

Edible Cities Network Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient & sustainably productive cities



Social cohesion, environmental justice, human health & wellbeing

Our expertise to foster ECS

RMIT Europe in Barcelona (Spain) connects research, industry, government and enterprises to innovation and talent in Europe, Australia and Asia. The hub has a team of experts in the fields of Urban Futures, Digital Health and Industry 4.0. with experience in building bridges at the interface of policy, science and technologies. It also offers state-of-the-art facilities for holding events with a team of dedicated communications, research and business development professionals who support the implementation of EdiCitNet.

The Centre for Urban Research (CUR) at RMIT University in Melbourne (Australia) is one of the University's largest and best-performing research centres. Comprising over 50 staff and more than 60 PhD students, it represents one of Australia's largest clusters of urban researchers. CUR has eight research programs with thematic strengths in urban governance, sustainability, and infrastructure. CUR partners with UN Habitat, UNESCO, the UN Global Compact Cities Program, the Urban Europe Research Alliance, the Asia-Pacific Economic Council Urban Infrastructure Network, as well as a number of European and Asian universities.



Our Team

Dr Ferne Edwards is a cultural anthropologist specializing in sustainable cities, food systems and social movements.

Ms Nevelina Pachova is a development economist with extensive experience in participatory resource use planning.

Professor Jago Dodson is Director of the Centre for Urban Research at RMIT, Australia. He conducts research on housing, transport, urban planning and governance.

Dr Lauren Rickards has a background in human geography and ecology. She is co-leader of the Climate Change and Resilience Research program at CUR.

Dr Ben Cooke is a human geographer who explores the socio-ecological dynamics of conservation and praxis-based pedagogy in environmental studies.

Our best practice examples

URBAN GreenUP: New Strategy for Re-Naturing Cities through Nature-Based Solutions is a Horizon 2020 project. RMIT is responsible for the establishment of an URBAN GreenUP network of cities with an interest in NBS and for the development of a model and plan for replication in Follower Cities.

Urban agriculture in Melbourne is a research project focused on analysing the linkages between the practical, policy, media and academic worlds of urban and rural agriculture in and around Melbourne.

Who owns the sustainable city? is a project funded by an Australian Research Council Discovery Grant. It focused on urban redevelopment, sustainability and the politics of property rights in Australia, Brazil and Chile.

Improved Urban Systems for Liveability is a project funded by the National Environmental Science Programme Grant (Australia), that explores, in dialogue with key stakeholders, the feasibility of collecting and using data for benchmarking the national performance of cities.

Understanding support context for embedding climate change adaptation in Councils is a project funded by the Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership (Australia). It focused on identifying strategies for embedding adaptation in public sector organizations.

Our Role in the Project

RMIT Europe's main contributions for EdiCitNet include:

- To establish clear and accountable governance and communications processes to underpin the institutional backbone of EdiCitNet;
- To design a functional governance framework for efficient stakeholder engagement across the EdiCitNet project and within each participating city; and,
- To develop an active international Edible Cities 'network of networks'.

