

Enhancing urban resilience through food during the pandemic: the case of Turin

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Abstract

Among the numerous crises triggered by the COVID-19 emergency, both access to food and waste have been difficult challenges for many cities and communities worldwide. This article investigates the intervention strategies in the city of Turin regarding the fight against food waste and the objectives set during the two years of the pandemic. These interventions will be analyzed through the application of system thinking, by highlighting the main strengths and innovation points, as well as the limits and barriers of the various projects to prevent food waste in the city. Some scenarios will be proposed to support intervention policies and propose a new approach to food emergency, in which food and its by-products can represent a means of reconstruction of socio-spatial relationships to fight social exclusion as well as to reach out for greater urban sustainability.

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