

# Final comments on CRP objectives for the FOOD2GATHER project



**FOOD2GATHER's main objective**, through its combination of research on diverse food initiatives and distribution modalities as a result of increased migration to different European countries, **is to investigate foodscapes to understand how encounters around food may modify, give new meaning and even create and expand niches of social, cultural and economic acceptance in public spaces.** Investigating in cooperative partnerships will yield qualitative insights relevant for socio-cultural theorizing as much as for public dissemination of workable arenas of co-existence on which integration and acceptance can build.

The CRP specific objectives are listed below in correspondence to the work packages (WPs) assigned to their completion:

- To identify how relations between food and public spaces are modelled at institutional, empirical, and discursive levels in a situation of migration, including the role of grassroots initiatives addressing social precariousness (WP2).
- To observe foodscapes under negotiation in order to map the fluxes at a conceptual level (WP1) as well as an empirical level (WP3&4).
- To have a better understanding of the field and the way relations between food and public spaces are actually negotiated in concrete cases of food moving with migrants (WP 3).
- To consequently foster cooperation and knowledge exchange between scholars, civic stakeholders and communities (WP4&5).
- To stimulate debate and promote pilot projects aiming at opening up discussion and thus facilitating the cultural and social integration of migrant populations (WP4&5).
- To stimulate the scientific debate about European integration through academic publications and the launching of an international master course on food and migration (WP1,2,3&5).
- To reflexively develop the theoretical framework by dynamically developing the central concept of foodscape and critically assessing the usefulness of different established concepts (as migration, AND FORCED MIGRATION, integration or public spaces) by considering their reciprocal interactions (WP1).
- To propose an integration model encompassing food-related initiatives and employ it for a broader theorization and dissemination of 'foodscape' as a tool for integration in European public contexts (WP1&5).
- To contribute to a corpus of literature on food practices in critical contexts of forced migration, a sub-field of study which was identified and expanded by the CRP group.