

Case Descriptions of the Local Innovation Partnership in Södertälje, Sweden

Context

Local Innovation Partnership (LIP) in Södertälje, Sweden

This pilot acts on the EU target of **25% organically cultivated area by 2030**, the EU Action Plan for Organic Production including the establishment of Bio-districts, the Swedish national target of **30% organic production and 60% organic consumption in the public sector by 2030**, as well as the municipal food supply strategy of Södertälje.

The pilot's local innovation partnership includes actors from the **whole food system**. 1) several municipal departments in Södertälje; 2) regional SMEs from farm to fork; 3) academia (Uppsala University, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, research funded by other means); 4) regional partners including other municipalities, regional authorities, support organisations for business development and NGOs.

The pilot will tackle the challenge of **healthy and sustainable food production and consumption** with readily applicable concepts and from three angles: 1) competence/capacity-building for local authorities; 2) public sector as driver of demand; and 3) enablers for circular, organic/sustainable food producers/suppliers (through Bio districts).

Why

There is a need for a **transition to a viable future** with food and nutrition security within planetary boundaries, by:

- contributing to **health and welfare for people, farm animals, soil and biodiversity**,
- limiting negative climate impact and contributing as **carbon sink**,
- increasing **resilience and self-sufficiency** at local and regional levels,
- achieving **circularity** in all food production, and
- protecting **water resources**, e.g., through minimizing nutrient leakage to water bodies.

What

Achieving a sustainable, circular, resilient and inclusive regional food system in Stockholm and Sörmland regions. This includes:

- Raising **political awareness, staff motivation and citizen engagement** in sustainable food systems.
- **Leveraging planning processes** and pioneering implementation of relevant regulations/policies.
- Increasing **sustainable and healthy food consumption**, according to Diet for a Green Planet.
- Increasing regional food production that is **ecologically, socially and economically** viable.
- **Fostering innovative sustainable food businesses** of all sizes.

Who

Project Partners

- Södertälje municipality
- BERAS International

Associated Organisations & other stakeholders

- Ekerö municipality
- Uppsala University
- Regional SMEs (from farm to fork)
- Municipalities, regional authorities, business support organisations from the Stockholm and Sörmland region

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***"Through KISMET Södertälje municipality strengthens its position as a hub for resilient local food systems within the Baltic Sea region, ensuring a just and sustainable future through food."** –*

Maria Micha (Södertälje Municipality)



Piloting the KISMET project's

Enabling Programme for Sustainable Food Environments

1 | Governance, integration, participation

Optimizing communication strategies and involving decision makers

Development of an internal communication plan for the municipal food security strategy

Using the **Food Security Strategy** as a starting point, the content will be converted into a communication plan which will pave the way for the adoption and implementation of the strategy within the municipal departments and companies.

By optimizing communication strategies (processes, planning, execution) we can motivate and involve decision makers (goal and outcome).

We have defined three focus areas.

- Municipal planning and management – land, water, energy, waste and infrastructure.
- Business sector and municipal operations – production.
- Crisis Preparedness - Risk Management and Collaboration Models.

“KISMET gives both resources and empowers us to pilot the Biodistrict concept for the Baltic Sea Region and also enables us to widen and deepen networks for inclusive sustainable food systems in our region and globally.”

Jostein Hertwig (BERAS International)

2 | Demand-side (drivers for sustainable consumption)

Guide to procurement of locally produced food

Leverage public meals as demand-side driver

Ease local procurements of the public sector by creating transparency and creating guidelines how to develop a simpler system for the producers' offerings. The guidelines are for private actors (food service, retail) to increase the share of local products in their offers.

- Develop methods to procure local products and create preconditions to increase the food production in the municipality.
- Test these methods in procurements including agreements with local producers.
- Mapping of businesses/companies that are handling (ex. peeling, washing, packing and so on) different crops/products to see where there is a need for improvement.

Real effects / Environmental labels

Supporting our public procurement, to get transparency about all sustainability aspects of the municipality's public meal procurements. It is needed to support choices regarding what to purchase and provide with data to communicate what different food choices entail, to increase acceptance.

- Use the Consupedia tool in piloting procurement process and develop communication about provenance of food products toward our diners/guests.
- Mapping relevant food producers of climate friendly food.

3 | Supply-side (drivers for sustainable production)

A platform for local producers

Establish the first Bio district in the Baltic Sea Region

This platform brings **local, organically oriented** producers and local and regional authorities together. The platform shortens the distribution chains and improves the connection between the actors. It will streamline the production needs and secure economic sustainability for local producers. **Logistics** will become easier and more cost-effective, and local producers will be easily found. The goal is to strengthen local food production based on renewable resources.

- Identifying the local producers & products and existing distribution and sales channels & relevant persons in the municipality, finding good examples from elsewhere, developing new solutions for distribution and sales channels.
- To arrange meetings for actors that want to be actively involved in creating platforms for local producers and connect them to the local market, both public kitchens, restaurants, canteens (out of home meals) and private consumers.
- To facilitate new initiatives by connecting relevant partners and help with project applications.
- Investigate and prototype an arena for horticulture run by the municipality to 1) produce vegetables for public meals; 2) provide opportunities for work training and rehab; and 3) act as an educational centre.