



Eurocities Working Group Food meeting & MUFPP Regional Forum

# Innovation and resilience for urban food system

Cities sharing knowledge to drive a sustainable transition

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## Meeting overview

Innovating food systems to make them more sustainable while building future-proof responses to local food crises and resilient networks of actors to work with will be at the centre of the next Eurocities Working Group Food & MUFPP Regional Forum in Europe hosted in Warsaw. Policymakers, officers, prominent stakeholders and researchers will gather explore impactful solutions to the pressing challenges faced in Europe on innovation and resilience.

*The agenda is still subject to possible changes and further refining. The start date and end time and date will not change.*

# AGENDA

## Day 1– Wednesday, 22 May

Venue : [Centrum Kreatywności Targowa](#), ul. Targowa 56, 03-733 Warszawa

9.00 - 9.30	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
9.30 - 9.40	<b>Welcome words</b> Vice President of Warsaw Municipality
9.40 - 10.00	<b>Introduction of the meeting and State of the Pact</b> by Chair and Vice-chair of the Eurocities Working Group Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andrea Magarini, City of Milan</li><li>• Natalia Boitot, City of Warsaw</li></ul>
10.00 - 10.45	<b>Presentation of the work of Warsaw Municipality</b> Natalia Boitot and Warsaw team will present pilot actions developed in the <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Warsaw Food Lab and its methodology for innovation</li><li>• Elaboration of the response to the refugees crisis</li></ul>
10.45 - 11.15	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
11.15 - 12.30	<b>Workshop on Innovation and stakeholder engagement: how cities and metropolises can support and interact with Innovation?</b> Participants will reflect on challenges to innovate products and processes, and the engagement of different stakeholders, divided into groups for a guided workshop.
12.30- 14.00	<i>Lunch at the venue</i>
14.00 - 14.10	<b>Introduction</b> to the afternoon world cafe
14.10 - 15.30	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS World Cafe on resilience and responses to food crises</b> Cities representatives will share their experiences on crisis response and approaches divided into groups to share. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) <b>REFUGEES The Warsaw Food Lab on the refugee crisis</b> and the role of the city– basing on the report on grass-roots initiatives providing food for the refugees during the first months of the war (together with a representative from one of these organizations</li><li>2) <b>FOOD AID The Milan/Birmingham municipal operation centre for crisis:</b> the experience on the pandemic, drought, extreme climatic events affecting the local food system</li><li>3) Others tbd</li></ol>
15.30 - 16.00	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>

16.00-16.30	<b>Wrap up of the day and conclusions</b>
16.30 - 17.45	<b>Guided walk in the Praga district to meet local food-related initiatives</b> The Praga district is located on the right bank of the Vistula river and has a very specific history. The walk aims at linking local stories and culture to the food initiatives and places that create such a particular spot on the Polish capital city map.
20.00	<i>Official dinner offered by the City of Warsaw</i> Venue: Ship Fisherman on the Vistula River ( <a href="#">Bulwar Jana Karaskiego, 00-259 Warszawa</a> )

## Day 2 – Thursday, 23 May

Venue: [Centrum Kreatywności Targowa](#)

9.00 - 9.30	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
9.30 - 9.50	<b>Introduction of the day and of the Replication workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea Magarini, City of Milan</li> <li>• Natalia Boitot, City of Warsaw</li> </ul>
9.50 – 10.05	<b>Updates from the EU for cities and presentation of statement from EU cities for the next European Parliament and Commission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madeleine Coste, Eurocities</li> </ul>
10.05 - 11.00	<b>Workshop on Food Trails Replication</b> Breakouts discussions around the Food Trails Replication methodology and how to shape fruitful exchanges
11.00 - 11.30	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
11.30 - 13.00	<b>Workshop on Food Trails Replication – Continuation</b> Breakouts discussions around the Food Trails Replication methodology and how to shape fruitful exchanges
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch at venue</i>
14.30 - 15.00	<b>Discussion and final conclusions</b>
15.00 - 18.00	<b>Site-visits:</b> one visit to choose among 4 options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertical farm start up <a href="#">Listny Cud</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">MOST</a> farm cooperative/Urban Garden Motyka i Słońce</li> <li>• <a href="#">Foodtech.ac</a> - the accelerator of food startups in Warsaw (tbd)</li> <li>• The <a href="#">Academy of Inspirations</a> MAKRO (wholesaler)</li> </ul>
19.30	<i>Joint dinner</i> Venue to be confirmed (paid by participants' own expenses)

## Information on Warsaw

The Polish capital, Warsaw, is home to 1.8 million people within a greater metropolitan area of 3.1 million residents. The city has been a major hub for transport, tourism and industry in Poland and the European Union since the country's ascension to the bloc in 2004. After having signed the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) in 2015, the city decided to broaden its activities related to food issues. Since 2019 Warsaw has been the Vice Chair of the Eurocities Working Group Food.

