



# FOODCLIC BROADENING CALL FOR PARTICIPATION - FAQ

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## GENERAL INFORMATION (FOODCLIC & BROADENING)

### WHAT IS FOODCLIC?

Learn more about the EU-funded FoodCLIC project [here](#).

Learn more about FoodCLIC's Broadening approach [here](#).

### WHO ARE THE CURRENT FOODCLIC CITY-REGIONS (LIVING LABS)?

The FoodCLIC pilot Living Lab city-regions are: [Aarhus](#) (Denmark), [Budapest](#) (Hungary), [Brasov](#) (Romania), [Berlin](#) (Germany), [Lucca](#) (Italy), [Barcelona](#) (Spain), [Amsterdam](#) (Netherlands), and [Lisbon](#) (Portugal).

### WHY BROADENING?

Within FoodCLIC, innovations - i.e. new approaches, processes, and policies - are planned and piloted in eight Living Lab city-regions with the aim to create long lasting systemic change within the city-regions' food systems and related fields. **In order to ensure the project's durability, we need to take action beyond the borders of the project's eight Living Labs.**

The Living Lab city-regions are collecting valuable experience with new, and possibly challenging approaches and experiences which they can share. These practical examples can provide input for other city-regions and be adapted to their specific contexts.

At the same time, Broadening city-regions are finding their own approaches and solutions to pressing food systems challenges, and are valuable partners to exchange with on approaches, challenges, and best practices to support cross-learning within the project.

The goal is to go beyond providing information, and rather to enable cities to take action and to identify successful approaches in different contexts - by sharing tools, templates, and processes, facilitating learning loops and exploring synergies.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

### HOW TO APPLY?

Interested city-regions can submit their application by filling out [this form](#) until 15 March 2024.

Applications will be reviewed by FoodCLIC project partners based on a [set of criteria](#).

## HOW DO YOU BECOME A BROADENING CITY-REGION?

Step 1. Apply using [this form](#) until 15 March 2024.

Step 2. The FoodCLIC selection committee reviews the applications, conducts any follow up with applicants necessary, and makes a selection.

Step 3. Sign a letter of commitment

Step 4. Co-develop a tailored work plan with FoodCLIC partners

Step 5. Implement the first 3 phases of the FoodCLIC process, participate in peer-to-peer exchange activities, and engage in international events.

If you have questions at any time before or during the process, please, contact [foodclic.beta@vu.nl](mailto:foodclic.beta@vu.nl).

## KEY FACTS & REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERESTED BROADENING CITY-REGIONS

### WHO CAN APPLY TO BECOME A BROADENING CITY-REGION?

City-regions across Africa and Europe are eligible to apply.

### WHAT IS A CITY-REGION?

A city-region\* is a geographic area comprising urban and rural areas. In the context of the FoodCLIC project, any African or European\* city, city-region or urban centre, province, area, town, township and rural centre with a common governing body can apply to become a Broadening city-region.

Please note that, as FoodCLIC aims to engage and strengthen cross-territorial linkages between and within rural and urban areas and actors in these areas, city-regions interested in FoodCLIC's broadening should aim to work on strengthening these rural-urban linkages and/or to improve relationships between different territories and territorial levels.

*\* City-regions located in an African country, in a European Union Member State or in a country associated to Horizon Europe (e.g. acceding, candidate, and potential candidates) are eligible to apply, according to Article 16 of the Horizon Europe Regulation.*

## WHAT ARE THE SELECTION CRITERIA TO BECOME A BROADENING CITY REGION?

The selection criteria are aimed at determining the compatibility of the city-region environment with FoodCLIC's Broadening Approach, level of city-region commitment, and staff resources available.

Applications will be assessed against [a set of transparent criteria](#) by a selection committee consisting of ICLEI experts and taking into account the advice provided by FoodCLIC's Think Tank members and the project coordinator.

## WHAT OBLIGATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, TIME INVESTMENT AND TASKS DOES THE ROLE AS BROADENING CITY-REGION ENTAIL?

