

## JOURNAL

### PROJECT

URBAN SOIL 4 FOOD -  
Establishment of  
Innovative Urban Soil  
Based Economy Circles  
to Increase Local Food  
Self-sufficiency and  
Minimize  
Environmental  
Footprint

📍 Maribor, Slovenia

### TOPIC

Circular economy

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EXPERT

# US4F Journal 5: Successful and active urban community gardens

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UIA Expert Daniela Patti reports on the period between February and November 2020 during which “all sorts of contests were carried out for the production, such as the biggest tomatoes, or those vegetables with the funniest colour or shape, to which many people participated.

The gardens had a lot of surplus production which was donated to CARITAS, which has a soup-kitchen, the only one accepting fresh non-certified food and coming from stores. (...) With the project heading towards its end, the partnership in Maribor is extremely busy in ensuring that all activities are carried out as much as possible under the current pandemic condition, ensuring the activation of the pilot, the running on the long term of the community gardens as well as the short chain food distribution system and strengthening of the circular economy entrepreneurship.”



