

APPLICATION FORM WORKSHOP

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PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET



CURRENT PICTURE: DESCRIBING THE INITIAL SITUATION

C.1.1 Main challenge(s) to be addressed (for the exercise)

Ballygham is facing considerable challenges related to food insecurity and poverty, particularly among children. In the metropolitan area, 25,543 people are at risk of poverty or social exclusion, with the majority residing in Ballygham. High unemployment rate is linked with declining industries which is a key structural problem in the city requiring immediate actions. The food insecurity issue is especially acute for children, in the city 28% of children are at risk of poverty or social exclusion (above the national average of 24,8%). Approximately 20% of them across Europe attend school without breakfast (UNICEF). This lack of nutrition has serious implications for their health, development, and academic performance, perpetuating the cycle of poverty.

Ballygham's urban environment is densely populated, with green spaces making up only about 13% of the city and numerous brownfields at the same time. This is below the recommended urban planning standard of 20-30% green space. The limited availability of land exacerbates the city's reliance on imported food, particularly for school canteens, which play an important role in ensuring that children receive at least one nutritious meal daily. Moreover, the scarcity of local food production not only increases the city's dependence on external food sources, but also contributes to a higher carbon footprint due to transportation.

Economic pressures have also intensified due to the recent energy crisis and inflation, significantly raising the operational costs for school canteens. The cost of a school meal has risen in recent years, putting additional strain on the city's budget. This threatens the affordable school meal programmes, which proposes reduced prices based on families' incomes.

Proposed Solution:

Municipal Farm Initiative:

In response to these challenges, the project proposes transforming underutilized brownfields into a municipal farm. This farm would use innovative urban agriculture techniques suitable for dense urban environments. The benefits are multifaceted:

- **Social:** The farm would address food insecurity issues and as well serve as an educational resource, teaching children about sustainable food production and nutrition, thereby reinforcing the connection between food and health.
- **Economic:** By producing food locally, the city can reduce costs associated with school meal programs, making them more resilient to economic fluctuations and more affordable for parents.
- **Environmental:** The creation of green spaces within the urban fabric would enhance green spaces, reduce number of brownfields and reduce "farm to fork" distance. It is estimated that 80% of needs for fruits, vegetables and herbs for the canteens can be produced locally.

OUTPUTS : HOW TO DEFINE THE PROJECT'S END PRODUCTS

SO	Project Output	Output Indicator	Unit	Target Value
	Municipal Urban Farm on rehabilitated land	Surface area of land rehabilitated for agricultural use	square meters	5 000
	More sustainable farming	New products and services created	new products/services	3
	Farm(s) to Schools Food Supply Service	New products and services created	new products/services	1
	Free school meals Scheme	People supported (trained, upskilled, accompanied or assisted)	persons	500
	Sustainable Food Procurement Guidelines	New products and services created	new products/services	1
	Educational programme for kids on healthy food and eating habits	People supported (trained, upskilled, accompanied or assisted)	persons	600
	Environmental Impact Assessment of the Municipal farm	New products and services created	new products/services	1



DESIGNING YOUR WORKPLAN: IDENTIFYING AND CONNECTING YOUR KEY PILLARS

Overall objective

Specific objective

Specific objective

Specific objective

Expected result

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Outputs



INVESTMENTS : KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER

Investment title:

	Questions	✓ ✗	Comments
1	<p>Is the need for the investment well justified?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Is it relevant and necessary to reach the project objectives and deliver the solution? ◆ Is it well connected to the other project activities? 		
2	<p>Is the timeline of the investment realistic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Is it coherent with the other project activities timeline? ◆ Is there sufficient time foreseen for the implementation of the investment elements (from (co-)conception to delivery)? ◆ Does it include a contingency period in case of delays? ◆ Does it foresee sufficient time for the operationalisation of the investment (testing phase)? ◆ Are deadlines for procurement and permitting procedures anticipated? ◆ If any risks linked to the timeline, are they properly identified and addressed with mitigating actions (Section G)? 		
3	<p>Is the investment budget realistic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Is the full scope of the investment budgeted? ◆ Is the allocated budget proportionate to the nature of the investment and to the ambitions of the project? ◆ Is there some buffer included in the estimated budget in case of market prices variations? ◆ If there a clear budget breakdown presented? 		



4	<p>Is the investment location already specifically identified? (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ If not, is it clear by when/ under which conditions the location will be identified? ◆ If any risks linked to this location, are they properly identified and addressed with mitigating actions (Section G)? 		
5	<p>Are the technical, legal and administrative requirements for the investments clearly identified?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Is the investment compliant with these requirements? ◆ Are there any risks related to the permitting procedures and technical constraints (Section G)? 		
6	<p>Are the ownership conditions of the investment in compliance with IA requirements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Are the ownership conditions clear during and after project implementation? ◆ Are the Project Partners the owners of the investment during and after? 		
7	<p>Are the durability conditions of the investment in compliance with IA requirements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Are the maintenance conditions clearly anticipated? ◆ Is the medium/ long term durability of the investment foreseen (continuation, funding, responsible Partner(s), etc). 		



PRESENTING YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND EMBEDDING PARTICIPATION AND CO-CREATION

Who ? Which stakeholders will you involve in participation and co-creation during project implementation?	What is the objective(s) of the co-creation process? Persuade Engage Inform Involve	How will you reach them? What motivates them to engage in the participation and co-creation activities of your project? If they lack motivation, how will you persuade them to participate?	How will the co-creation process take place? Which mechanisms? When during project implementation ?	Is it the “maximum feasible participation”?	Could it be an output or a result indicator? Output indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholders involved in the preparation and co-implementation of the project (measurement unit: participations of stakeholders). - Citizens involved in the preparation and co-implementation of the project (measurement unit: persons) Result indicator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of participation achieved in the engagement with local communities (information, consultation, co-creation, co-decision) (measurement unit: percentage of the local population engaged).

