



Let's Food  
CITIES

Encouraging cities to transition towards sustainable territorial food systems  
by fostering city to city cooperation and exchanges

# The project

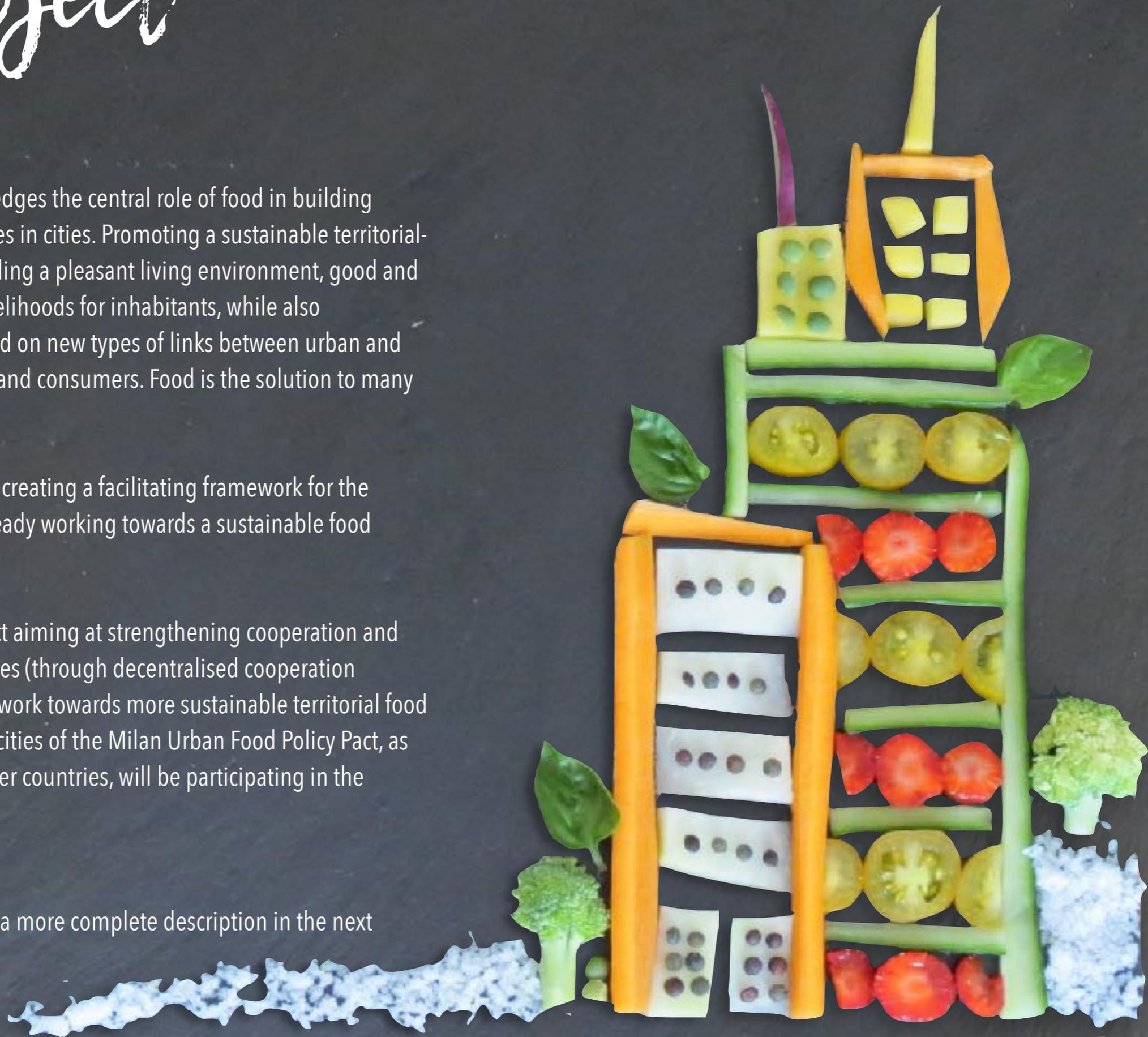
## Let's Food Cities.

Let's Food Cities project acknowledges the central role of food in building resilient and sustainable territories in cities. Promoting a sustainable territorial-based food system implies providing a pleasant living environment, good and healthy food, and appropriate livelihoods for inhabitants, while also developing a local economy based on new types of links between urban and rural areas and between farmers and consumers. Food is the solution to many issues!

