

Research Project FR: Final Evaluation Comments Sheet

*This evaluation occurs in the last year of Research Project Full Research.

Project Title	Lifeworlds of Sustainable Food Consumption and Production: Agrifood Systems in Transition
Abbreviated Title	FEAST project
Project Leader	Steven R. McGREEVY
Project Period	5 years Full Research
Affiliated Program	Research Program 3 : Designing Lifeworlds of Sustainability and Wellbeing

General advice and comments of the EREC:

The Committee was very pleased with the results of the FEAST project. The project was described as an excellent example of transdisciplinary engagement, with intensive, on-the-ground field work in a set of diverse localities in Japan and elsewhere in Asia, working with a range of stakeholders in the food system. It experimented with institutional innovations such as Food Policy Councils to stimulate dialogue across the policy domains impacting on the food system and facilitated the development of civic food networks and alternative food practices. The project furthermore developed innovative products such as an interactive smartphone app not seen so far in RIHN projects. FEAST has also produced a solid academic publication record as well as numerous other outputs aimed at non-academic audiences.

Given the project's emphasis on action research, the final verdict on the success of FEAST's approach will be based on the continued active existence of the institutional innovations and novel practices after the project's completion. In this context the planned establishment of an NPO to continue some of the activities was positively received.

As the team continues to work on further publications, it would be good if the overall project experience as interdisciplinary collaboration across the working groups and as an experiment in transdisciplinarity would be analyzed and published so that the overall relevance of the work is demonstrated.