



Edible Cities Network – Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient and sustainably productive Cities

# First official meetings of EdiCitNet City Teams

## Milestone MS1



EdiCitNet has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 776665



**Milestone Nr:** MS1 First official meetings of EdiCitNet City Teams

**Milestone lead beneficiary:** Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Spain SL (RMIT)

**Work package:** WP1 Urban Governance and Network Infrastructure

**Date of achievement:** October 2019

**Means of verification (DoA):** Each FRC and FC will generate an individual EdiCitNet City Team. The EdiCitNet City Teams will include, as a minimum, the municipal government and administration, local civil society and NGO representatives, and private sector (SME) peak bodies. These local decision-making groups will constitute the core of EdiCitNet City Teams and will be responsible for implementing the project in each city. The first official meetings of the individual EdiCitNet City Teams are the beginning of intensive work at the local level. At the same time the foundation is laid for the further development of the superordinated Edible Cities Network.

**Has this milestone been achieved?**

**Yes.**

Following on from these iterative and processual steps, we confirm that the first official City Team meetings, signalling the beginning of intensive work at the local level, have been held. These events have been recorded through the minutes of both large meetings and regular smaller check-in meetings with WP1 (RMIT, UBER) and WP4 (BOKU), the latter of whom collaborated with WP1 to combine their efforts to benefit both WP1 and WP4 tasks.

A short milestone report is presented in this document.

## Milestone Report

This short milestone reports provides an overview of the meetings held for the set up of the City Teams.

**Authors:**

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Spain SL (RMIT): Ferne Edwards, Nevelina Pachova

**Review:**

Humboldt-Universitaet zu Berlin (UBER): Chiara Bearzotti

## What is a City Team?

In EdiCitNet, each FRC and FC set up **City Teams**, who are managing the implementation of the Living Labs in the FRCs and the Transition Pathway of FCs. These **local communities of practice** consists of consortium partners and non-consortium partners<sup>1</sup>. City Teams are open and flexible teams with a permanent core group, building up a wider ECS City Community, involving larger stakeholder groups to ensure local participation and support.

## City Team meetings

City Team meetings are critical for the overall success of the local ECS development. During these meetings the ECS practitioners and entrepreneurs have the opportunity to knit together contacts and exchange with competent representatives of the municipality and potential public or private sponsors to develop joint strategies and projects.

---

<sup>1</sup> More about the City Teams and their functions can be found in our description of the action, part B.

## First official meetings of EdiCitNet City Teams

The first official City Teams' meetings mark the beginning of intensive work of the participating EdiCitNet cities. The first meetings of the City Teams are an important milestone in the project where they represent the beginning of intensive work at the local level. At the same time, the foundation is being laid for the development of the superordinate Edible Cities Network. In Work Package 1, the team has been continually working with the cities to put the steps in place to create active and representative City Teams.

For preparing the set up of the City Teams meeting, the partners met 6 months into the project, in May 2019, in Andernach (DE) to discuss best practices in the implementation of the City Teams. The **Project Meeting FRC-FC 2019** provided an additional in-person event in which to further foster the building of both the front-runner cities' and follower cities' City Teams.

The meeting provided a further opportunity towards this goal, enabling representatives from all partners cities (front-runners and follower cities) to meet where they could clarify:

- What EdiCitNet is about;
- What the tasks of the City Teams they need to establish back home are;
- The building process, key challenges, best practices and next steps towards the establishment of the City Teams.

An important feature of the project is the position of the hubs and **experts**. Experts are meant to support on a local base the building of the City Teams. Experts from across the consortium were invited to attend the meeting to further instigate relationships towards greater knowledge sharing across the project. At the meeting the participants co-created solutions to overcome common misconceptions and issues towards building City Teams and achieving ECS goals.

The process of establishing the City Teams has been ongoing since the Kick Off in the project, that was further reinforced after the Project Meeting FRC-FC 2019. We have monitored that the following City Teams have been set up so far. Please note that this process is ongoing. Here below we report just the dates of the first meeting of the City Team in the respective front-runner and follower cities.

<b>City Team</b>	<b>Set up of the City Team: date</b>
Rotterdam	Achieved – 2 July 2019
Andernach	Achieved – 28 May 2019
Oslo	Achieved – 9 April 2019
Berlin	Achieved - 26 March 2019
Sant Feliu de Llobregat	Achieved – 30 April 2019
Letchworth	Achieved – 26 July 2019
Šempeter-Vrtojba	Achieved – 8 July 2019
Ville de Lomé	Achieved – 2 March 2019
Montevideo	Achieved – 21 March 2019
Carthage	Achieved - 21 August 2019
Havana	Achieved - 8 October 2019