

Barcelona to host the 7th Milan City Pact Global Forum in October to discuss the need to change how we eat

- » The cities of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact meet the 19-21 October to promote sustainable food as a tool to fight the climate emergency.
- » Metropolises are the main consumers of a food system that causes between 21 and 37% of global emissions.
- » Avoiding food waste could reduce urban food emissions by up to 15%.
- » Barcelona is the 2021 World Capital of Sustainable Food.

The city of Barcelona will host the 7th Global Forum of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) the 19-21 October to promote the need to make a change in the food model. The event will be held in hybrid format with a physical part at the Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB) and the possibility to follow all the sessions online via streaming. The Forum is part of the program designed by Barcelona as the 2021 World Capital of Sustainable Food.

We are what we eat. Food is at the centre of many of the challenges that must be faced on a global scale, both from a health, social or ecological standpoint. In fact, several [reports](#) stress that without a profound shift in food systems and our eating habits it will be difficult to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)) defined in the 2030 Agenda. Emissions from the food system, which now stand at between 21 and 37%, could rise to 38% by 2050.

Cities, which are the big consumers of this system, play a strategic role in this process. Aware of this fact, Barcelona will host the [seventh edition of](#) the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact ([MUFPP Global Forum](#)), which will bring together experts and political representatives from different continents as well as members of international agencies, the scientific community and civil society organizations to address the best way to promote sustainable food and deal with the climate emergency.

The forum, which will take place just a few days before the United Nations climate change conference in Glasgow (**COP26**), will enable to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices to modify the dominant food systems and walk towards a planetary diet that benefits people, territories, and the planet.

In this sense, the event becomes a turning point that will culminate in the presentation of the **Barcelona Challenge for Good Food and Climate**, an innovative tool to encourage cities to work on the transformation of food systems.



Municipalities have the capacity to introduce public policies to promote a healthy, low-carbon and accessible-to-all diet, which also reduces food waste. Within the framework of the Milan Pact for Climate Action, the **Barcelona Challenge on Good Food and Climate** creates the instruments to make it possible and advance together in the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda.

Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, which was launched in this Italian city in 2015, is an agreement between cities around the world to "develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, to provide healthy and affordable food to all people within a framework based on human rights, which minimizes waste and preserves biodiversity by mitigating the impacts of climate change." Its main goal is to support cities that wish to develop more sustainable urban food systems by encouraging cooperation and the exchange of good practices.

Barcelona World Capital of Sustainable Food 2021

Barcelona is one of the main European centers of food consumption and distribution. Barcelona's year as the World Sustainable Food Capital in 2021 wants to be a lever for a food transition towards sustainability to strengthen sustainable local economies and improve both people's and the planet's health. It includes the development of more than 90 projects and policies to promote sustainable food and a programme that began in January 2021 and will conclude in December with the launching of the process for the establishment of the **Food Strategy** 2030 horizon, which should become the roadmap for food policies to be followed in the city for the coming years.