

FAO-EBRD Agrifood Climate and Environmental Sustainability (ACES) Initiative

Istanbul Urban Food Logistics Roadmap – Online Stakeholder Workshop

23 Oct. 2025 10.00 – 11.45 (Türkiye local time)

Following the in-person stakeholder workshop held on 17 June 2025 in Istanbul, the FAO/EBRD team is organizing this online consultation to present the key findings of the Istanbul Urban Food Logistics Assessment and discuss together the draft Urban Food Logistics Roadmap.

This session will focus on the first two roadmap topics, which were identified as priority areas from stakeholders and align closely with the recently published [Istanbul Green City Action Plan](#) (GCAP):

1. Improving the connection with the city's greenbelt through the diversification and localization of urban food supply;
2. Enhancing connectivity and asset sharing among urban logistics infrastructures through the repurposing of logistics facilities.

The workshop will convene representatives from the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, district municipalities, private logistics and retail operators, producer cooperatives, and academic experts to gather their feedback on the proposed strategic actions under these two themes. The insights collected will feed into the refinement of the Roadmap and guide follow-up activities under ACES and in synergy with the Istanbul GCAP implementation.

The draft Roadmap will be circulated to registered participants in advance. Workshop feedback will be integrated into a final version of the Roadmap and shared with the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality to inform the implementation of GCAP-aligned actions on urban food logistics. The workshop will be held in Turkish language with simultaneous translation to and from English.

Provisional Agenda

10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and opening	Florent Tomatis, Food Distribution Expert, FAO Investment Centre
10:05 - 10:30	Presentation of the Istanbul urban food logistics assessment findings	Berkin Şafak Şener - Economist, FAO Investment Centre
10:30 – 10:40	Presentation of the draft roadmap	Florent Tomatis - Food Distribution Expert, FAO Investment Centre



10:40 – 11:40	Stakeholder discussion and feedback	Moderated plenary
11:40-11:45	Closing remarks and next steps	Florent Tomatis - Food Distribution Expert, FAO Investment Centre

Discussion format

Theme 1 – Strengthening the link with the city’s greenbelt

Stakeholders will review proposed actions such as mapping existing and potential agricultural areas, supporting small producers’ access to land, finance, and markets, compensating landowners who preserve agricultural use, and expanding direct-sourcing and traceability schemes between peri-urban producers, retailers, and municipal markets.

- *Which of these measures do you see as most achievable or impactful in the short term?*
- *Which may require stronger incentives or partnerships?*
- *How can the municipality, cooperatives, and retailers collaborate to make “short food chains” both commercially and environmentally viable for Istanbul?*

Theme 2 – Repurposing spaces and improving interconnectivity among urban logistics infrastructure

The roadmap foresees preparing an inventory of public and private logistics sites, helping to define low/zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emission delivery zones, promoting the redesigning of public areas for shared logistics functions, improving cold-chain capacity, and promoting data-driven coordination between wholesale food markets and private operators.

- *Which proposed actions would bring the greatest efficiency gains or environmental benefits for the city?*
- *Where do you see opportunities for joint use of facilities or digital platforms between public and private actors?*
- *How can governance arrangements or incentive schemes encourage logistics asset sharing across districts?*