

*Thematic interim output:*

# ***Intentions to adopt specific elements from the good practice***

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## **Background**

Two transnational conferences have taken place within the Diet for a Green Planet project. During these conferences, the giving city Södertälje has presented the concept in depth, both from a policy transfer perspective and from a policy making perspective.

This report is a work-in-progress account for the ideas, actions or elements of the Diet for a Green Planet concept that the receiving cities are likely to initiate or implement during the course of this project. This report accounts for the receiving city of Łomża.

## **Łomża**

When entering this project, one kindergarten (Kindergarten nr 8) had begun using some ecological and local products purchased directly from local farmers. This kindergarten has been the stepping stone for Łomża in the attempts to increase collaborations between public canteens and local farmers. This project – the first international exchange project in Łomża – provides a framework to do this.

## **Actions/elements that have been – or will be – implemented or initiated**

When it comes to the concept practice transfer and the policy making transfer, the following actions/ideas/elements have been, or will be, initiated or implemented during the project lifetime:

- Three canteens have more or less implemented the Diet for a Green Planet concept and work according to the concept criteria.
- Contacts and networking: Organized contacts between ecological farmers and headmasters have been established. These contacts will continue during, and after, the project. Łomża municipality has also started cooperating with organisations and networks like Podlaskie Centre of Agriculture Advisory, the Slow Food movement and Polish URBACT cities.
- A locally adapted version of the Diet for a Green Planet Handbook is a key deliverable of the project, and it will be finalized in February. The ambition is to use it practically, as has been done in Södertälje with their original handbook.



- When it comes to working towards a municipal diet policy, the political situation is uncertain due to the recent elections in Łomża, which offered changes in the political leadership. The goal is to establish the ideas of the Diet for a Green Planet concept with the new political management within the project period.
- An inquiry has been made regarding preparations of a set of recommendations and plans to formulate a Local Action Plan for the Diet for a Green Planet.

In conclusion, some steps have been taken in accordance with the Diet for a Green planet concept, such as practice implementation in three canteens and collaborations between schools and farmers and local networks beginning to work for further spreading of the practice and to increase business opportunities and marketplaces for actors that support this development.

Furthermore, it is clear that the project opens new doors and creates a will from Łomża municipality to participate in international projects.

On the policy side of the project, it is, and has been, difficult to make substantial progress, even though there is interest from political representatives. The local elections in November have had a negative impact, since the process more or less stagnated. However, there is still interest in the project and there will be efforts to build relations with the new political management during the remaining months of the project.

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