

## Local experiences: practice-governance models

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## What is **UA governance**?

The process of interaction based on **social practices, institutions** and **power relations** that help **coordinate, steer,** and **maintain** the ongoing operations of urban agriculture activities. Models of governance are embedded into social, spatial and historic context of places and communities as well as in the legal regulations.

## Why is UA governance important in EFUA?

Successful UA governance makes UA practices **more sustainable and effective** in achieving social, economic and environmental benefits for cities.

So what makes a UA governance successful?



**Successful UA governance models at city level share a common characteristic:**

**They are based on participatory decision making processes that involve all relevant stakeholders in UA: local government, civil society, the private sector, gardeners themselves.**

## What else do we need to know?

Different governance approaches lead to different results.

Our task is to understand better **how the different governance processes lead to different forms of UA and to different benefits.**

## How we approach the task:

- (1) Identifying UA governance actors – who are the actors who participate in UA governance? (individuals, neighborhoods associations, NGOs, municipalities, businesses, public institutions etc.)
- (2) Exploring UA governance from the perspective of the city-level policy. (policies, strategies, programmes that aim to improve the quality of life of urban communities in terms of urban environment, social and economic challenges)
- (3) Governance approaches at city level listed in the literature:
  - Place-sensitive approach with responsive local authorities
  - Place-sensitive approach without responsive local authorities
  - Non-place sensitive
- (4) Studying the governance models that characterize the most successful practices in each of the 6 types of UA identified in EFUA. We will measure the level of success using the self-reports of the practices regarding the benefits they have achieved at city level.

**Validating the instrument for in-depth study of  
UA practices' governance models**

**We need your expertise and experience with UA!**

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## The city-level perspective on UA governance in four cities

Roma Capitale, Italy

Oslo, Norway

Loures, Portugal

Sofia, Bulgaria