It is now time to support cities by creating a facilitating framework for the existing innovative initiatives already working towards a sustainable food system.

Let's Food Cities is a global project aiming at strengthening cooperation and increasing knowledge among cities (through decentralised cooperation mechanisms) and universities to work towards more sustainable territorial food systems. Seven French signatory cities of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, as well as seven pilot cities from other countries, will be participating in the process.

Want to know more ? Please find a more complete description in the next pages.



# Let's Food - The team

A French non-profit organization (« Loi 1901 »)

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with a multidisciplinary and inspiring expertise and experience



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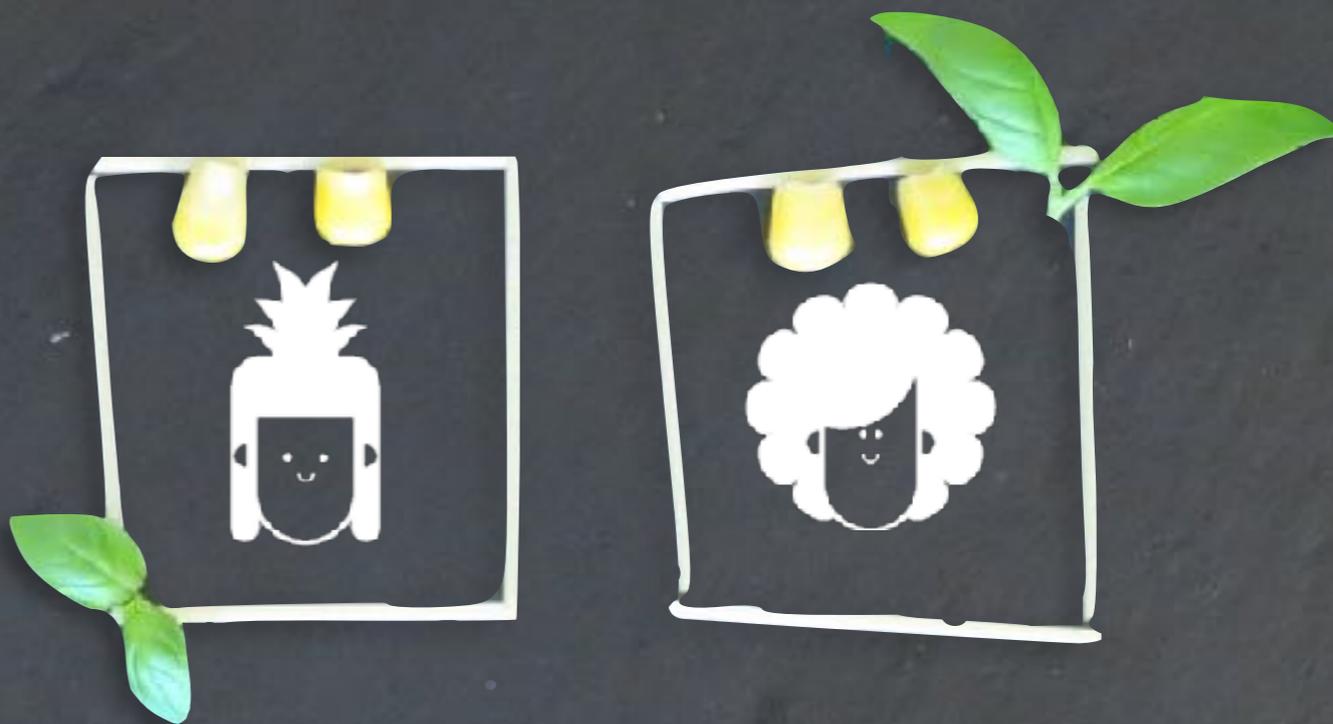
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# Key figures...

9,7 billion  
people

2050



66% in urban  
areas

a globalised food system

30%

of greenhouse gases coming  
from food-related activities



30%

of food lost or  
wasted



New issues for cities...

