The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Secretariat is proud to announce the sixth edition of the Milan Pact Awards, a joint initiative of the City of Milan and Fondazione Cariplo.

Since its launch, the Milan Pact Awards gathered a total of 370 practices from MUFPP signatory cities. The MPA Ceremonies were organized during the last Global Fora in FAO-Rome 2016, Valencia 2017, Tel Aviv 2018 and in Montpellier 2019. In 2020 a special edition of the Milan Pact Awards was launched: the Milan Pact Talks, a collection of videos aimed at sharing food policies responses during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 2022 Milan Pact Awards Ceremony will be hosted in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) during the 8th MUFPP Global Forum, from 17-19 October. SAVE THE DATE!

The purpose of the Milan Pact Awards is to promote Mayors’ actions on developing “sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, that provide healthy and affordable food to all people in a human rights-based framework, that minimise waste and conserve biodiversity while adapting to and mitigating impacts of climate change”.

The Awards are also an initiative that aims to recognize innovation and stimulate good practices exchange among MUFPP signatory cities.

This call asks MUFPP cities to submit from 1 up to 3 practices connected to the six MUFPP categories. Please follow the guidelines for submission that explain the awards’ criteria and the evaluation process. This year the Secretariat offers the opportunity to those who send in their applications by 1st May (early bird submission deadline) to receive tailored feedback in order to improve and strengthen their application and then submit it again for final evaluation. The deadline for receiving submissions is Wednesday, 15th June 2022.

The Evaluation Committee will assess submissions through three criteria: innovation, impact, inclusion. The highest scoring practice for each of the six MUFPP categories will be awarded with the participation to the MPA Retreat and Fellowship Programme.

From 2022 onwards the Milan Pact Awards will be held every two years. This new scheme will allow the MUFPP community to boost the best practices exchange. The year following the Milan Pact Awards ceremony, the six winning cities will participate in the MPA Retreat, a three-day fully covered mission in Milan during 2023. The MPA Retreat will be the trigger for the development of the MUFPP Fellowship Programme. Within this programme, the MUFPP Secretariat will foster the knowledge exchange between cities participating in the MPA 2022 through a peer learning mechanism.
1. Requirements
Cities applying to the MPA can submit up to three food policy practices (one form per each practice). Cities that applied to previous MPA editions are welcomed to submit new or updated food practices. Submissions from cities may be in English (preferred), French or Spanish.

A food policy practice eligible is any policy, strategy, program, project, action or initiative that is initiated, lead, supported or sponsored by the city government which addresses or is related to the food system (governance, production, transformation, logistics, distribution, consumption and waste) as enshrined in the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.

A food policy practice can be considered eligible for the Milan Pact Awards, when the applying city has:
1. signed the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact;
2. sent the MPA application by Wednesday 15th June 2022 by email to mufpp.award@comune.milano.it with the object “NAME CITY_MPA2022_MUFPP Category” (e.g. for a practice submit by the City of Milan on MUFPP Category Governance: “MILAN_MPA2022_Governance”).

A complete application is composed by one submission form per practice (form attached) and Fellowship form (one per city) and the letter of the Mayor dated and signed by the Mayor on municipal letterhead (draft provided), one per city.

2. Instructions
Cities submitting their practices, up to three, are asked to complete the submission form (one per practice).

I. Basic information
Section I.A asks for general information about the city and contact person.

Section I.B is dedicated to the practice you are submitting, asking for the title and additional information on the practice.

Section I.C features a set of mandatory attachments: Letter of the Mayor (dated and signed by the Mayor on municipal letterhead) and pictures and/or short video (at least one is required, both are welcomed) related to the practice.

II. Description of the practice
As the awards are evaluated in relation to the categories of the MUFPP, section II.A asks to indicate the primary category to which the practice is associated. Even if the practice is cross-cutting with other categories, it is mandatory to choose one category as the principal and most relevant one. Please note that interactions across categories are welcomed and will be evaluated in the “inclusion” criteria (section III.C).

Section II.B asks to indicate up to three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order of relevance to your practice. Please refer to the complete text of the SDGs.
Section II.C asks for a **description of your practice** including the context, needs and reasons behind its implementation. Please illustrate the objectives of the practice, its beneficiaries as well as key lessons learned and outcomes.

