

How municipalities in the Plain of Lucca are transforming their city-region food systems

In 2018, in the Plain of Lucca, a participatory process led four municipalities - Capannori, Altopascio, Porcari and Villa Basilica – to design a common food strategy to develop local, sustainable and just food systems. “**Piana del Cibo**” is the territorial food strategy that contains guiding principles, goals and actionable measures co-designed by these municipalities and more than 300 local stakeholders involved in the overall process.

Based on the **Food Strategy**, a dedicated governance structure has been designed, composed of several entities, ranging from the **Food Policy Office** to the thematic **Working Tables of the Agorà**. The latter is an open assembly, representing the diversity of local food stakeholders and contributing to decision-making on food matters. These entities collaborate for the **purpose of designing local policies in a coherent and integrated manner**.

To date, the Piana del Cibo has undertaken various **initiatives aimed at enhancing food education and raising awareness, promoting sustainable local food production, and implementing projects to improve access to nutritious food for recipients of food assistance**. Although these efforts have been constrained by the challenges posed by the pandemic, the initiative is currently in the process of reassessing and revitalising its endeavours. As part of the EU-funded FoodCLIC project, the municipalities will continue to build on these measures to promote food systems transformation, with a focus on food education, access to good and sustainable food for all, and local food supply chains.



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