

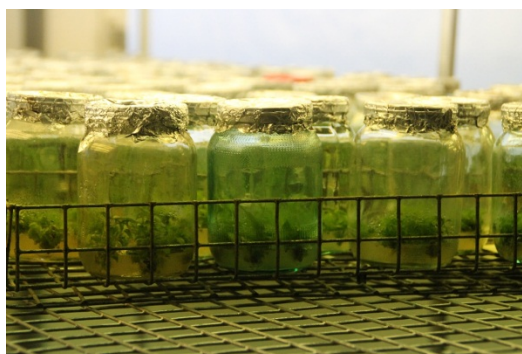


Sustainable food in Tukums, Latvia

The urban food strategies CoP used their meeting in Tukums last February for the further development of a brochure and conceptual framework on urban food strategies. They also reflected on their experience with knowledge brokerage including their use of different tools such as speed storytelling, gallery walk, cooperative timelines and triangular interviews.



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Moreover, the group visited the [Pure Horticultural Research Centre](#) to talk about integrated fruit growing, the collaboration between researchers and farmers in among others the school fruit programme. They also visited the Tukum's branch of the International Federation of the Red Cross, where they learned about food poverty in Latvia and the collaboration between NGOs, municipalities, charities, the church and SMEs in the provision of food assistance. Contact [Ana Moragues Faus](#) for more information.

Webinar on Urban Food Strategies

On 12 March from 15:00-16:00 (GMT), FOODLINKS and [PUREFOOD](#) will organise a webinar on urban food strategies. The webinar will start with a brief introduction by Professor Kevin Morgan. Next, Jessica Jane Spayde and Jess Halliday (PUREFOOD) will present the different structures and governance approaches that urban food strategies and food policy councils use in their work toward sustainable urban and peri-urban food systems. After the presentations, Dr. Ana Moragues Faus will moderate an interactive Q&A session. If you are interest to join in, just register here: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E953DA83824931>. For queries please get in touch: MoraguesFausA1@cardiff.ac.uk.



- [Food Security in the Non-City](#)
- [Growing Farmers](#)
- [Where next for food in London?](#)
- [NGOs urge citizens to Go MAD over the CAP Reform](#)
- [Theory U](#)

Upcoming Events 2013

12 March

15.00-16.00 (GMT)
FOODLINKS and
PUREFOOD webinar on
urban food strategies

16 April

10.00-12.00 (GMT)
FOODLINKS webinar on
social return on
investment in public
sector food procurement

23-25 April

Edinburgh
5th FOODLINKS project
meeting

29 July – 1 August

Florence
European Society of Rural
Sociology congress
[Join the FOODLINKS
Working Group](#) (WG 6)
Understanding
interactions between civil
society, market, policy
and research: towards the
construction of
sustainable food systems

16 October

Brussels
Final FOODLINKS
conference

Resources

- [Wikipedia page on short food supply chains](#)
- [Evidence document on short food supply chains](#)

Lessons from 4 weeks at Willem&Drees

Leo Dvortsin [gives insight](#) into the everyday practices of [Willem&Drees](#), a Dutch initiative that supplies local potatoes, fruits and vegetables to nearby shops and supermarkets. He spent a couple of weeks with them for his PUREFOOD secondment early 2013. He also describes the added value of local food and alternative food movements in a blog post. Here he discusses the question if we need scientific evidence to proof the value of the short food chain or if its social value is already proven by the growth of these types of initiatives. Feel free to [share your ideas](#)!



Photos by Leo Dvortsin

New CoP members

Short food supply chain CoP:

- Ciara Longman, Pollution and Sustainability Contractor at Royal Borough of Greenwich
- Luca Piccin, Scientific consultant at CIRAD
- Cristina Vicente-Almazán Castro, Consultant on Rural Innovation and Alternative Food Networks - Dynamis Valencia
- David Watson

Urban food strategies CoP:

- Carolyn Charles, Food Safety Officer - Northumberland County Council
- Alison Nelson
- Luca Piccin

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