



## **Healthy & Climate Friendly School food – coming soon to a place near you?**

Webinar Side Event to the World Food Summit  
Thursday, May 5, 9:30 – 12:30 CETS, 2022

The climate crisis calls for radical changes in our food system and more often food and schools is regarded as a possible changemaker that can initiate such change. Food choices and eating habits are practices that are learned from childhood and onwards and as a result schools plays a central role for both for promoting and offering healthy and climate friendly meals in canteens, but also for contributing to an empowerment of future generations to be able prepare food and to create and design more climate friendly future food systems. School meals has the potential to provide food security for populations, but also to contribute positively to the local food economy. But School Food cultures across Europe are just as diverse as are food cultures. From state financed school feeding programs to totally market or family driven approaches. The Nordic countries with its 25 million citizens represents the whole spectrum of this diversity and in fact is a giant Living Lab, where different approaches to food at school can be studied. But it is also a Living Lab in transition since more and more policy makers are looking towards increased public engagement. The “Healthy & Climate Friendly School food – coming soon to a place near you?” webinar looks at this transition process and uses the Nordic case to illustrate it. It is arranged by University of Copenhagen in cooperation with Lund University within the framework of the SELEA 21 Network Program.

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Welcome**

9:30 - 9:40 Welcome and opening remarks Vivian Barnekow. Consultant and senior adviser for WHO, European office.

#### **Theme 1: School food – an international perspective**

9:40 – 9.55 School food – a strategy for better food security? Donald Bundy. Professor London School & Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition. Recorded presentation

9:55 - 10:10 SchoolFood4Change – 3.000 schools, 600,000 pupils, 16 cities in 12 countries across Europe cannot be wrong. Ulrika Backlund, Project manager SchoolFood4Change, WWF Sweden

#### **Theme 2: From market driven approaches to welfare driven approaches in the Nordics**





#### *A Danish perspective*

10:10 - 10:25 Are we there yet? The 2nd largest city in Denmark has started its journey towards public school food provision, Mia Lundby Kragelund, Special Advisor, Municipality of Aarhus

10:25 – 10:40 Can School Food be a campaign theme in the local government elections? In Tønder, Southern Jutland, Denmark it could. Lene Nørgaard Hansen, deputy school director, Municipality of Tønder

#### *Break*

#### *A Norwegian perspective (15 min)*

10:50 – 11:05 Is there a lunch box shame in Norway? How a teacher & dietician alliance has been pushing school food forward. Arnt Steffensen, President, The Norwegian Diet and Nutrition Association

#### *A Swedish perspective (15 min each)*

11:05 – 11:20 A decade of Swedish tax paid school food – what transition countries can learn. Tina Bowley, Public Health Nutrition Officer at city of Malmö

### **Theme 3: From Canteens to Classrooms – food and empowerment of young people**

11:20 – 11:50 Systemthinking for lunch? Can School meals accelerate the transition to a sustainable food system? Elin Sandström, Coordinator of the project New recipe for School Food at Swedish Food Agency

11:50 – 12:10 Can School Feeding empower young people to change the food system of tomorrow? An outline of a 2nd Generation Food Education at School. Bent Egberg Mikkelsen. Professor of Urban Food Systems Transformation, University of Copenhagen

### **Theme 4: Discussion & next steps**

12:10 – 12:30 Discussion. Moderated by Webinar Chair Vivian Barnekow. Consultant and senior adviser for WHO, European office and Lis Zacho, coordinator of Lindevang School Food & Learning Lab. Alessandra Pereira, Professor, School of Nutrition, UniRio, Rio de Janeiro

