

# Edible Cities Network Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient & sustainably productive cities



**Social cohesion, environmental justice, human health & wellbeing**

## Our expertise to foster ECS

In Andernach the edible city is a top-down project, where the city administration plans and maintains the edible city, while citizens are allowed to harvest the fruits and vegetables for free. The crops are cultivated at public green spaces, which are not fenced and hence accessible for everyone.



In addition there are animals housed at public green spaces, such as chicken and sheep. Citizens don't have entrance to the animal enclosures, but they enjoy the presence of the animals in the city.



The city administration is in close cooperation with the non-profit organization „Perspektive gGmbH“, where long-term unemployed people work under the supervision of professional gardeners in order to maintain the edible city (the Perspektive GmbH performs also other activities, such as construction workshops, public kitchen etc., but the gardening activities are most important for the edible city).



## Our Team

The core team of edible Andernach consists of 6 people, representing the municipality (planning department, the social department, the municipal bolder's yard), the Perspektive gGmbH (non-profit organization performing amongst others gardening work with long-term unemployed people) and recently the EdiCitNet project leader.

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## Our best practice examples

There are two major spots of the edible city in Andernach:

1. The city centre, where edible trees, bushes and vegetable beds are located around the historical city wall.



1. The Permaculture (about 14 ha) area at the outskirts of Andernach. The area is organically farmed by the Perspektive gGmbH and the products are sold at a shop in the city centre.



## Our Role in the Project

Andernach is one of the Front runner cities. We lead the deliverables D.1.2 (local working groups established, functioning and communicating well in all cities), D.1.3 (international network established) and D.1.5 (annual conference report).

Andernach develops a living lab with the focus on social issues, i.e. education of children and integration of different social groups.

