

CITIES EAT: BUILDING A RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEM

TIRANA

Workshop

16 October 2024

9h00 – 12h00

Tirana International Hotel, Tirana

Sheshi Skënderbej 8, Tirana 1001, Albania

Tirana, like many fast-growing cities, is faced with the challenge of providing sustainable, affordable access to food, clean water, and reliable energy. Food waste is a major problem, impacting not only food security but also the environment, water, and energy used in food production, processing, and distribution.

To address these challenges, we need a comprehensive approach that includes managing food and natural resources, improving access to essential services, and upgrading infrastructure. This workshop will focus on:

- Assessing Tirana's resources.
- Examining the challenges of urban food systems.
- Exploring ways to make food systems more efficient, sustainable, and resilient.
- Integrating nature-based solutions into cities.
- Promoting urban food trees and local food production.
- Sharing practical advice on inclusive resilience measures, nature-based solutions, food management and distribution strategies, and stronger urban-rural connections.

The workshop will also consider the strong links between food, water, and energy and the linkages between urban and rural areas.

AGENDA

- 9h00 – 9h15 **WELCOME AND OPENING**
Municipality of Tirana
Ms. Paola Deda, Director UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division
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- 9h15 – 10h15 **TIRANA'S URBAN FOOD SYSTEM: CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD**
Food Map of Tirana
Prof. Elena Kokthi, Agricultural University of Tirana
Discussion, feedback
Stakeholders from the food sector in Tirana are invited to provide inputs and comments for discussion.
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- 10h15 – 10h30 **COFFEE BREAK**
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- 10h30 – 11h45 **OPTIMIZING THE FOOD-ENERGY-WATER NEXUS FOR IMPROVED FOOD SECURITY THROUGH NATURE-BASED APPROACHES**
The energy perspective: overview presentation
Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab, Chief of Section, UNECE
The edible city: a guide on urban food trees
Dr. Andréa Finger Stich, Ecologie & Communauté, Geneva
Case study of urban food trees in Istanbul & lessons learned
Ms. Diler Çiftçi, Forest engineer and urban designer, Istanbul
Water resource management perspective **Ms. Esmeralda Halo**, Specialist, Water Resources Management Agency, Albania
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- 11h45 – 12h00 **CLOSING**
UNECE, *Closing remarks*