

# The Spanish Network of Municipalities for Agroecology: cooperation and trans-local governance to address food policies and boost agroecological urbanism

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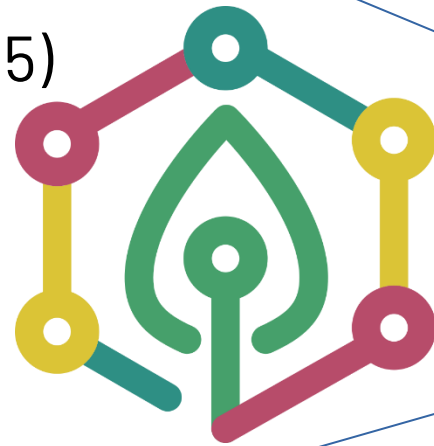


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# About Us

Official Network:  
Association of  
municipalities and  
provincial councils (35)



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Big cities and small  
villages

Food  
sovereignty

Participation

Right to healthy and sustainable food

Climatic change

Rural-urban links

**Food policies**



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# Our mission

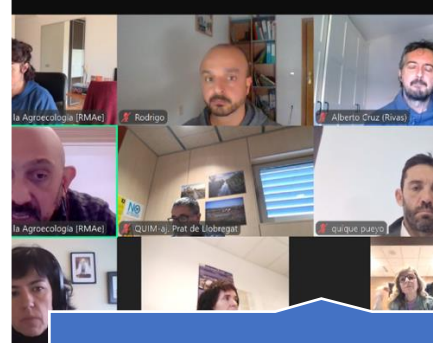
- **To help local administrations build local food systems** that are
  - sustainable, resilient, and environmentally friendly
  - inclusive, safe, and diversified
  - to ensure healthy, sustainable, and accessible food for the entire population
  - and that foster local employment.



# Governance



Regular assemblies twice per year



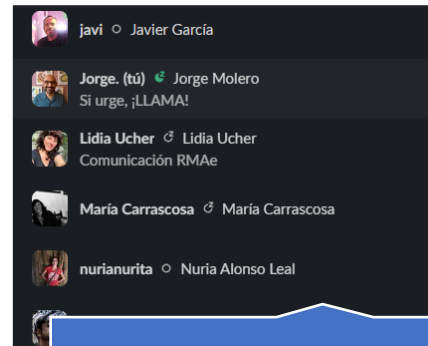
An active Board of Directors



A Social Organizations Council with over 37 participating NGO



Technical working groups

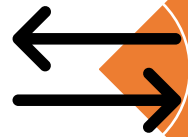


A dedicated technical secretariat





# Core activities



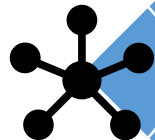
Knowledge exchange through **working groups and webinars & seminars**



Development of **technical resources and guidelines**



**Policy advocacy** at local, regional and national levels



Project coordination and implementation



# We deepen knowledge through projects



RURBACT project:  
Strengthening local food  
policies & producers (ECF)



LiveSeeding: Supporting  
organic seed systems  
(HORIZON)



Barcelona Challenge:  
Climate and food action (Aj.  
Barcelona)



Alimenta Territorios "Food  
strategies in small villages"  
(MITERD)



AESOP4Food (ESRASMUS+)



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# Recent Achievements



Publication of urban planning and food systems guidelines



Successful training programs for municipalities



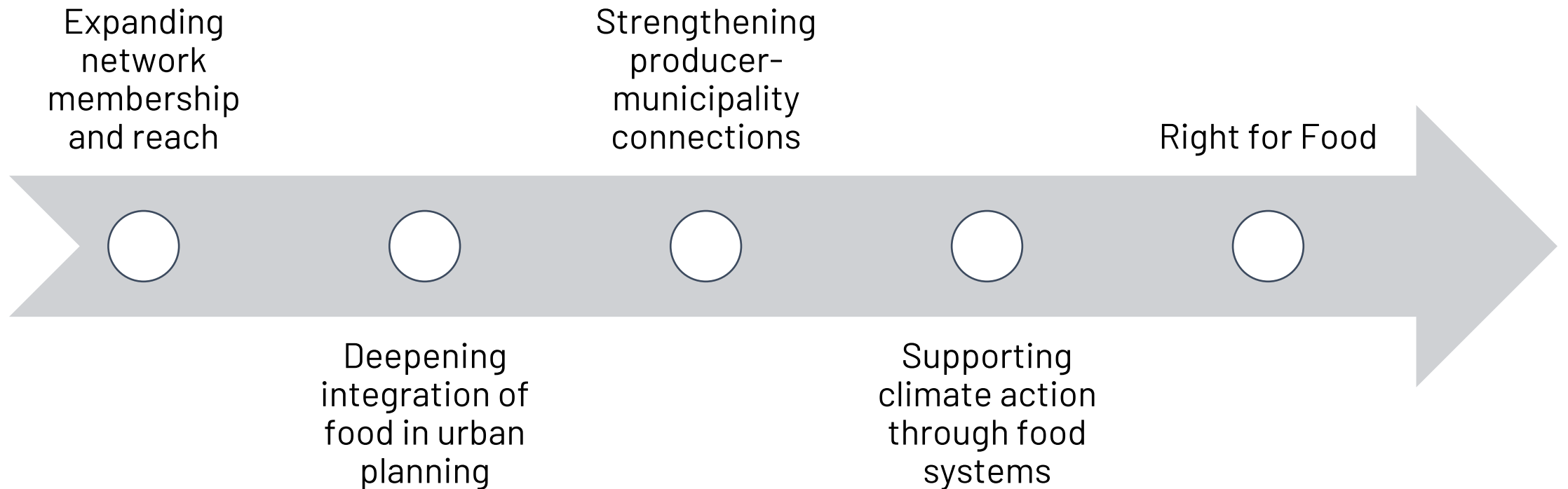
Growing network of collaborating organizations



