



## Rural resilience and vulnerability

The rural as locus of solidarity and conflict  
in times of crisis

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### WG 34 - How Short Supply Chain and Civic Food Networks may contribute to rural resilience in times of crisis?

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The literature on short supply chains (SSCs) and civic food networks (CFNs) is by now quite vast. Many experiences have been described in developed and less developed economies. The debate has been concentrated on the capacity of these networks to be a model for a new, sustainable, just and democratic food system. Very little has been said, though, about the economic performance of these networks and their capacity to contribute to agricultural and rural resilience in times of crisis.

The theme of the XXV ESRS congress offers the possibility to explore short supply chains and civic food networks from this perspective: in which ways short supply chains and civic food network may reinforce their resilience as well as the resilience of rural spaces and rural communities?

We propose to look at resilience from a micro, meso and macro level taking into account the practices of producers-farmers, consumers-families, networks and communities.

Papers may look at which type of farms and families are more likely to benefit from the participation to the SSCs and CFNs, at models of spatial, economic and social restructuring and re-organization they bring with them, at the demands they put forward to european, national and local institutions, at the coordination mechanisms between experiences in different localities.

These perspectives may open, new interesting insights into the nature of CFNs and their ability to be the base for the implementation of new models of food democracy.

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