The FOODLINKS project develops and experiments with \mathbf{K} nowledge \mathbf{B} rokerage ($\mathbf{K}\mathbf{B}$) activities as new ways of linking research to policy-making in the field of sustainable food consumption and production. The activities are carried out within three thematic Communities of Practice (CoP), each focussing on short producer to consumer food chains, re-valuing food procurement, and urban food strategies. FOODLINKS is a collaborative project funded brokerage linking scientists, policymakers and civil society organizations. The project runs 3 years from January 2011 until December 2013 and is being carried out by a consortium of 14 partners (universities, regional and local governments and civil society organizations) from 9 European countries.

he **Urban Food Strategies** (UFS) CoP, in line with overall Foodlinks project, aimed to create a shared society organisations. In order to do so, we experienced with a set of knowledge brokerage tools through face to tace meetings and on-line encounters which also expanded our skills on effective participation, group dynamics and facilitation. These activities ran in parallel with continuous personal and collective reflections on the learning process that assisted the development of the CoP over time. However, not only the activities within the CoP were instrumental to reach these goals, but also the interaction of CoP members with their respective cities created an important space for expanding knowledge on the urban food strategies domain. These interactions were shared CoP mission included developing and disseminating knowledge that encouraged the creation of more sustainable guide based on the community's experiences throughout the project which aims to inspire action and give support



The diagram demonstrates the development of FOODLINKS as TIMELINE from January 2011 to October 2013

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