



Dear,

Stichting Rotterdamse Oogst welcomes you to the first Rotterdam conference on farmers markets, "Local food as an engine for community" in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, May 8-10th 2026. This event is the final part of the CICERO project.

Program

May 8th 12:00 - 18:00

Local food as an engine for the community of farmers, Buijtenland van Rhoon

11:45 - 12:00 We meet at the [Zalmstraat](#), in a little park behind SPIDO. Our bus leaves at **12:00**. Sensible shoes are advised.

12:30-15:30 We visit two of our market farms at Buijtenland van Rhoon. [De Buytenhof](#) and [Gert van Herk](#). The cooperation [Buijtenland van Rhoon](#) will share their stories about this area in transition to a nature inclusive farming area.

We provide a vegetarian picknick lunch, Japanese tastes, made with local vegetables from Gert.

15:30 Bus leaves to Kinderdijk

16:00 - 17:30 [Biokaas Kinderdijk](#), [Molenkade 10](#). One of our organic cheese makers. situated in the most 'Dutch' landscape you can imagine. Expect to see some water management. UNESCO World Heritage.

18:00 Back in the city, to enjoy your evening

PLEASE NOTE: **18:00** meeting with "[Buik van Rotterdam](#)" journalist. A brief exchange with one representative per country, for an article about the best farmers markets in Europe.

May 9th 11:00 - 18:00

Local food as an engine for the community of farmers, chefs and citizens

We welcome you at the weekly farmers market [Rotterdamse Oogst](#) (since 2009) at the old market square [Noordplein](#) (since 1890).

Note: the market is open from 10:00-17:00

11:00 - 11:30 We meet at the [Rotte terrace](#) for a brief introduction of participants and the market.

11:30 - 12:30 A thematic guided tour over the market in smaller groups.

Themes to choose from:

- FERMENTS by Sanne Zwart
- MARKET FARMERS by Bas de Groot
- MARKET CHEFS by Robert Jan Piek
- SAY CHEESE by Marijke Booij,
- SYSTEMS by Peter de Jonge (about licensing, infrastructure, hacking the system)

12:30 - 13:30 We lunch together, at the market

13:30 - 14:00 Workshop 'Gardens Against Rage' by [Fôret Atelier](#)

14:45 - 15:15 Q&A at the [Rotte terrace](#)

15:15 - 16:00 We walk 10 minutes towards the city centre and visit [De Dakakker, Schiekade 189](#), a 1000 m2 rooftop farm (in two groups, max 20 people per shift).

16:00 We take tram 8, that will take us straight to our last stop.

16:15 - 17:00 Visit to [De Veldfabriek Schiehaven 15](#). This tiny oat milk factory is part of a cooperative, together with farm De Buytenhof, the farm we visited on Friday. They grow the oat. Full circle moment.



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