



FEEDING PUBLIC POLICIES

local public policies for food sovereignty

I international seminar november 16-17 Donostia

SAVE THE DATE – CALL FOR REGISTRATION

EHNE-Bizkaia, Bizilur and EHESK, together with support from Hands on the Land alliance partners TNI, FIAN and ECVC invite you to join the first International Seminar on Local Public Policies for Food Sovereignty. Under the banner of “feeding public policies”, the seminar will provide a **space to discuss, exchange ideas, share experiences and initiatives between relevant actors who are currently working to develop public policies for food sovereignty.**

The event will take place on **Nov. 16-17, 2016 in San Sebastian in the Basque Country**, Spain. Simultaneous translation to accommodate Spanish and English speakers will be provided.

Building upon the research “[Sowing sovereignties](#)”¹, highlighting local experiences in the Basque Country that might serve as examples of good practices in terms of how local public policies can foster food sovereignty by promoting sustainable local food systems, the seminar moves forward this process of building knowledge by extending the attention to experiences at the European level as well as other iconic examples from other regions of the world.

You are invited to join, and add your contributions to a collective effort to determine the role of local public policies – and how these relate to other scales of governance – and of citizens (food producers and consumers) in the development and construction of food sovereignty in our communities. The seminar will address questions such as:

- What is the content of a local public policy to promote food sovereignty?
- What kinds of experiences are currently underway from which we can draw lessons?
- How can we promote similar processes with effective and widespread participation of other local authorities and civil society organisations?
- What alliances can we strengthen with other organisations and constituencies working for a transition toward fairer economies?

More information and registration available on the site:

<http://politikak-elikatzen.bizilur.eus>

We hope to see you in San Sebastian in November!



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International Seminar on Local Public Policies for Food Sovereignty
November 16 and 17, 2016
Donostia - San Sebastián
DRAFT PROGRAM

16 November:

Welcome and Opening remarks from Public authorities

Opening Panel: What is the role of local public policies in promoting food sovereignty?

Opening Panel: Food as a right – Actual context and challenges

First panel on the **CONTENT** of local public policies for food sovereignty

- a) Development of policies – public procurement and opportunities for peasants to access different scales of markets
- b) Development food in schools

Roundtable with local experiences: a) Education approach of food schools systems – educating the community; b) Access to land, to farm and to markets for young people

Second panel on **PROCESSES** that promote/help/contribute to local public policy-making /development for Food Sovereignty:

- a) Urban Food policies and the link between urban/rural agenda
- b) What changes we want to achieve in our cities to improve our food systems and what mechanism of citizen participation can we ensure
- c) Integral territorial/sector development approaches

Workshops (1/2)

- a) Access to land and commons
- b) Public procurement policies and school food as a tool for education and social change
- c) Urban food policies from a territorial approach
- d) Local public policies for Agroecology

17 November:

Third panel – on the **IMPACTS**/Changes we want to achieve through local public policies

- a) Transforming Social and solidarity economy through food
- b) The dialogue between global governance and local governance
- c) Linking food sovereignty policies with other sovereignties – how to foster a social muscle that claim and participate at policy-making, engage in local initiatives, etc.

Roundtable with local experiences: a) Institutional mechanisms to promote a different economy, including food policies with a Food Sovereignty approach; b) Innovation free softwares to support peasant struggles; c) Food policies and social exclusion;

Fourth panel – on **EDUCATION** to promote food sovereignty policies and movements

- a) Academia and its role in promoting/supporting social movements struggles and activism
- b) Which is the training and research from/to social movements we need – How to impulse training and research as a public policy
- c) Educational approach and International networking to promote education for Food Sovereignty and agroecology

Roundtable with local experiences from the Basque Country, Chile and Europe

Workshops (2/2)

¹ <http://www.economiasolidaria.org/files/Politicasy20publicas.pdf>