International recognition and partnerships



# What next?



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# Urban Planning Integration

- Dedicated working group on agroecological urbanism
- Integration of food systems in urban planning tools
- Development of guidelines for municipalities
- Focus on territorial approach to food systems



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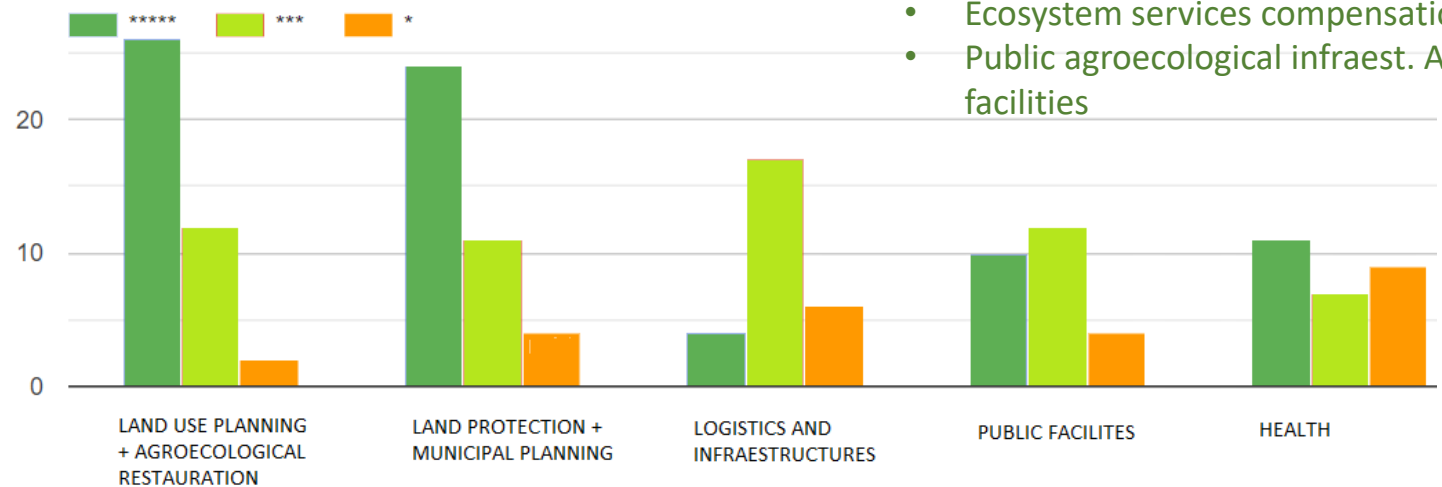
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# Basis for cooperation. Peers

- Technical approach
- Broadening the vision of what is possible
- Filling gaps of applied knowledge
- Topics decided together