795 million

people undernourished



# But some identified solutions!

Sustainable territorial  
food systems



Promote  
environmentally  
friendly agricultural  
production

Use vacant and  
abandoned spaces  
for agriculture

Produce  
good and  
local food

Add value  
locally

Make food a common  
good with fair access for all

Optimize  
transportation

Develop farmers markets

Take decisions together  
on the future  
of our food system

Build together  
food policies

Market at  
equitable prices

Locally supply school  
canteens

Eat sustainably

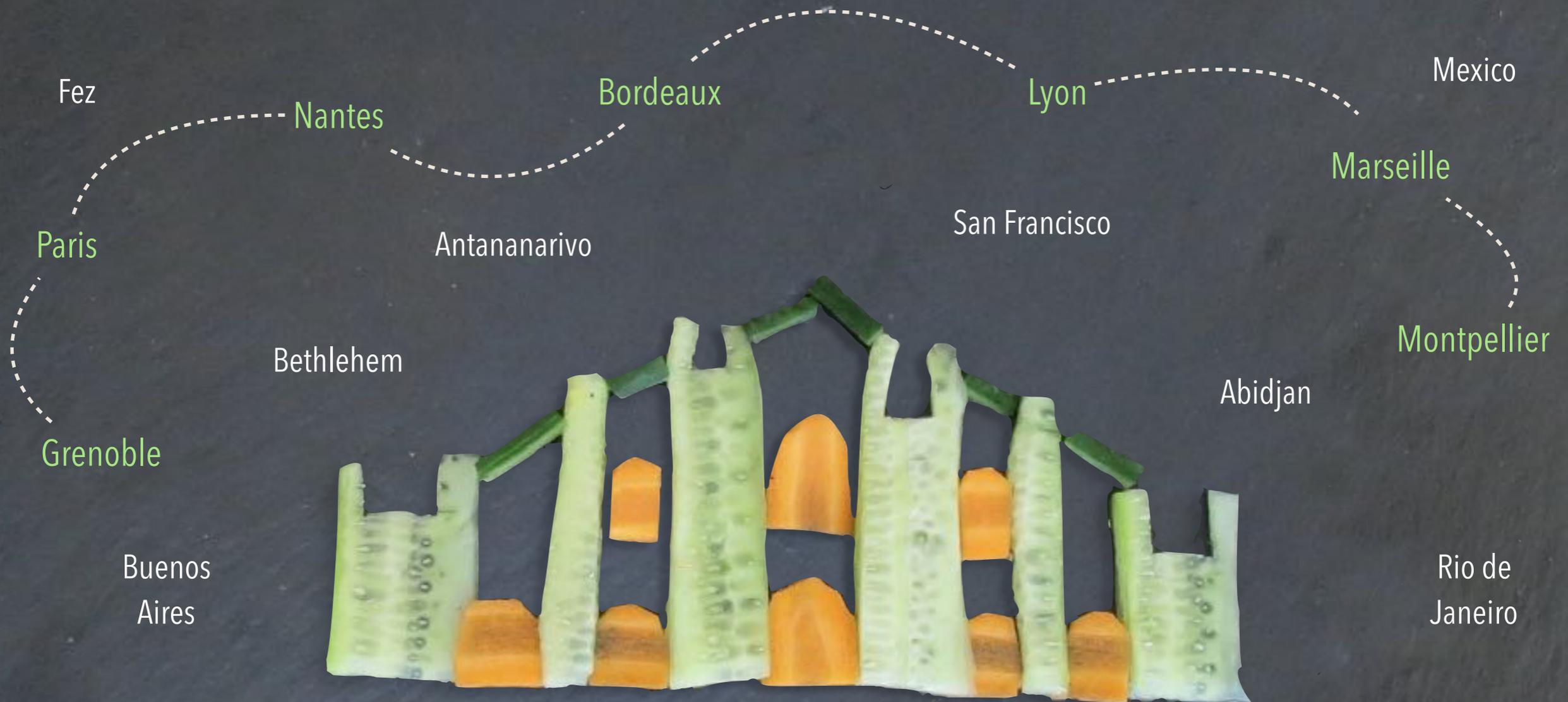
Prevent and  
reuse  
food waste

Reuse food  
waste for  
agriculture

Educate for healthy and  
sustainable diets

# French cities are committing for sustainable food systems

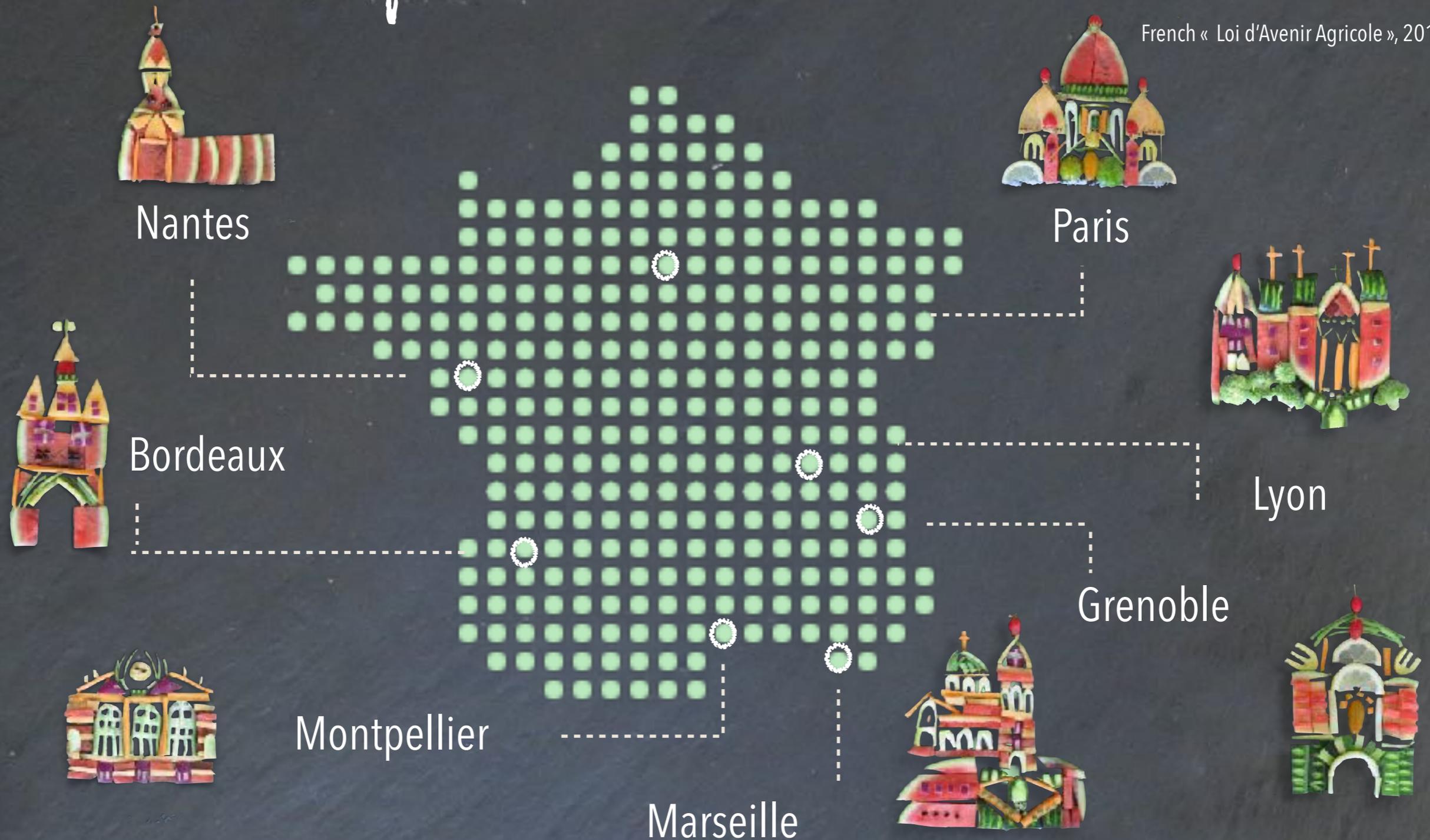
On the occasion of EXPO Milano 2015 « Feeding the planet, energy for life », more than 140 cities committed to build more sustainable and resilient food systems by signing the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact in October 2015 in Milan.



# ...and are developing territorial food plans ...

« Territorial food plans are initiated by all stakeholders of the territory and developed through a participatory process. The food plans are based on a preliminary assessment of the food system, providing a snapshot of local production and its potential, as well as the needs in terms of consumption, both for individual consumer demand and catering services. »

French « Loi d'Avenir Agricole », 2014



# City-to-city cooperation: an mechanism to foster knowledge sharing

« Decentralised cooperation refers to all forms of cooperation that French local authorities may develop with foreign local authorities, in compliance with France's international commitments »

1945

Local authorities became key actors in the French institutional and international cooperation landscape

2017

133 countries

10700 projects

Culture and heritage, economy, education, research, environment, energy, humanitarian aid...

