

## **Lead Partner visit to Mollet de Vallès, Spain**

### ***Diet for a Green Planet practice transfer***

### **April 1 - 4, 2014**

#### Participators from Södertälje:

Sara Jervfors, project coordinator and head of Diet Unit, Södertälje  
Helena Nordlund, lead expert.

#### Local coordinator from Mollet:

Albert Garcia Macian, project leader in the City of Mollet

#### Objectives of the visit:

1. Starting Diet for a Green Planet practice transfer
2. Elaboration general work plan for Handbook
3. First step Diet Policy transfer and planning international Diet Policy conference in September in Mollet

## **Analysis and conclusions**

#### Coordination and cooperation

We have a very good cooperation with the coordinator Albert Garcia. He is very engaged person and hard working for the project.

#### LSG

Unfortunately a Local Support Group, LSG, for the Diet for a Green Planet project was yet not formed, but anyway the first steps were taken. The *Strategic plan committee of Mollet* has been discussing about the Diet for a Green Planet project and they agreed to create a LSG as a part of the Strategic Plan Committee. They will send out the invitations to become members of the Local Support Group (the Councilor of education, Alícia Domínguez, has already sent an invitation letter to all primary schools).

The LSG will be a group under the *Strategic plan committee*, which is the most important participatory public body in Mollet, with 70 members (politicians and representatives for the population, e.g. company managers etcetera) and the mayor as the chairman. Albert looks at this as an important victory to get the LSG established from this level of the municipality. He seems to have succeeded getting the high politicians on board.

Albert also presented the idea at the seminar with the stakeholders, who belong to the group that will be invited.

#### Diet for a Green Planet transfer process



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The started transfer process of the Diet for a Green Planet practice seem to have been successful. Before our visit there was a focus on only two of the criteria: eco-farming and local products. In the coordination meeting with Albert we made clear that all the six criteria are important, and we developed a good discussion on which parts are easy or difficult to understand and implement.

Among the stakeholders who participated in the seminar there was a very good basic knowledge about agriculture and food issues from an environment point of view. The concept was understood and a strong engagement was shown. A good discussion about which situation a possible implementation would meet in Mollet started.

The politicians also had a good understanding and the councilor of education showed commitment through her declaration that she wanted to start implementing the concept in the three kindergartens of the municipality and in a center for handicapped, also run by the city.

The City of Mollet is already working to sign an agreement with the Association for Ecological School Canteens in Catalonia, represented by Nani Moré a very well-known specialist on ecological food. According to Albert she will be able to play the role as the head of the Diet Unit in Södertälje does. As Mollet do not have a Diet Unit, they will not employ such a person, but an advisory contract will be a good substitute.

#### Work plan Handbook

We reached a better understanding of what kind of book Mollet wants to make, and agreed upon a more thorough presentation in a 100 pages book. Target groups are principally governments, experts and companies, not so much people in general.

Albert has already asked people to write texts, and we stressed that it is important to make sure that these authors have understood the concept. Texts will be ready in Mid-October.

The recipes will be the four ecological menus from Gallecs that are planned, for 50 and 4 persons. Some of the Swedish recipes will possibly also be included. The Gallecs menus will be presented during the September conference in Mollet.

Photos and layout will be ready in November and printing in December.

Albert is the person who will coordinate the entire process, but different authors will be involved. He has a clear idea of what he wants and now he understands the entire concept better, so we believe this has a good chance to function as planned.

#### Diet policy transfer and planning Diet Policy conference in Mollet

We agreed upon that the most important thing to succeed in the Diet Policy work is to manage to involve the right people. Albert promised to send a list of the politicians that he plans to involve in the Diet Policy conference in Mollet in



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September. These persons should also be invited to the conference in Södertälje in May, but then we need to present a program that is particularly interesting for them, as these politicians are occupied people.

Alícia Domínguez González, councilor of *Education* already declared that she was interested in going.

We also discussed how we will manage to get some politicians from Södertälje to the Mollet conference in September. It might be difficult because it is the week after the elections in Sweden, so we have to be open to those who anyhow are prepared to go.

#### Rural area of Gallecs with production potential

A great asset for the Mollet City and for this project is the very nearby rural area of Gallecs, where 800 hectares serves both as a recreation area and for agriculture production. Already in 2005 the Gallecs Consortium initiated the conversion to ecological agriculture reaching nowadays 50% of the total area. It might play an important role in the future work with the potential to supply Mollet with local vegetables, legumes and cereals.

A key person for the Diet for a Green Planet project is Gemma Safont, manager of the Gallecs Consortium.

#### **Summary: Process status and actions needed**

- Coordination and cooperation functions very well, no need for specific action.
- Local Support Group, LSG, not yet formed, but process is started. Needs a follow up before inviting the Mollet people to the Södertälje conference.
- Diet for a green Planet transfer process is positively started. Needs to continue according to project plan at Södertälje Conference in May and during lead expert's follow up visits in the autumn.
- Work plan Handbook is now established on a general level and agreed. Needs follow up according to project plan with personal contacts local coordinator and lead expert. Principally to assure that the involved authors have understood the concept.
- Diet policy transfer and planning Diet Policy conference in Mollet is started in a good dialogue. Lead partner coordinator have to follow up that list of suggested people to involve will be sent from local partner. Södertälje politicians also soon have to be invited to participate in September conference. Needs to be coordinated with those who are invited to participate in Södertälje conference in May.



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