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## Know how to wear the yellow jersey!

*"The outcome of a Transfer Network is less a question of teaching/learning between cities than adopting a leadership position"* can we read in Copying Neighbours, the final publication of the BioCanteens #1 network. The challenge is to leave the position of a city-follower of a recognised good practice and for which it has committed itself to a transfer network. It must assume that, as a follower, it has acquired new competences, it has put them into practice and that this experience already constitutes a form of good practice worthy of interest for other cities on a national or at least regional scale.

And this transformation from city-follower to city-leader must occur much faster than we think. For example, on March 24, 2022, the city of Wrocław was asked by its neighbor Poznan to receive a delegation of municipal agents and present to them the fruits of its BioCanteens experience in organic and local canteens! The Polish BioCanteens team is a little taken aback. Micro-Best Practices in terms of food waste diagnosis or raising children's awareness of sustainable food are still at the experimental stage. The visit offered to the Poznan delegation presents the first actions in the pilot schools and the reduction of waste through the system of "Social Fridges". It highlights the first progress underway without yet affirming the storytelling of a leading city..

The question posed in this article could therefore be summed up in the difficulties of the partner cities to wear the yellow jersey! As long as they are in the peloton they follow good practices, guided by the leading city. Putting on the yellow jersey is a critical change in posture well known to athletes, which means no longer following anyone but going ahead and in turn leading the peloton behind you. In a Transfer network, partner cities on the way to becoming leaders themselves must constantly improve, develop their practices and strive to maintain their position as leaders. And why is it so important for the partner cities to put on their yellow jersey as quickly as possible on a local or national scale? Firstly because a Transfer



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