### Warsaw's work on Food

The City established the Warsaw Food Lab together with the SWPS University to implement an institutional change and bring together local authorities, business, academic sectors, NGOs and citizens to co-create innovative solutions for a sustainable food transformation. It aims to function as a space to co-create and test food-related solutions, as well as a cooperative platform that could evolve into multi-stakeholder food governance structure.

The war in Ukraine caused an unprecedented humanitarian crisis in the city and the refugee crisis has reinforced already existing issues related to food logistics and distribution in Warsaw. The Food Lab team and the Food Bank decided to collaborate to optimise the food management in organizations receiving food donations by the Food Bank.

## Practical information

### Hotel suggestions

*All located close to metro stations – our venue will be easily reachable with the 2<sup>nd</sup> metro line*

[Hotel Novotel Centrum](#)

[Hotel Metropol](#)

[Motel One Tamka](#)

[Hotel Mercure Centrum](#)

[Holiday Inn Warsaw - City Centre](#)

[Hotel Mercure Grand](#)

[Ibis Styles Warsaw](#)

[The Westin Warsaw](#)

[Holiday Inn Express \(Rondo Daszyńskiego\)](#)

### Getting to the city centre from Warsaw Chopin Airport (Okęcie) with public transport:

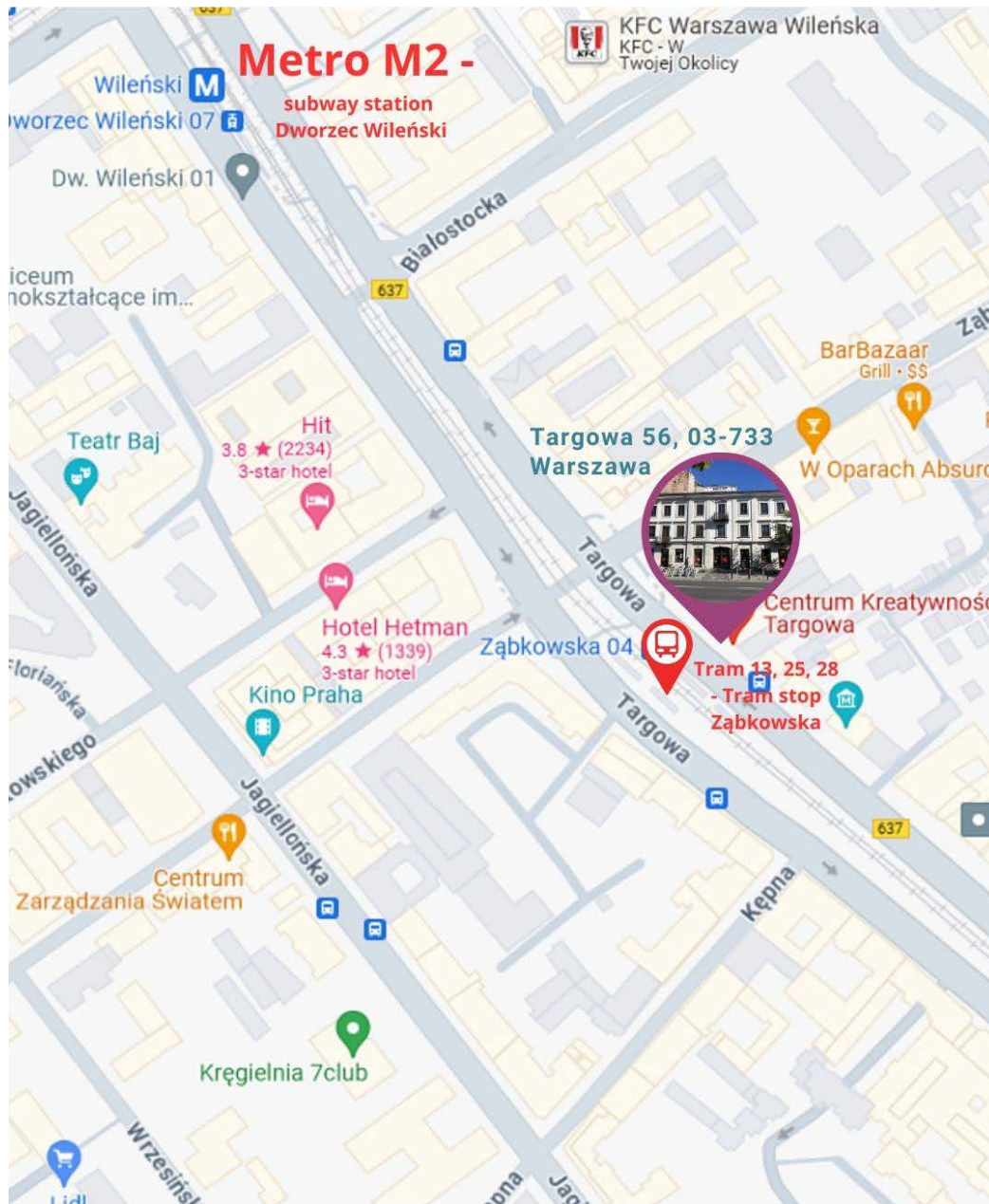
- **By Train:** The fastest option is to take the S2 or S3 suburban train from the airport's railway station, located beneath the terminal. Get off at the Warszawa Śródmieście station for central Warsaw.
- **By Bus:** Alternatively, you can take bus number 175. This bus runs from the airport and goes through the city center, stopping at key locations including the Central Railway Station (Warszawa Centralna).
- **By Taxi or Rideshare:** For a more direct route, consider taking a taxi or a rideshare service from the airport straight to your destination in the city center.

