

Edible City Andernach

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Call for best
practices on healthy
and sustainable
food systems

In Andernach, the motto is “picking allowed” rather than “no trespassing”. Whether strawberries, lettuce, or onions – the municipal administration lets people plant fruit, vegetables, and herbs everywhere, and everyone can pick them. As a result, public parks and green areas become gardens for citizens. The public campaign shows residents how to eat healthily and boosts their appreciation for regional food.

The project, which is unique in Germany, was already launched in 2010 and has since continuously developed. It centres on an approach to the long-term and sustainable management of green spaces in order to make the city more lively, environment-friendly and differentiated. Here, sustainability and biodiversity form the basis for promoting urban agriculture and rouse the interest of the city's inhabitants in more conscious and healthier eating habits. In this context, the integration of urban agriculture aspects in the city's green spaces is a crucial element.

- Public greens for everybody
- Demonstration of agrobiodiversity
- Creation of new habitats
- Design of multifunctional open spaces
- City climate appreciation through greening measures
- Economic green area care
- Activation of the citizens for the design of your own town
- Integration of long-term unemployed

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