Urban and peri-urban agriculture
Context and issues addressed

• Food crisis and hunger (1 billion people)

• Current model of feeding cities not sustainable

• No longer a marginal issue (national, local, south to north transfers)

• Strong tensions between the radical and co-opted facets of UA.

• Limited research, insufficient teaching, few advocate and specialists
Some current initiatives and programs 1/2:

• Peri urban agriculture in Lisbon and London: generating social inclusion and bio diversity.
  > Treaty of Windsor Program Grant (anglo-portuguese)
  > Cross-processing of findings and primary information on :(a) illegal urban areas and practice of UA - FCT, Portugal - and (b) Urban Buzz Green mapping and activation of UA in Brixton, London.

• Metropolitan Agriculture (REOS 3 years program)
  > Action learning
  > Multi-stakeholders workshops : London, São Paulo, Chennai, J’Burg and Detroit
  > PhD student led program and DPU academic back up.
Some current initiatives and programs 2/2:

• How to achieve food security through Urban Agriculture
  > UCL Research Challenge grant
  > Divergence between urban farmers, their organizations and movements, in a perspective of scaling up.
  > (a) Letchworth GC; (2) Lea Valley, food growing Coop); (3) Social Housing Estate in Brixton and (4) Hackney’s growing Community.

• Europa - China Forum
  > Advocacy and dialogue on the future of urban agriculture
  > Multi-actor’s dialogue between innovative cities and actors
Some outputs:

• Knowledge and theoretical progress on tensions between co-opted and more radical urban agriculture

• Contribution to urban policies on UA and Food security

• Stronger research cluster at the DPU and in partners institutions
  • Module development and updating on UA
  • Potential Consulting activities (London, Reos)
  • RUAF erasmus mundus and inter-master program

• Identification of knowledge gaps (multi-disciplinary perspective)

• Contribution to development planning of cities
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