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## The Local Hub Against Food Waste

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The development of a «smart» urban food sharing system in Milan: *Local Hub against Food Waste* project

Pilot testing started in January 2019 in Municipio 9 in Milan... ... the system was replicated and a new hub was launched in Municipio 3 in October 2020



Other two hubs are going to be launched during 2021 in Municipio 8 and 4



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«Local Hub againts Food Waste» Project, with:











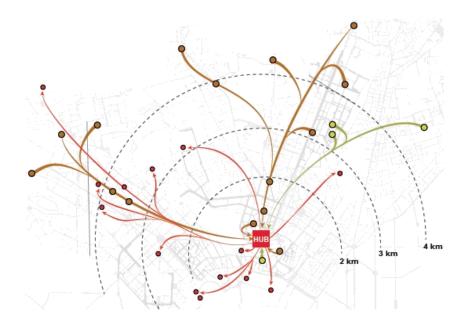








## The implementation of a «smart» urban food sharing system: Local Hub against Food Waste



- At organizational level: crosssectoral network sharing experiences, resources and best practice
- At logistic-operational level: a surplus food redistribution system centered on 1 logistics hub in which surplus food generated by business canteens and points of sale are aggregated and redistributed to people in need





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### The integrated urban food recovery system: the operative model

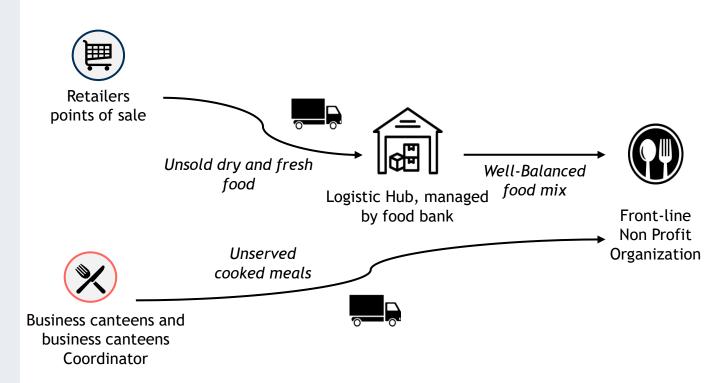
# INCENTIVES SYSTEM



The Zero Waste certification



Taxation incentives (i.e.reduction of waste management tax for donors)







- Developed to measure and monitor project performance along time;
- Allows to point out and share the rise of possible issues and to understand their related causes;
- An instrument at disposal of companies (donors) for communicative actions internally and externally
- An instrument at disposal of donors for their reporting systems (i.e. Sustainability Report)





## The impact measurement system: the indicators

- 1. Surplus food rate over production =  $\frac{donated + disposed}{production}$ 
  - Measures the efficiency of generating low level of surplus food compared to overall production volumes
- 2. Donation rate over surplus food =  $\frac{donated}{donated+disposed}$ 
  - Measures the efficiency of recovering and redistributing surplus food for human consumption before it becomes waste









**77** tons of food recovered



154.000 meals donated



1.300 families in need reached

In 2020, Municipio 9 and 3 Even the temporary interruption of recovery activities due to Covid-19 emergency



**76** tons of food recovered



152.000 meals donated



3.300 families in need reached







## The fast reaction to Covid-19 emergency: the role of the model

The successful experience of the project allowed to react fast to the spread of Covid-19 emergency during the first lockdown in Italy. Indeed, two key elements oh the model were fundamental:

- The strong cross-sectoral collaboration network;
- The operative experience developed though the pilot project.













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Thank you!