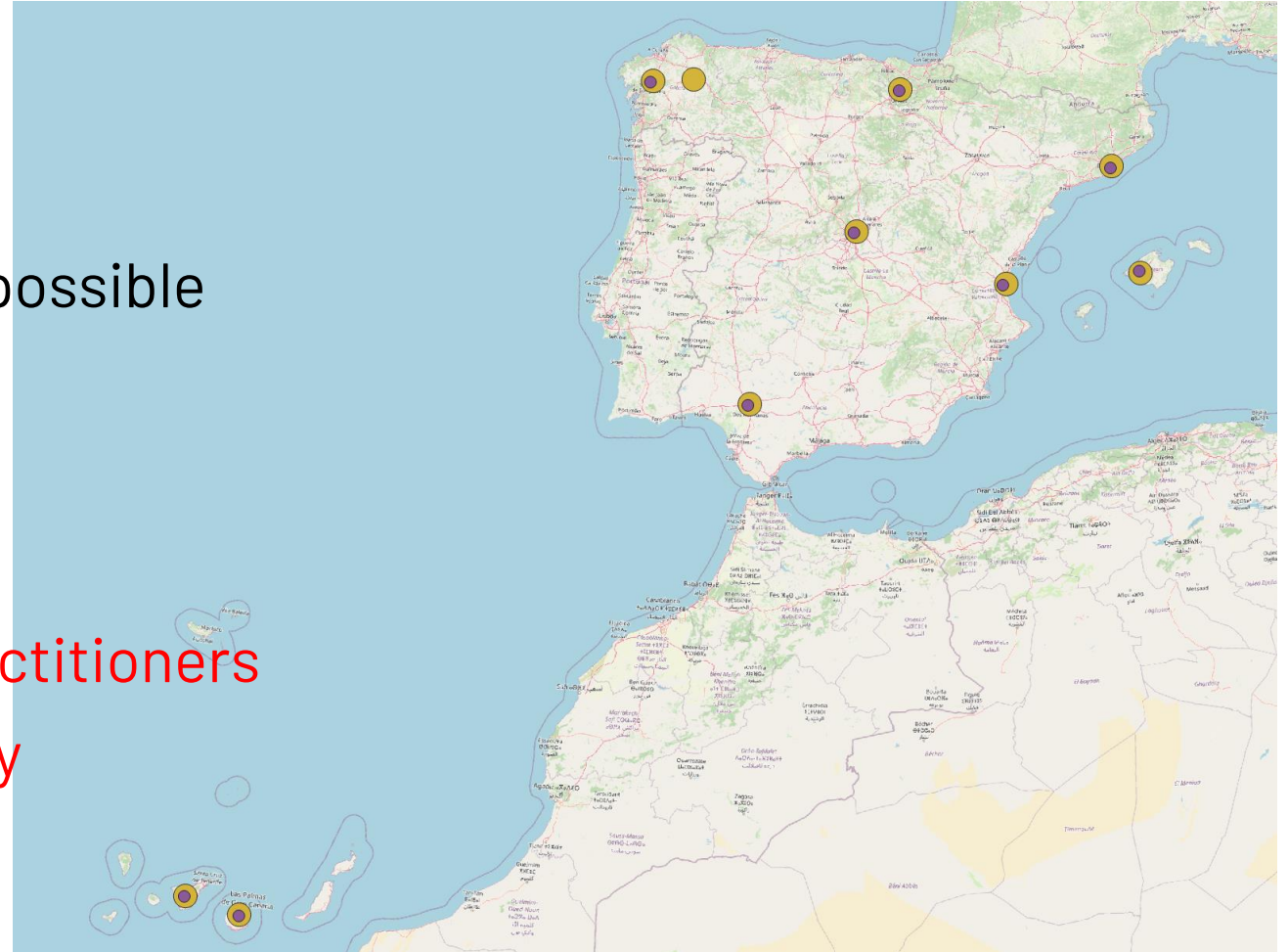
## TOP TOPICS:

- Agricultural land protection
- Agroecological Special Plans
- Regulation of uses in protected Areas
- Compatibility land protection-food processing activities
- Ecosystem services compensation
- Public agroecological infraest. And facilities



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- Diversity of profiles:  
public bodies, academia, practitioners
- Trust -> address questions openly
- Geographical diversity



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# Potential of decentralized country

Urbanism (and many other public policies) competencies lay at regional level- Comunidades Autónomas :

→ 17 Laws on Land

17 Regional legal frameworks, advance different issues:

- Access to land (Galizia, Catalunya...)
- Protection of agricultural land (C. Valenciana...) planning (Canarias, Euskadi..)
- Protection of family farming (Castilla La Mancha)
- Connections with other plans (Green infrastructure, innovation, etc)





# Potential of decentralized country

## With a common background

Common trunk (Law 1956): shared principles:

- General interest as a guiding principle
  - Social function of private propriety
  - Compulsory transfers (for public facilities, etc. ) and capital gains are shared with society
  - Gradual process rights // obligations
  - Municipal zoning plans are mandatory
- > **ease the path for Exchange and Learning**



# Boost agroecological urbanism and connections food-urbanism

Internal discussions sessions | Open Seminars | Dialogue with different administrations | workshops in different territories | Publications....



Seminario: Acomodar los sistemas alimentarios a los límites planetarios



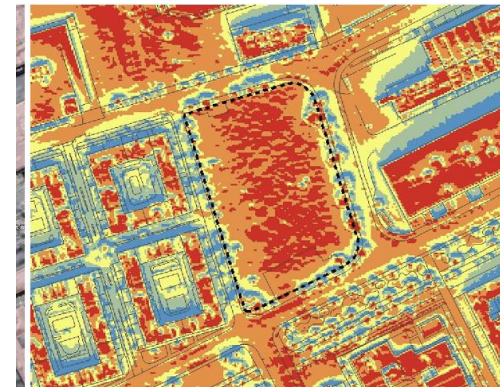
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## Parcelas Vivero Emprendimiento Agrícola



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Radiación Solar

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