

# 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

Montevideo has been working in Agro-ecological Urban Agriculture for more than a decade. Core areas marking these activities are: food security and food sovereignty, communitarian organization, food production, contribution to the education of children and young people, nutritional education as well as the promotion of healthy food habits, collective attention on vulnerable situations and their social inclusion, all of them having as conceptual base and methodology the Agro-ecological Urban Agriculture (AUA). Furthermore they contribute to integral university education, other actors and the creation of agro-ecological projects.



## Our experiences:

Work with different social actors, with interdisciplinary and inter-institutional approach in articulating spaces.

Public policies like e. g. the Citizen Participation Platform “Montevideo Decides” – Edible Gardens at Public Spaces in Montevideo

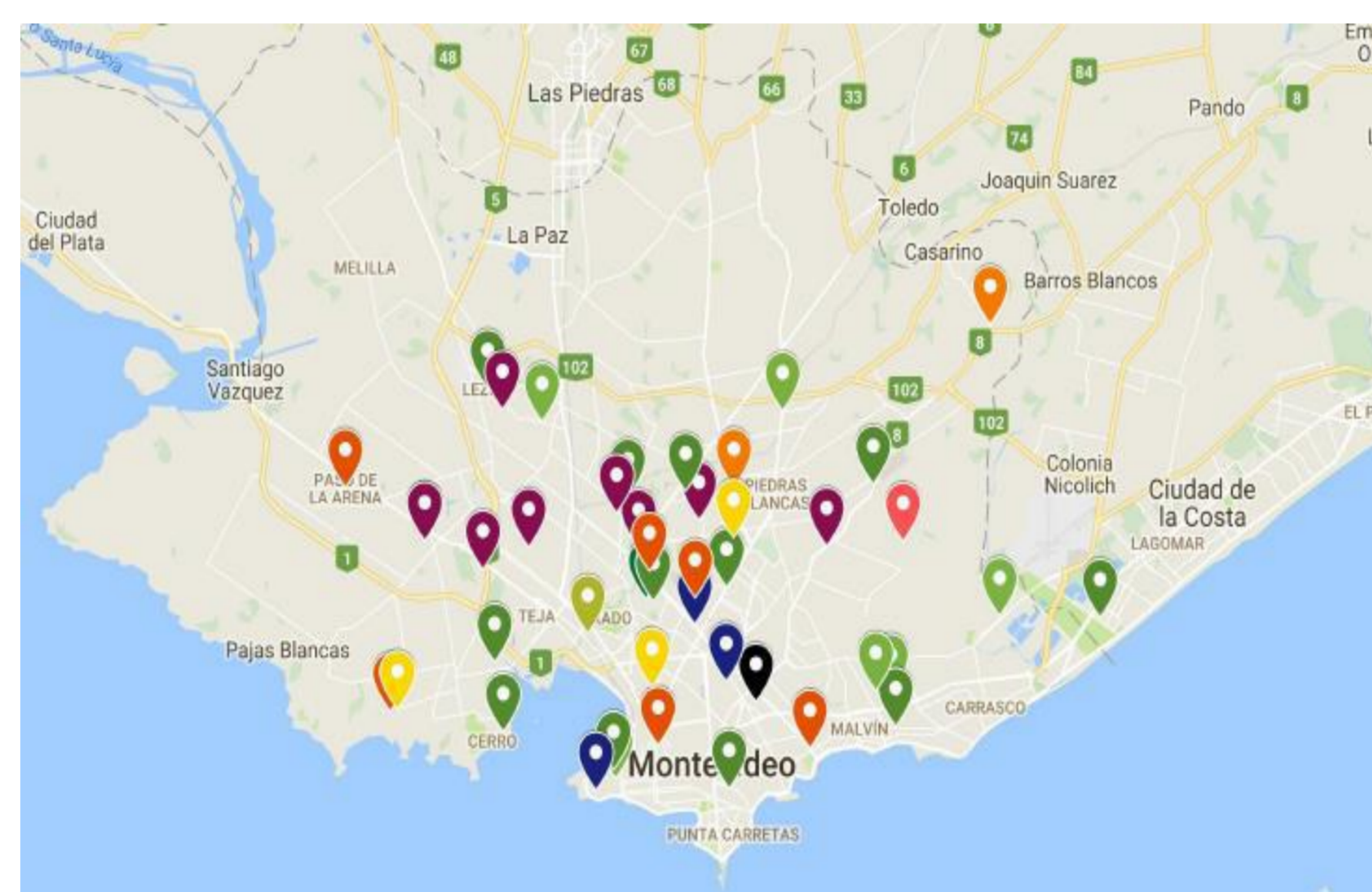
The National Plan of Agroecology, for the promotion of production with agro-ecological bases.

Montevideo counts on a Resilience Strategy published in September 2018, one of its objectives being to strengthen the communitarian commitment on environmental care as well as to improve the capacities to understand, prevent and respond to risk situations. This happens under a perspective of resilience, e. g. through nature based initiatives. In May 2016 Montevideo was selected to become part of the 100 Resilient Cities Network (100RC).



## Montevideo City Team:

- **Departmental Government of Montevideo** (Planning Department – Resilience Unit, Department for Economic Development – Unit Montevideo Rural, Department for Urban Development – Division Public Spaces and Buildings .
- **Ministry of Education and Culture:** Directorate of Education and Directorate of International Cooperation and Projects.
- **University of the Republic** – Faculty of Agronomy – Department of Environmental Systems.



## Our best practice examples

- Program “Huertas en Centros Educativos, PHCE”
- Program “Plantar es Cultura”
- Program “Montevideo Rural Educates the City”
- Project “Mas Compost, Menos Residuos”
- Experimental and educational area: “Agriculture in small areas” at the Museum and Botanical Garden
- Food Education Program “Cocina Uruguay”
- Network of Communitarian Gardens in Uruguay
- Dynamic Cultural Garden and Seed Library”, Edible rooftop, Spanish Cultural Center Institut
- Environmental Participative Nodes (NAPs)



## Our Role in the Project

- Montevideo is one of the Follower Cities. Shares the experience with the other project partners, and adapting to the local context the best practices of edible urban solutions (ECS) and natural solutions in the city (NBS).
- To anchor edible urban solutions in planning, involving the different actors.
- Promote a new form of local, green and solidarity economy.
- Montevideo actively participates in the WP4 (Transition Pathways-Planning for ECS in FC) and WP6 (Consulting, Business Development & Market Up-take) Work Packages.