....But still very few cooperation projects on agriculture and food: **let's start?**



# Objectives

Within the framework of the Milan Pact and decentralisation cooperation mechanisms, Let's Food Cities Project aims at encouraging cities to transition towards sustainable territorial food systems

## Objective #1

Develop a 'sustainable food' axis in the international co-operation strategies of the 7 French towns involved

## Objective #2

Foster the sharing of experience, knowledge and initiatives on the theme of sustainable food in the 7 French towns that signed the Milan Pact and their corresponding twin towns.

## Objective #3

Encourage and accompany new food projects in the twin towns with the support of French towns



# Activities and timeframe

## Year 1

Food system assessment and identification of innovative local initiatives

Partnerships  
French cities/  
French universities

Partnerships with  
pilot partner  
cities

Setting up of the multidisciplinary  
groups  
of students in each  
French city

Food System  
assessment of partner  
pilot cities with the  
groups of students and  
the support of the scientific  
committee

01/18 ----- 06/18

09/17

10/17

12/17

09/18

## Year 2

Let's Food Tour - Local stakeholders mobilization

In each city :

# 1 short video illustrating the food system, including interviews with key actors

# 1 workshop to identify a set of ideas for action and strategies in collaboration with local universities and students and local actors

# 1 public event for awareness raising and presentation of the results

10/19

## Year 3

Knowledge sharing and follow up

10/19

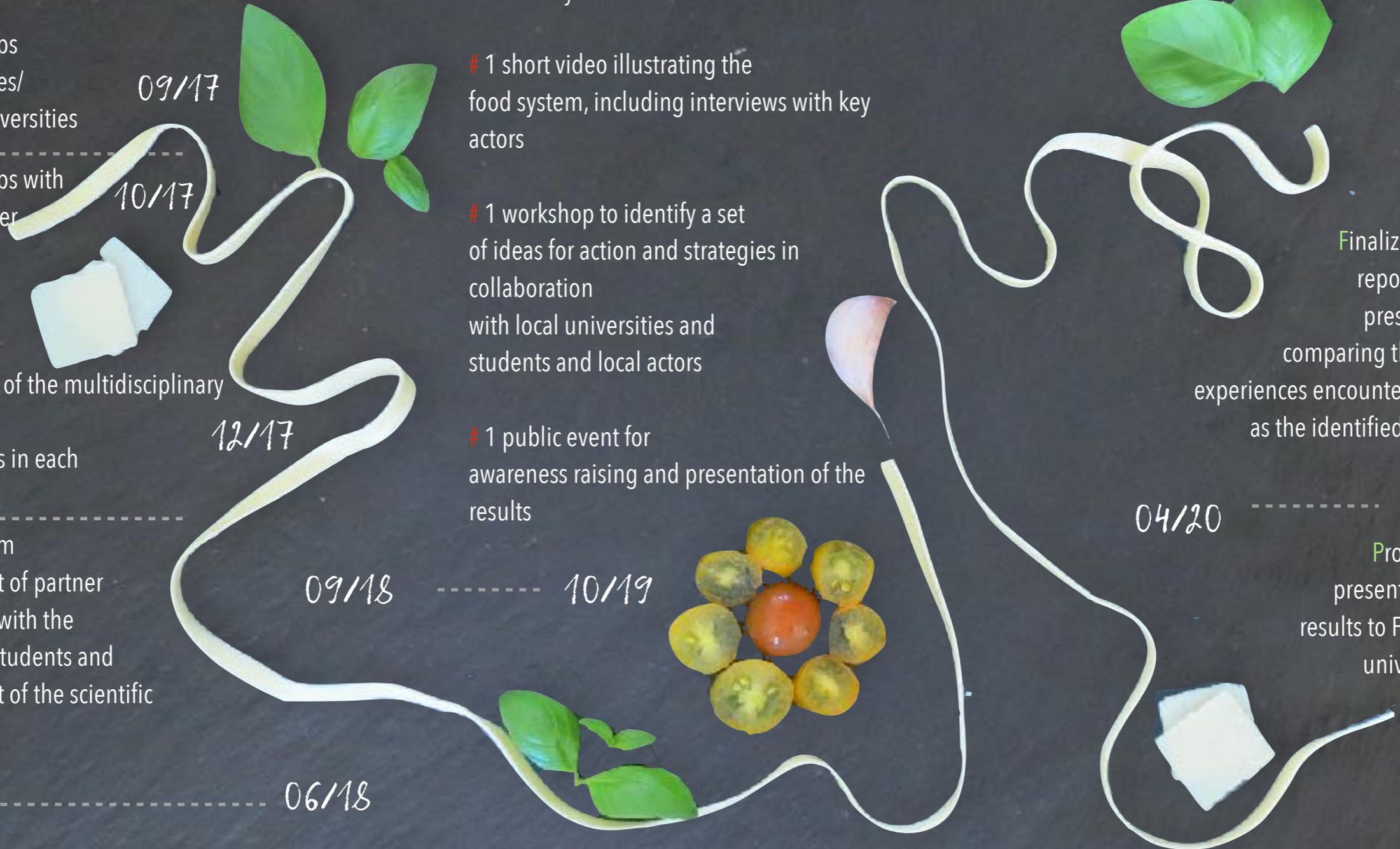
03/20

Finalization of the reports and film presenting and comparing the different experiences encountered, as well as the identified innovative initiatives

09/20

Promotion and presentation of the results to French cities, universities and partners

