

START UP REPORT

Milan is the second most populous city in Italy and the largest functional urban area (FUN). It is Italy's leading city in terms of economic activity and entrepreneurship. The Covid-19 pandemic has challenged also Milan. Our Milan of the future is sustainable, inclusive and digitally advanced. The pandemic put this vision of a more equitable city to the test. Yet through Milan's innovative approaches, the city accelerated progress towards these goals during each stage of the management of the crisis: resilience, response, and renewal.

Thematic Network & Cluster of Interest

- Sustainable Agriculture, Food Systems, Urban Gardens
- Circular Economy

What are we good at? What can we share with others?

Milan would like to share with other cities its best practices on the implementation of the urban food policy by showcasing the actions implemented locally. Out of this experience we mainly want to share knowledge on recovering food losses, waste management, urban and peri-urban agriculture, access to healthy food for all. In 2015, the city launched the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP), which gathers more than 200 cities, including Bangkok.

City/Region Name in a nutshell:

City: Milan

Country: Italy

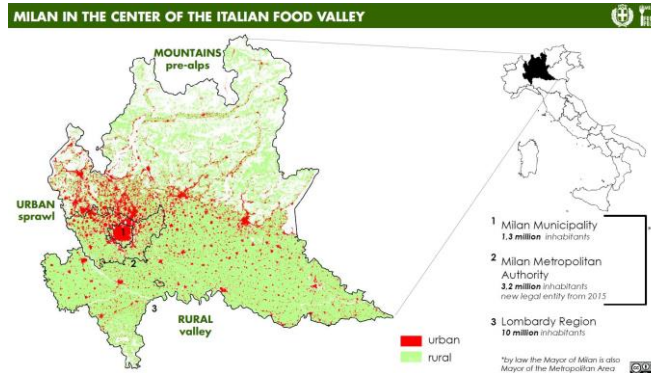
Geographical Area: Asia / Thailand

Population: 1,400,000 inhab. (4,7 Mio. FUN)

Size (km.): 182

Main economic sectors:

Life sciences, agri-food, industry 4.0, finance, arts, culture, design, creativity and fashion.





Who will be involved in the exchanges?

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“This initiative would be an important opportunity for the Municipality of Milan to improve its relations with other Cities and share valuable urban good practices with them by exchanging the actions carried out locally and improving them with new and innovative inputs coming from the international exchange and dialogue”

Filippo Gavazzeni, Head of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Secretariat

In our exchanges, we would like to be inspired on:

Food Policies are key to face the challenge of climate change in the context of urban expansion. The food system accounts for 25% of GHG emissions. Therefore, working on the urban food system could be an entry point to reduce the emissions and meet the goal of the 2030 Agenda.

The COVID emergency has shown that cities are at the forefront to face food system shocks, from the right to healthy food to the recovery of the food economy. During the pandemic food was one of the main concerns of city officers and it surely will still be due to the consequent economic crisis which has to be addressed with structural policies for a safe and resilient food system recovery.



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