

4-6 November 2026 | Rotterdam, The Netherlands

TRAINING ON SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMMES

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The Training on School Meals Programmes will take place on **4-6 November 2026**, hosted by the **City of Rotterdam**.

The event is part of the **Cities Feeding the Future Initiative** of the School Meals Coalition (SMC), **led by the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact** (MUFPP), promoted with the **Urban Agenda and Eurocities**, in synergy with the **CLEVERFOOD and Healthy Wave projects**, and supported by the **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation** and AICS.

The Training aims at supporting cities in adopting **behavioural strategies to promote plant-rich diets in school canteens**, exploring how nudges, menu design and food presentation can shift children's food choices towards healthier and more sustainable diets. It brings together **city officials, practitioners and technical experts**, with the contribution of prominent partners **WRI and JRC**. Participating cities will then work in **hands-on sessions** to apply these insights to their own school meals programmes, discuss common challenges and exchange practical, replicable solutions, reinforcing the **network of European cities** committed to healthy and sustainable school meals.



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Agenda

DAY 1 – Wednesday 4 November	
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Introduction, context and objective of the training <i>Ottavia Pieretto & Chiara Mandelli, MUFPP</i> <i>Chiara Roticiiani, Eurocities</i>
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Participating Cities presentation Challenges & Best practices on school meals programmes
3:00 – 4:00 PM	WRI technical presentation <i>Edwina Hughes, WRI</i> • Welcome and Context • What We Know About Driving Dietary Behaviour Change • Behaviour Change in School Food Environments • Introducing the WRI Food Policy Toolkit
4:00– 4:15 PM	Break
4:15 – 6:00 PM	Workshop with cities “Which Policy Actions Could Drive Behaviour Change?” <i>Edwina Hughes, WRI</i>
Time to be confirmed	Dinner covered by the organisers

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DAY 2 – Thursday 5 November	
All day	Healthy Wave final conference

DAY 3 – Friday 6 November	
8:30–8:55	Registration
8:55–9:00	Introduction of the day <i>Ottavia Pieretto & Chiara Mandelli, MUFPP Secretariat</i>
9:00–9:30	WG Food Meeting & CLEVERFOOD Updates <i>Chiara Roticiani, Eurocities</i>
9:30–10:00	Urban Agenda Position Paper of the Partnership & EU Policy Updates
10:00–10:30	JRC Presentation – TBC
10:30–10:45	Break
11:00–13:00	Workshop with cities Building on the thread of work of the Wednesday afternoon
13:00–14:00	Lunch covered by the City of Rotterdam