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

- Fostering Multifunctionality as a strategy for healthy, biodiversity-friendly and sustainable productive landscapes
- Edible Cities Solutions as nature-based answers to today's urban challenges.
- Innovation concepts for sustainable land management by using historical cultivation techniques to create common identities
- Planning instruments to strengthen healthrelated ecosystem services in the green residential environments



Our ECS concept amplifies the benefits provided by traditional NBS from supply of ecosystem services such as cooling, air and water cleaning, habitat services or recreation effects towards provisioning services that address food security, poverty alleviation, and inequality in urban areas (see Saume) et al 2019; Schort et al 2010)

Our experiences and results...

- Creating knowledge for practice and not for drawers: guidelines, multi-stakeholder approach, planning instruments & land use models for direct application
- One one makes more than two: Expanding perspectives with actors from citizens to mayors, from small farmers to transnational forest industry towards new questions and solutions
- Opening up new knowledge fields by Citizen Science in schools: towards participatory and emancipatory generations with children as curious scientists and informed citizens of tomorrow.





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Our Role in the EdiCitNet Project



Our best practice examples

In the KURAS Project we developed concepts for the water sensitive and biodiversity-friendly cities with multiple stakeholders.



In the *HealthyLiving* and in the *Rural Futures* project we developed concepts for the healthy, inclusive and biodiversity-friendly urban and rural landscapes with multiple stakeholders.



We initiated and developed the EdiCitNet project since 2016 and are the coordinators of the project. We are mainly involved in the WP1 (Urban Governance and Network Infrastructure), WP3 (Co-creation of Living Labs & Replication and Up-scaling in FRC); WP4 (Transition Pathways – Planning for ECS in FC); WP5 (Documentation & Monitoring; esp. Citizen Science); WP6 (Consulting, Business Develop-ment & Market Up-take); WP7 (Education, Knowledge Transfer & Dissemination, Lead); WP8 (Coordi-nation and Management, Lead).

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