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**Module 8 - From the GAS
to Short Food Supply
Chain towards the
Sustainable Economy
Districts: case studies**



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Introduction

The module is aimed to present the different models related to circular economy: starting from the sustainable purchase groups (SPG) to the short food supply chains (SFSCs) and finally to the SEEDs.

Through this module, participants could fill following learning objectives :

- To learn about the core values that push people to be involved in SPGs, SFSCs and SEEDs
- To acquire competences and tools related to SPGs and SEEDs
- To improve knowledge on SFSCs



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The module has a different structure than all other modules: it contains 4 case studies, in form of interviews to privileged witnesses, without any readings.

Moreover, at the end of this module, participants do not have to pass a test with close questions, but it is required to produce a short text relating to values and behaviour identified in the videos and to give personal inputs.



Videos



The first case study presents a short presentation on the GAS (Solidarity Purchase Groups) realized during the project «[Solidarity and competent network of communities](#)», aimed to promote, particularly among young people, knowledge of the social, environmental and economic advantages of sustainable and responsible consumption together with the development of the culture of volunteering and active citizenship. Solidarity and Competent Community Networks sees a training plan that strengthens the capacity building and support for Third Sector entities. Among the activities a training course has been realized on different topics, among which the GAS.

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The second case study presents an interview to Mr Vincenzo Vizioli, the founder e president of the first Sustainable Purchase group (GAS) in Perugia – Italy, and actually Pesident of AIAB, the Italian Association of organic agriculture.

We discussed with him on its carrer, on the constitution of the first pourchase groups (GAS) in Perugia and on the funding values of the GAS and if these values have remained the same or have changed over time. Than, we discuss about the GAS impacts on families and the community within which the GAS operates.



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INSIGHTS INTO GAS **SOLIDARITY PURCHASING GROUPS**

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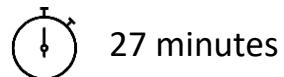
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Vincenzo Vizioli explained if there were any management errors made and the solution adopted to resolve them.

Finally we asked about the future development of the gas experience and on some advice to anyone wanting to found a GAS



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The third case study is focused on an interview to the Italian agricultural trade association Copagri on the implementation of the short food supply chain (SFSC): methodology, tools and core values for its implementation.

We discussed with Giovanni Bernardini- Vice Direttore of Copagri on his National Institutions and on the concept of SFSC and in the agricultural sector and its main players and about the reasons why Copagri invested in the short supply chain concept.

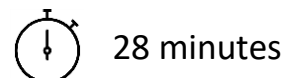


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We focussed than on the founding values behind the choice to produce agri-food in a short supply chain and the type of consumers and what impact does the short supply chain have for them. Finally, looking to the future, Mr Giovanni Bernardini gave its opinion on the future development of the short agri-food supply chain.



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The fourth case study is related to the Italian SEED of Varese, where the Founders and actual President explained their first steps, the core values that pushed them to implement a SEED, the main criticalities, the tools used and some tips to implement a successful SEED.

We discussed with Marco Bonetti, President of SEED Association, Alberto Luigi Gariboldo-Coufounder of the Varese SEED and Giancarlo Morandi, animator of the GAS network of Varese and co-founder of the Varese SEED on the SEED components, their formal or informal relations and the activities they implement.



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We discuss then on the impact of the SEED creation and development in the territory it operates.

Finally we discussed on the competences needed for the implementation and development of a SEED, with a focus on communication expertise. Lastly, we asked on management errors and the strategy to overcome them



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External Insights



Solidarity and competent network of communities project:

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/@tamatngo/videos>

Citizens involvement for sustainable food systems: this project aimed at Changing the prevailing patterns of food production and consumption is a great challenge for all regions in the transition towards a sustainable, more circular, and climate-neutral economy.

LINK: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/find-policy-solutions/stories/citizens-involvement-for-sustainable-food-systems>



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External Insights



Short Food Supply Chain: the following link <https://www.eufic.org/en/food-production/article/short-food-supply-chains-reconnecting-producers-and-consumers> gives an overview on SFSC as a tool to reconnect producers and consumers. In particular,

- the project [Strength2Food](#) a 5-year (2016–2021) H2020 EU-funded project aiming to improve the effectiveness of EU food quality schemes, public sector food procurement policies and to stimulate SFSCs through research, innovation, and demonstration activities.

LINK: <https://www.eufic.org/en/collaboration/article/strengthening-european-food-chain-sustainability-by-quality-and-procurement>.

- The EU-funded H2020 project [SMARTCHAIN](#) is aimed to accelerate the shift towards collaborative SFSCs, introducing new business models and practical solutions that improve the competitiveness and sustainability of the European agri-food system. The project has also established a [virtual platform](#) including novel interactive tools to share knowledge and [innovative practical solutions](#) relevant to SFSCs.

LINK: <https://www.eufic.org/en/food-production/article/short-food-supply-chains-reconnecting-producers-and-consumers>



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