The implementation of the practice must have already started. Thus, in section II.D it is required to declare its **starting date** and indicate whether the practice is ongoing or completed (if that is the case, please specify when). Please also indicate if the practice has already been submitted in previous editions of the MPA.

Section II.E asks for a list of **actors and stakeholders** involved in the practice. Please declare the city departments or municipal agencies involved and note that also the partners outside the municipality that have a role in your practice such as academic, non-governmental, private sector or donor organizations should be indicated. Please indicate the type, the number and the name of stakeholders involved.

In section II.F asks for the total budget of the practice (in euro) and a brief explanation of how it is funded.

### III. Award criteria

There are **three criteria** of assessment adopted by the Evaluation Committee. This section asks to prove how your food practice meets the three criteria. A maximum of 1500 characters (spaces included) may be used per each criterion.

The **Evaluation Committee** will assign a numerical value from 1 to 10 points for each criteria in order to identify the **highest scoring** practice for each MUFPP category.

**A. Innovation**

Local food policies are continuously evolving to meet old and new challenges such as social and economic inequalities, rapid urbanisation, spread of non-communicable diseases, climate change, biodiversity loss and the post Covid-19 recovery so to name a few.

Describe to what extent your practice provides innovative approaches and solutions to food policy development. For example, your city’s practice might be a first experience of its kind in the world or in your region.

**B. Impact**

Based on **quantitative data**, using indicators or targets please describe how your practice is delivering social, environmental and/or economic impact on your food system.


**Social impact** is primarily about the inclusion of vulnerable groups such as children, elderly, people with disabilities and/or displaced/migrants also considering the gender dimension.

**Environmental impact** concerns the impact of food policies on the environment (CO2 eq. and GHG reduction, water and soil consumption, biodiversity conservation and restoration, etc.)

**Economic impact** concerns the financial impact of your action budget-wise (e.g. direct costs, financial tools, savings, etc.).

Please highlight the short and long term financial sustainability of your practice.

**C. Inclusion**

To be effective a food policy should have a holistic approach that considers in its design and implementation several dimensions, such as: different **food system fields of action** (e.g. more MUFPP categories at the same time), involvement of a **broad range of actors and stakeholders** (like municipal departments and agencies, private sectors, charities, NGOs, researchers, etc.), the **territorial inclusion and scale of intervention** (like specific neighbourhoods, the whole city, the metropolitan scale).

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**Awards Ceremony during the 8th Global Forum of the Milan Pact hosted in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) 17–19 October 2022**
IV. Challenges and learning needs

This section gives the opportunity to highlight and map the challenges and learning needs that you are facing to implement and scale up this specific practice you are submitting. This information will be considered for your participation in the Fellowship Programme. It will be used by the MUFPP Secretariat to match cities willing to participate in the MUFPP Fellowship Programme. It will also help to better promote the sharing of experiences and exchange with other MUFPP signatory cities.

Please note that this section will not contribute to the score assigned to your practice.

V. Fellowship Form

The MUFPP Fellowship Form needs to be filled out by all applying cities. It asks for general information about the city’s food policy. The MUFPP Secretariat will use this information to set up the MUFPP Fellowship Programme by creating and matching mentor and mentee cities for knowledge and skills transfer throughout 2023. Since the Fellowship form asks for general information about the city not related to the practice, applicant cities should fill out one fellowship form, regardless of the number of practices submitted.

3. Evaluation process and MPA Ceremony

After the deadline of 15th June 2022, the Evaluation Committee, composed of international experts will assess submissions and assign a value from 1 to 10 points for each of three criteria.

The Evaluation Committee will identify the highest scoring practice in each of the six categories of the MUFPP. The six winning practices will be awarded at the 8th MUFPP Global Forum hosted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 17-19 October 2022 during the Milan Pact Awards Ceremony.

4. MUFPP Fellowship Programme

The 6 winning cities will participate in the MPA Retreat, a three-day fully covered mission in Milan during 2023. The MPA Retreat will be the trigger for the development of the MUFPP Fellowship Programme.

In fact, in 2023 the MUFPP Secretariat and Fondazione Cariplo, will launch the MUFPP Fellowship Programme, a peer learning mechanism involving the winning cities, as mentors on each of the six categories, and a set of mentee cities interested in transferring knowledge, experiences and skills and enabling joint problem solving.

Please for any additional information contact: mufpp.award@comune.milano.it

Good luck!