Choose the option that best suits your needs in terms of convenience and time.

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<https://www.ztm.waw.pl/en/>

## EVENT VENUE – Centrum Kreatywności Targowa



## HOW TO GET THERE! CENTRUM KREATYWNOCI TARGOWA

- The easiest way is to take the Metro line M2 towards Dworzec Wileński.
- Get off at Dworzec Wileński Station.
- Exit the station and walk to the Centrum Kreatywności Targowa, just a few minutes away.
- You can also take the following tram 13, 25, 28 that pass near the Centrum Kreatywności Targowa.

# Background information

## Eurocities Working Group Food

The Eurocities Working Group Food is a **creative hub of food policy knowledge** where information, ideas and good practices can be shared and investigating innovative solutions for urban food challenges. The Working Group is the European regional fora of the **Milan Urban Food Policy Pact**, the coalition of more than 200 cities worldwide committed to develop innovative food policy towards sustainable food systems. The network organises European advocacy actions, common EU projects and training meetings for food policy officers on specific topics for food policy implementation.

## The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact - MUFPP

The [Milan Urban Food Policy Pact](#) is the main legacy of “Expo Milan 2015”. It is the foremost global commitment of 280+ mayors from around the world that considers food as an entry point for the sustainable development of growing cities. It represents the main framework for cities and international stakeholders active in the definition of innovative urban food policies. Within its activities, the MUFPP promotes a regionalization process allowing signatory cities and regional stakeholders to meet and exchange knowledge regularly within their respective regions, in strong coordination with the Steering Committee. Among the different MUFPP regions, Europe strikes for its dynamism and proactivity, thanks also to the partnership with Eurocities and its Working Group Food.

Through this partnership, EU cities have gathered many times and worked on sharing knowledge, promoting joint projects and advocating towards the European bodies.

## The Food Trails project

Food Trails, a four-year project brings together a Consortium of 19 partners (including 11 EU cities, 3 universities and 5 prominent food system stakeholders), which will be followed by another 21 worldwide cities. Food Trails will provide city and regional governments and other agents of change with evidence-based policy narratives, co-designed and verified through the activities of 11 multi-objective and multi-actor Living Labs committed to addressing the 4 priority areas of the flagship FOOD 2030 framework. [www.foodtrails.milanurbanfoodpact.org](http://www.foodtrails.milanurbanfoodpact.org)

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