city of Kazan as well as the city of Tel Aviv Yafo plan to join the Barcelona Challenge.

During the 7th MUFPP Global Forum, the Steering Committee representatives have organized a thematic webinar to gather signatory cities of the region and discuss their leadership plan for the two years ahead.

2022 activities

The city of Moscow is interested in hosting either a Global or a Regional Forum in 2022. The MUFPP signatory cities will be encouraged to submit at least 10 best practices to the Milan Pact Awards. The city of Tel Aviv Yafo is interested in strengthening the Israeli cities that are part of the Milan Pact and plan to hold two meaningful sub network gatherings. At least two webinars should be held throughout the year each initiated and organized by the Steering Committee Member cities (Kazan and Tel Aviv). Three new cities from the region will sign the Pact.

2023 activities

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REGIONALIZATION SESSION

Participants of the Regionalization session of Eurasia and South West Asia Region agreed to recommend to the MUFPP Secretariat to consider including Russian as one of the official languages for the future Milan Pact global events such as the next Global Forum in Rio-de-Janeiro. Given the fact that not only in Russia, but also in Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries and some Eastern European countries, Russian language is commonly used, it would facilitate more active participation of the city representatives across all the sessions of the next Global Forum.



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Asia Pacific

REGIONAL CONTEXT

We define food system transformation in our region (the Asia-Pacific area) as establishing a sustainable food system (SFS) that provides food security and nourishment for all while not jeopardizing the economic, social, and environmental foundations for future generations. In line with SFS, in our region, climate change, growing urbanization and land degradation, shortage of natural resources such as water, and trans-boundary pests and illnesses all pose difficulties to food and agriculture.

Because of the Covid-19 epidemic, this problem is becoming more difficult. Asia Pacific continues to have the highest number of malnourished people, and even high-income countries are grappling with multiple malnutrition burdens. Other issues confronting the Asia Pacific area must be addressed collaboratively.

Regional discourse is required to be able to act together as a region and grasp the region's links, but also to be able to contribute to the network as a whole. Furthermore, we are currently dealing with a suboptimal supporting policy, which means that efforts to assist SFS are not adequately protected by local government rules.

However, we are confident that the intricacy of our SFS situation needs a more comprehensive and coordinated solution. We have completed “**penta-helix**” **collaborations** including the government, universities, business, media, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). We are positive that what has been done in the development of urban farming in the region, for example, has expanded in number, especially given the benefits to the environment, economy, social, and health.

Calls for more attention to urban food have recently grown in all parts of the world, and their impact is being noticed in Asia Pacific. This is an excellent chance for us to expand SFS in our region.

In April 2021, the Milan Pact Secretariat organized with Bandung, Seoul and Italia-ASEAN association the **first MUFPP Asia Pacific Webinar** engaging about 100 participants throughout 19 Asia Pacific cities from 7 countries, this facilitates the MUFPP sharing in the region and opening opportunity of collaboration with IURC, EU Delegation and new cities like Sydney and Wellington.

PARTNERSHIPS

A list of possible partners in our region (Regional Institutions, NGOs, Universities, Foundations, Private Sectors, other organizations) with transnational relevance, that can support us and the MUFPP network in archiving our goals:

- **International Non Governmental Organization/NGO** (Rikolto) and local NGO (Gita Pertiwi, Indonesia berseru, pasar rakyat), Italia-ASEAN Association;
- **Public institutions:** The Korean Dietetic center, Seoul Research Institute of Public Health and Environment, The Seoul Institute, Seoul Eco-Friendly Distribution Center, Wageningen Care Farm Research, IURC Asia and Australasia, ICP;
- **Universities:** Seoul National University, Korea University, Konkuk University, University of Seoul, Duksung women's University, Chungbuk National University, Kyung Hee University, Shingu University, Seoultech University; Parahyangan University (UNPAR), UPJ (Univ pembangunan Jaya), Machun University, Prasetya Mulya Jakarta, Binus University, Tampere Univ Finlandia, Ughent Belgia, HTH Belanda.
- **Civic groups:** Slow Food Korea, Center for health and social change, Consumers Korea

REGIONAL GOALS

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- [1] **Other** *please describe (e.g. communications activities)*

During our mandate as a Steering Committee members, we are aiming for **six memberships**, two from Indonesia (Malang-East Java and Denpasar-Bali), two from Korea (Gyeonggi-do Chungju city) and two from ASEAN (Penang & Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam).

The region aims to organize **two Regional Fora** online in 2022 and 2023. In addition, **4 webinars** will be held twice a year, 2 organized by each Steering Committee representative.

Regarding the **Milan Pact Awards**, thanks to the collaboration of the whole region and to the new members Asia Pacific foresees to submit 17 new practices to the Milan Pact Awards 2022.

About projects, Bandung intends to promote the development of food policies among the network starting from tangible policy applications (e.g. Kang Pisman and Buruan SAE). In this context there will be the publication of a book and a campaign initiative.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021 activities

Preconditions, looking for interested members and compiling a list of stakeholders.

By hosting the 2021 Seoul Urban Food International Conference, Seoul aims to discuss ways to transform the urban food system that can better cope with climate change.

During the 7th MUFPP Global Forum, the Steering Committee representatives have organized a thematic webinar to gather signatory cities of the region and discuss their leadership plan for the two years ahead.

2022 activities

Organization of annual webinar for 2022 on Urban Farming, inviting other cities to adopt food policies by promoting "Buruan SAE" as our practice of integrated urban farming experience. In 2022 Seoul plans to organize the Seoul Urban Food International Conference.

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Organization of a Regional Forum online in 2022.

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3 new cities will sign the Milan Pact (at least one city from a new country).

2023 activities

Organization of annual Webinar for 2023 on Food waste management, inviting other cities to adopt food policies by promoting "Kang Pisman" as our practice experience.

Organization of a Regional Forum in Asia Pacific.

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Seoul plans to prepare the bid for the MUFPP Global Forum (2024).

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Regionalisation process

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