04/20



# When do we go where?

October 2018 - January 2020

Guanajuato

Valparaiso

Ho-Chi-Minh-City

Tehran

Sfax

Fès

Durban

Bordeaux

Marseille

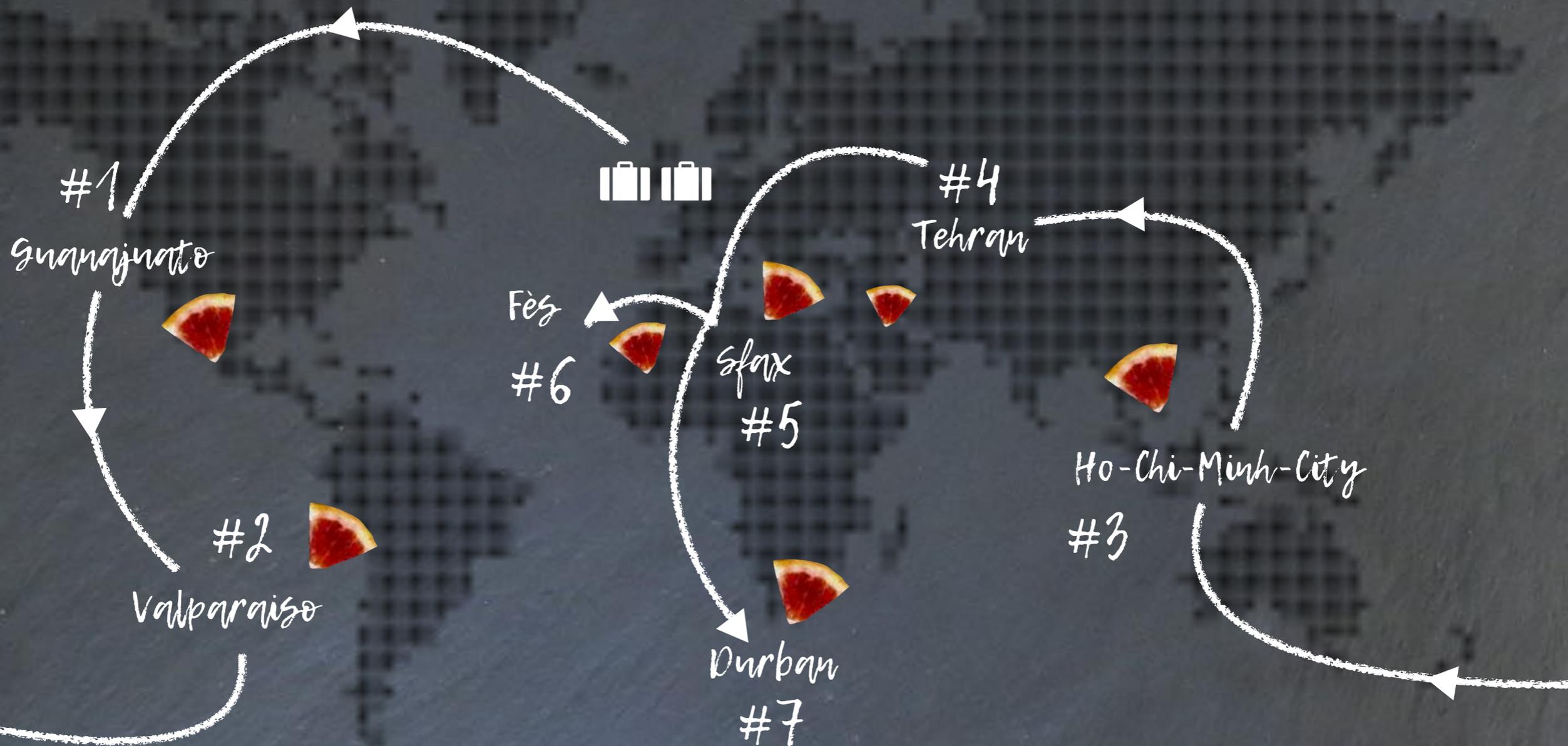
Lyon

Paris

Grenoble

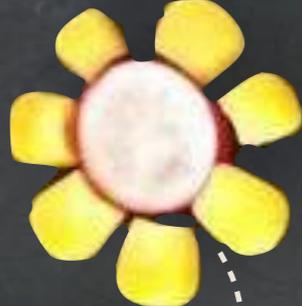
Montpellier

Nantes





# Cities, come and join us!



## PARTICIPATE TO A GLOBAL PROJECT

- Confirm your commitment towards sustainable food and become a pioneer
- Communicate on your local projects, plans and initiatives for sustainable food
- Share your experience and learn from other cities with different contexts but similar challenges



## STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AROUND AN INNOVATIVE TOPIC

- Be a partner of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact
- Identify cooperation opportunities with your partner city



## BUILD YOUR OWN FOOD GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

- Strengthen partnerships with local and foreign universities
- Get involved and sensitize students in your city
- Engage dialogue with local actors to build up a local food plan



## BENEFIT FROM OTHER CITIES' EXPERIENCES

- Enrich your local food strategy with initiatives existing in the 13 other cities involved
- Raise awareness in your city by organizing open events around food



# Universities, come and join us!

## GIVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT ON CITIES AND THEIR FOOD SYSTEM

- By participating in this food system assessment, students have the opportunity to interact directly with local stakeholders. Students can follow the progress of the project from its preparation to the field phase, and exchange with other groups of students conducting a similar study on the 6 other couples of cities.

## CONSOLIDATE A PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR METROPOLIS

- Get involved in the local food plan of your city and strengthen your relations with the actors of the local food system

## PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- Strengthen linkages with local, national and international experts on food or related disciplines
- Strengthen partnerships with local and foreign universities
- Provide inputs on the methodology and share your key publications on our website

## BENEFIT FROM RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION MATERIAL ON LOCAL AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

- Present and share the results of the project to your peers and use it for academic purposes for your students
- Participate in the conferences to be held in each French city at the end of the project

# Students Let's Food Together?

Let's Food Cities project aims at encouraging cities to transition towards sustainable food systems by fostering city-to-city cooperation.

In a few numbers :

- 7 French cities
- 7 twining cities
- 14 food system sustainability assessment
- 1 collect of food initiatives in the 14 partner cities
- 28 universities mobilized: political science, agronomy, urban planning, geography, economy, etc.
- 7 multidisciplinary groups of 8 to 10 students

What we offer to you: **become a volunteer!**

- participate in an international project on the innovative issue that is sustainable food systems
- meet a network of actors in France and abroad to facilitate your research for internships and jobs
- work in teams with motivated students in your city but also everywhere in France and abroad

Your missions between January and June 2018:

- with 8-10 other students, carry out the food system sustainability assessment of your city and its twin abroad
- identify and get in touch with innovative initiatives in both cities

If you are interested in this project, let your professors know and / or contact us directly by email: [anna.faucher@letsfoodcities.org](mailto:anna.faucher@letsfoodcities.org) / [louison.lancon@letsfoodcities.org](mailto:louison.lancon@letsfoodcities.org)

Thank **you!**

# Our partners

You too, join the LFC adventure!



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« A chaque pépin, sa pastèque. »

