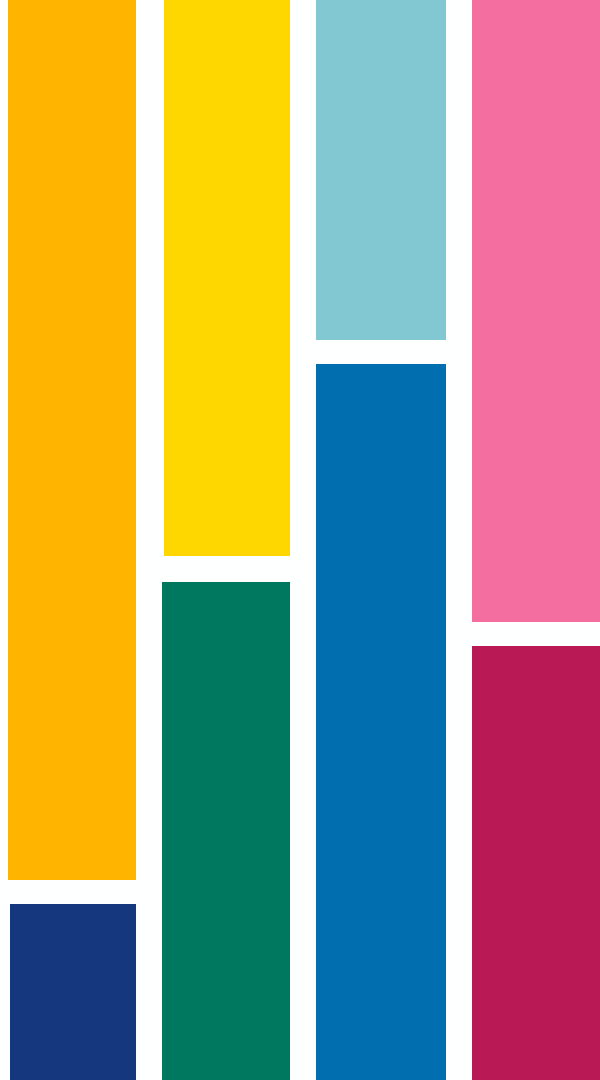# From Policy to Table: building capacity for sustainable food systems

Onboarding session – 9 October 2025

Agenda

- **Welcome and introduction** – Eurocities Academy & City of Parma (10')
- **Getting to know each other** –participants introductions (15')
- **Introducing the programme** – goals, structure, and key moments (15')
- **City challenges in food policy** – short city presentations (30')
- **The Action Plan** – your main learning tool (10')
- **Next steps and Q&A** (10')

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Participants introductions

Programme overview: goals

What it offers:

- A practical, hands-on learning journey for city officials and elected representatives.
- Combines **expert input**, **peer learning**, and **applied work**.
- Builds on real challenges from participants' cities.
- Results in a **draft Action Plan** for each city.

Partnership: Eurocities Academy & City of Parma (UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy)

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Programme overview: timeline

Online sessions

- **9 Oct – Onboarding:** introductions, expectations, city challenges
- **30 Oct – Thematic introduction:** food policy frameworks + practical info for Parma

In-person training – Parma, 13–14 Nov 2025

- Expert insights & case studies
- Peer learning & exchange
- Development of city Action Plans

After the training

- Peer feedback & follow-up on Action Plans

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Programme overview: Parma training (13-14 November)

Venue: Laboratorio Aperto, Complesso Monumentale di San Paolo

- **Understanding food systems**
  Governance, local policy and strategic framing

- **Food justice and food insecurity**
  Ensuring equitable access to food and tackling vulnerabilities

- **Case study: Bergamo's integrated food policy**
  Learning from Bergamo's experience with food policy

- **Sustainability and resilience in urban food systems**
  Reducing environmental impact and strengthening local resilience

- **Funding and implementing food policy (case study from invited city)**
  Mobilising resources, partnerships and governance

- **Food, gastronomy & economic development**
  Exploring how gastronomy can drive local identity and inclusive growth *(replaces parallel breakout sessions)*

- **Action Plan Lab**
  Cities share their drafts, receive group feedback, and co-create Action Plans

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City challenges

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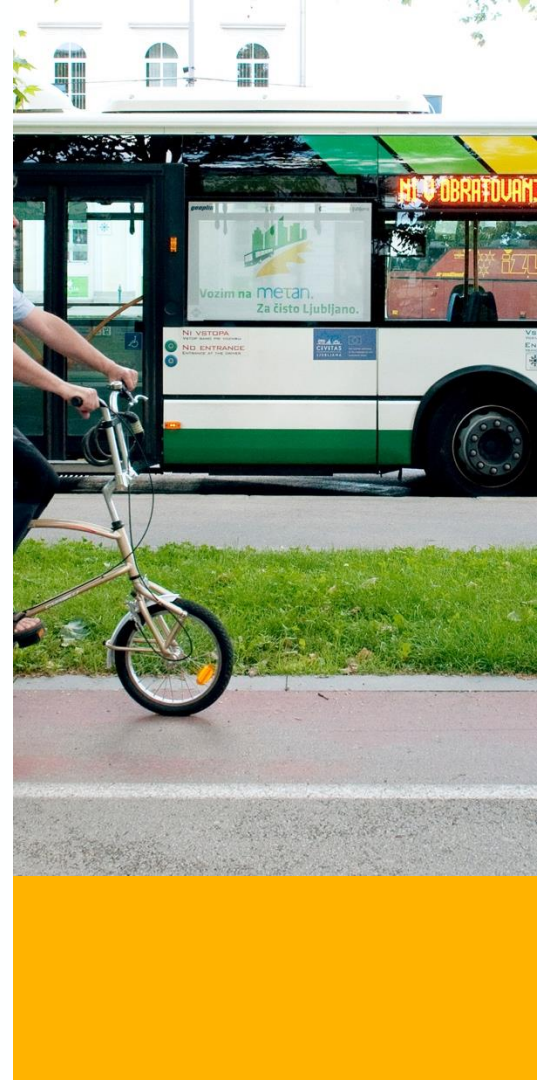
The Action Plan

A simple, structured tool to capture your learning and translate it into practical next steps for your city.

- Reflect on your city's food-related challenges.

- Develop goals, stakeholders, and actions.

- Link training content to your local reality.

How you'll use it:

1. *Before Parma* – fill in basic info (city, challenge, vision, objectives).

2. *In Parma* – work on actions, stakeholders, and timeline during sessions.

3. *After Parma* – refine and share with peer feedback.

Outcome:

- A short, city-specific draft Action Plan – not a formal policy, but a foundation for future development.

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Next steps

Before the next session (30 October):

- Read the *Welcome Pack* carefully

- Fill in the **first section of your Action Plan** (city info, vision, objectives)

- Log in to the **Eurocities Academy e-learning space**
  👉 https://odoo.eurocities.eu/academy

Next online session: Thematic introduction and practical information

Thursday, 30 October 2025 – 11:00–12:30h

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