Title
Karakolas – software application to help consumer groups

Short description
Karakolas is a software application aimed for management of local consumer groups that facilitates managerial tasks such as contacting suppliers, organizing delivers and contacting and coordinating with other consuming groups. It was developed through Python and javascript with code open for collaborative improvements.

It is still constantly being updated long after its release in 2012. The project was initiated by members of a consumer group in order to tackle their own problems and improve their efficiency, and was made available to other consumer groups throughout development to spread the benefits of the program around.

Topic
Consuming - Food

Characteristics (type, level)
Private and local initiative

Country/Countries of implementation
Spain

Aims and Objectives
To ease consuming-group management and coordination among groups

Target Group
Consumer groups and individuals part of them or willing to take part

Status
Implemented on a continuous basis

Start and Completion dates
2012-Ongoing

Lifestyle and Behavior Change
It eases the process of collective food purchase from local sources and direct contact with producers

Effects on:

Health and Wellbeing	By facilitating access to locally produced food improving quality assessment by consumers and better ties among the food supply chain edges
Vulnerable populations	It may help small farms to sell their product in better conditions and to more individuals
Environment	By easing the acquisition of locally and sustainably produced foods

Initiated and/or implemented by

It was started by members of a consuming group as a way to ease the management of the group's activities and to coordinate deliveries with other consuming groups were involved

Stakeholders and sectors involved

The process was managed with stakeholders, being the main ones producers and consumers through their groups

Financial support

Participants and donors

Evidence-base

Unknown

Main activities

The development, maintenance and evolution of an application destined to consuming group management

Evaluation

It is unknown whether an evaluation was performed or not. Therefore, there are no results available.

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Key success factors and barriers

Collaborative and open code techniques and participant involvement were the key success factors

INHERIT Perspective

Information and communication technologies have shown promising results in different ways within the fields of sustainability and wellbeing. In this case, sustainable consumptive choices are eased through an application. This product allows individuals and consumer groups to easier ordering schemes that can, for example, reduce the environmental costs of food distribution from small producers to consumer groups.

More information

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