By applying to participate as a Broadening city-region, city-regions are committing themselves to... providing a contact point for the city-region that facilitates the collaboration.

- securing support from local and/ or regional government leaders for participation in the FoodCLIC broadening process.
- dedicating staff time and a focal point for the co-design of project activities:  
Please note that the expected time investment required will vary from Broadening city-region to Broadening city-region. Broadening city-regions are expected to invest an appropriate amount of time in co-developing their individual work plan and participating in peer-to-peer exchanges as well as workshops and some obligatory reporting activities, in addition to overall project communication.
- co-organizing three local FoodCLIC workshops between June 2024 - June 2026 and engaging with key local stakeholders to ensure their participation in the workshops.
- regular exchanges and communication with the FoodCLIC consortium and input into reflexive learning activities and two status reports.
- participating in 1-2 international FoodCLIC-sponsored events, with travel budgets being provided.

City-regions will be asked to sign a letter of commitment and co-develop a tailored Broadening work plan. The work plan will be based on information provided in the application and conversations with FoodCLIC, and will outline roles and responsibilities, key dates and activities.

## WHAT IS THE TIMELINE OF THE BROADENING PHASE?

<u>November 2023:</u>	Launch of Call for Participation
<u>15 March 2024:</u>	Application deadline
<u>15 March - 15 April 2024:</u>	Dialogue with, and selection of Broadening city-regions
<u>April 2024:</u>	Selected Broadening city-regions sign the letter of commitment for participation.

As from May 2024: Regular peer-to-peer exchanges and initiation of the first of three phases of the FoodCLIC process that Broadening city-regions will go through, including and starting with the co-development of tailored Broadening work plans for each Broadening city-region with timelines.

October 2024: FoodCLIC mid-term international workshop

January 2027: FoodCLIC final international conference

## **BENEFITS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BROADENING CITY-REGIONS**

### **IN WHAT WAYS WILL A CITY-REGION BENEFIT FROM BECOMING A FOODCLIC BROADENING CITY-REGION?**

By participating in FoodCLIC, your city-region will join a cohort of other city-regions committed to sustainable food systems transformation. Through direct exchange, workshops, and participation in on- and offline events, all participating city-regions will have the opportunity to share experiences and successes in order to learn from each other. In particular, the FoodCLIC project will support and accompany Broadening city-regions in

- ... creating suitable connections between the areas of science, policy, and practice to strengthen your food system(s).
- ... developing data maps relevant to the needs and knowledge gaps in your city-region.
- ... developing a situation analysis that captures the state of your city-region's food system(s), key challenges, and opportunities for targeted interventions.
- ... producing a food systems vision, hand in hand with strategic pathways for change.
- ... summarising and structuring your concrete foreseen activities as a FoodCLIC Broadening city-region in a work plan.

In this context, Broadening city-regions will be provided with training, guidance materials and strategic support and benefit from peer-to-peer exchange and networking opportunities with Pilot city-regions, consortium partners, and knowledge experts.

A travel budget exists for Broadening city-region staff (1-2 persons per Broadening city-region) to participate in at least two in-person peer-to-peer learning activities and to attend FoodCLIC-sponsored activities, such as workshops, the mid-term, and the final international conferences, set to take place in Berlin in 2024 and Barcelona in 2026. Budget is available for Broadening city-regions, for the organisation of local workshops.

FoodCLIC aims to promote solutions to food system transformation and to contribute to the global visibility of leaders from, and measures taken at a local or regional level.

## **WILL THE BROADENING CITY-REGIONS RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT?**

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We will do our best to distribute the available budget very fairly among the future Broadening city-regions. Taking into account the geographical location, our aim is to ensure that both African and European cities can participate equally/ to the same extent in in-person activities that require travelling.

Please note that staff costs will not be covered. The Broadening city-region staff will be accompanied by FoodCLIC consortium members and supported through online dialogue and peer-to-peer exchanges taking place online and in-person (e.g., during workshops and conferences).

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION!  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US:  
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