



Malmö (Sweden)

365,644 inhabitants



Food education, food culture, + culinary traditions

Organic production + biodiversity protection

Small farmers + social integration of disadvantaged groups

Strengthening Territoriality through Dynamic Purchasing

What? To build new supplier relationships and increase opportunities for local and small-scale food producers in Malmö's schools and preschools through a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).

When? 2024 - ongoing

Who? Schools and pre-schools

"When we work locally with suppliers we can foster awareness for a more sustainable food system in our schools."

The challenge?

Malmö's traditional procurement model was primarily designed for large-scale suppliers, making it difficult for local and small-scale producers to participate in school food procurement. A new procurement model is setting out to address this challenge.

The solution!

Malmö introduced a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), allowing up to 10% of the city's wholesale food procurement budget to be spent on products from local and small-scale producers. To strengthen the link between food procurement and food education, participating producers must also be able to host study visits from Malmö's schools and preschools during the school day.

The results:

Launched in October 2024, Malmö's procurement model focuses on large scale suppliers. As it is the first time the Municipality has worked with small scale local producers for school food, there is a lot of potential for growth and better awareness for school food procurement. The results are preliminary but there are some expected outcomes from the procurement work in Malmö.

- **Economic impact:** With this model, Malmö is strengthening support for local producers and continuing to build partnerships for local economic collaboration.
- **Social impact:** As the work continues, study visits will ensure that children know where their food comes from and how it is produced.
- **Environmental impact:** By increasing sustainable sourcing, it is expected that emissions and impact of school food will decrease over time.



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Key Takeaways for Cities:

Engage early with your main supplier to identify opportunities for integrating local and small-scale producers.



Build relationships with local producers to understand their capacity, needs, and potential to supply schools.

Be innovative in your procurement requirements to create opportunities for more sustainable and local sourcing.



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