

GenerACTOR

Community gardens for good governance,
active citizenship and participation

The project in a nutshell

Duration: January 2022 – December 2024

Overall objective:

Support integrated and sustainable urban development through capacity-building and service-delivery in urban agriculture targeting local authorities and vulnerable communities, promoting the Global Green Deal goals and social and economic inclusiveness through community empowerment, and fostering multi-perspective governance as a catalyst for co-innovation.

Specific objectives:

1. Promote multi-governance and co-innovation by designing, creating and implementing integrated and innovative green policy hubs connecting intra & peri-urban areas and their residents.
2. Fight poverty and food insecurity accentuated by the COVID crisis, ensuring social inclusiveness of vulnerable communities and in particular migrants residing in Barranquilla, Colombia.
3. Improve resilience and greening of the city of Barranquilla through the planning and implementation of green urban projects that emphasize sustainable growth and promote food citizenship.
4. Increase prosperity and innovation from a circular economy perspective, fostering participation and co-decision and promoting digital solutions to facilitate inter-action between local authorities and communities.

Target groups

- Local government representatives
- Representatives of Siembra Barranquilla
- Community associations
- Regional and international organizations

Final beneficiaries

- Residents in vulnerable communities (approx. 25,000 people as direct beneficiaries)
- Migrants and returnees; women; young adults and children
- Local authorities and civil servants, experts and practitioners
- Indirect beneficiaries: all residents in the city of Barranquilla

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Estimated outputs

- 1) **Enhanced capacities of governance at the local level through peer-to-peer learning as well as a participatory and rights based-approach that targets vulnerable communities.**
The involvement of migrants, youth and women in the participatory policy making process will foster social & political empowerment. The partners will ensure the active engagement of such stakeholders.
- 2) **Implemented green economy planning and pilot activities in the intra and peri-urban areas of Barranquilla based on urban agriculture and community empowerment.**
Environmental sustainability is at the heart of the project, with local authorities actively participating in the action, as well as the private sector and civil society organizations. The project will enable the expansion of sustainable community gardens in the targeted area.
- 3) **Transferred lessons learnt and know-how to ensure sustainability, replicability and promote project's specific objectives in Colombia, Italy and beyond (Global Green Deal).**
Policy proposals will be prepared to influence regional and national action and enable local authorities to play an active role in the promotion of a shared governance.

Main activities

- a. Exchanges, study visits and collaboration among Local Authorities and communities to support participatory processes for identifying local needs, key resources and competence-based leadership;
- b. Build capacity among local actors to co-innovate, through training and knowledge-transfer from EU partners and among local communities. This includes:
 - **Capacity building of local public officials and representatives**
 - **Training programme** (devised by Replay Network) on urban community gardens, based on technical and social skills present in local communities, focusing on empowerment, dialogue and networking of local community holders ("Gardenisers").
- c. Support the city of Barranquilla in the design of a concept plan for urban agriculture as a city-wide effort;
- d. Develop and implement urban gardens through a participatory approach;
- e. Provide technical support to build new value chains and promote food citizenship and sustainability in the green economy sector. This includes:
 - Development of spatial planning (concept plan) and implementation of **4 community gardens** in the city of Barranquilla (large-scale community garden) aligned with the Global Green Deal.
 - **Transfer of digitalisation** (e-governance).

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- f. **Study-visits and exchanges among inter-municipal and associations of municipalities of Colombia and Italy** to promote the transfer of the partnership's model and green urban policy in Latin America, inspired by the Global Green Deal.

This includes:

- Participation (visits) of partnership representatives together with representatives from targeted communities.
- Visual communication to support the partnership and its objectives.
- Knowledge-sharing and outreach activities during the final months of the project, with a focus on engaging regional partners in Colombia such as the Governor's Office of the Atlántico Department.
- External final evaluation.

Overall budget: 2.931,080 €

Partnership

Coordinator

Associazione Regionale Comuni del Lazio-ANCI Lazio (Italy)

Co-applicants

Alcaldia de Barranquilla (Colombia)

Siembra Barranquilla (Colombia)

Risorse per Roma (Italy)

Reply Network (Italy)

Associated partners

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