How to feed a city – visions, technologies, emotions

A symposium organised by the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) at the Expo Milano, Swiss Pavilion on 4 September 2015, 13.00–15.30

What are our visions for feeding a city? Which solutions can technology offer for feeding an increasingly urbanized society? How do we feel when we think about cities’ food strategies? What challenges need to be met when developing an urban food policy?

Food is connected to a wide range of municipal and regional policy areas: from land-use planning to infrastructure and transport, environmental conservation, health, and economic development. Food, then, becomes a vehicle for social integration and neighbourliness-in-action.

This symposium will inspire cities to think about the way they deal with food. Two keynote speakers will set the stage for a dialogue between two cities (Basel and Rotterdam) on how to reach an urban food policy that is fit for the future. The discussion with the audience is fuelled by an input on the Urban Food Policy Pact that aims at engaging cities for the development of sustainable food systems.

Programme

13.00 Opening by Dr. Urs Niggli, Director, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL

Keynotes

Carolyn Steel, Architect:
Urban food policy – A socio-cultural vision

Maximilian Lössl, Association for Vertical Farming:
Vertical Farming: Taking food production to new heights

14.00 Short inputs

N.N., City of Milano: The Urban Food Policy Pact

Stefanie Kaiser, Basel City Development: What does a sustainable urban food system mean for Basel?

Annemieke Fontein, Rotterdam City Development: The Rotterdam Food Policy

14.20 Discussion with the Audience, Moderation: Dr. Heidrun Moschitz, FiBL

15.00 Closing words

Apéro, Get together

Participation is free of charge, but registration is recommended, as places are limited:

Registration Anmeldung Iscrizione


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