



Slow Food®

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A Convivium is a local group of individuals who support Slow Food, by paying an annual contribution, and promote the Slow Food philosophy and values in their local area. Belonging to a Slow Food Convivium means contributing to a good cause and being part of a global movement.

Premises: Working Together for Good, Clean and Fair Food for All

The work carried out by Convivia together with other Slow Food participants and in synergy with the Slow Food headquarters is rooted in relationships of trust, solidarity and mutual collaboration, in the spirit of achieving our shared vision of good, clean and fair food for all.

Objective of the Convivia

Convivia are established to promote the Slow Food philosophy and values, to maintain and grow a base of individuals who support Slow Food by paying an annual contribution, through the organization of activities and events in the territory of reference.

Criteria for the Creation of a Convivium

To create a Convivium, you need to:

- Register through a founding protocol ([hyperlink](#))
- Demonstrate through the founding protocol that at least 20 individuals are willing to adhere through a yearly individual donation; of these 20 individuals, 5 form the coordination of the Convivium (i.e. the Convivium Committee), including a Convivium leader who takes on the coordinator role
- Be an open and inclusive group, by welcoming people of different backgrounds and cultures; the Convivium is open to all individuals who want to join the movement

Responsibilities of the Convivium

In order to achieve its objective (i.e. to promote the Slow Food philosophy and recruit new individuals), the Convivium should do the following, through the coordination guaranteed by the Convivium leader and the Convivium Committee:

Carry out impactful grassroots work, by:

- organising at least 3 activities a year aligned with the objectives Slow Food, outlined in its [Call to Action](#)
- collaborating with other Food groups, institutions, civil society organisations within its territory of reference
- developing fundraising activities to support its own projects and those of the global movement



Communicate effectively on the ground and beyond, by:

- communicating effectively with its members, to engage them and activate them in impactful initiatives
- communicating to the global movement the impact of its work, by submitting the yearly impact form (shared by Slow Food between November and December in the form of a short online survey)
- communicating to the Slow Food headquarters the details of the Convivium members and the Convivium mailing list, in line with national privacy rules

Ensure compliance with national laws and Slow Food regulations, by:

- ensuring compliance with the Slow Food statute, Code of Use of Slow Food Trademarks, Fundraising Guidelines, Code of Ethics and all other relevant bylaws approved by the Board of Directors of Slow Food
- being transparent and in compliance with national laws

Rights of the Convivium

The commitment of Convivia and their members is rewarded with rights that are exclusive to the local groups. These are:

- the use of the Slow Food logo, exclusively with the name of the Convivium and for the organisation of events, campaigns, communication in its area of competence, in line with the Code of Use for Slow Food Trademarks
- the right to withhold a percentage of the individual contributions, in line with national or international regulations, in order to support the grassroots work
- the publication of the details of the Convivium on www.slowfood.com
- support by the Slow Food HQ (or by the national coordination structure, where they exist) to the Convivium
- the receipt of tailored communications for Slow Food Convivia
- the possibility to access to Slow Food working groups based on the terms of reference for each working group
- Access to Slow Food capacity building sessions
- The right to nominate delegates to Slow Food international events and, if selected, right to possibly have travel and accommodation costs covered (if and in the measures foreseen in the given event)
- The right to be taken into consideration in the selection of delegates to the Participants' Assembly, according to the Assembly's regulations



Accountability

In order to ensure the effective presence and good reputation of Slow Food on the ground, Convivia that do not comply with the responsibilities listed above will be contacted by the Slow Food HQ (or by the national association, where it exists) to understand the reasons for the lack of compliance and explore solutions to restore and relaunch the network. Should it be impossible for the Convivium to restore its work, the following measures will be implemented.

Suspension of a Convivium

A Convivium is suspended if it fails to comply with the following commitments:

- having at least 20 paying members
- having no debt towards Slow Food
- submitting the yearly impact form by responding to the short online survey disseminated by Slow Food

Upon suspension, the Convivium loses the following rights:

- the possibility to access to Slow Food working groups based on the terms of reference for each working group
- access to Slow Food capacity building sessions
- the right to nominate delegates to Slow Food events and, if selected, right to possibly have travel and accommodation costs covered (if and in the measures foreseen in the given event)
- the right to be taken into consideration in the selection of delegates to the Participants' Assembly, according to the Assembly's regulations

Loss of Participant Status

A Convivium loses its participant status if it has been suspended for over 6 months (or a period of time defined together with the regional coordinator at HQ or with the national association, where it exists) or if it fails to comply with the following roles and responsibilities:

- compliance with the Slow Food statute, Code of Use of Slow Food Trademarks, Fundraising Guidelines, Code of Ethics and all other relevant bylaws approved by the Board of Directors of Slow Food
- transparency and compliance with national laws

Upon loss of participant status, the Convivium loses the following rights:

- use of the Slow Food logo
- right to withhold a percentage of the individual contributions, in line with national or international regulations
- publication of the details of the Convivium on www.slowfood.com
- support by the Slow Food HQ (or by the national coordination structure, where they exist) to the Convivium
- receipt of tailored communications for Slow Food Convivia



Slow Food Statute and Privacy

Slow Food is based in Italy, where it is registered as a Participation Foundation: this is the non-profit entity which has the characteristics that best reflect the nature and objectives of our movement.

This legal entity allows individuals, public and private legal entities, organizations, local groups and territorial offices to formally be part of Slow Food, as defined in the Statute of Slow Food (art. 7). Slow Food participants share the purposes of the Slow Food, contribute to its existence and to the realization of its goals.

The Slow Food Foundation ensures the development of the Slow Food Movement throughout the world.

Following the General Data Protection (GDPR) Regulation, the Slow Food Foundation is the Data Controller.

On the basis of the provisions set out in the paragraph “Responsibilities of the Communities”, the Slow Food Foundation appoints the Community, in the person of the spokesperson, as Data Processor. The appointment is attached to this protocol (Annex 1) and is an integral part of it.



ANNEX 1

DATA PROCESSOR APPOINTMENT

The Slow Food Foundation is the Data Controller for the institutional activities it manages, as outlined in the Data Protection Policy available on the website ([privacy.slowfood.it](https://www.slowfood.it/privacy)), in compliance with Article 28 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 679/2016.

APPOINTS THE CONVIVIUM _____

through its Spokesperson (_____), as an external Data Processor in accordance with the GDPR.

The personal data processed by the community may include names, addresses, and other personal identification details (e.g., name, age, gender, date and place of birth, address, phone number, email).

Authorized data operations include collection (e.g., recording in the Slow Food database), consultation, printing, storage, and use for communication related to Slow Food's projects and activities.

In particular, the external data processor shall:

- Maintain records of processing activities and provide this information to supervisory authorities upon request
- Inform Convivium members about Slow Food's Data Protection Policy as published on its website, following Articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR.
- Ensure confidentiality of any information, documents, and administrative records encountered during service performance.
- Ensure that individuals authorized to process personal data are bound by confidentiality and are properly trained in data protection procedures. Authorized personnel must be listed and submitted to Slow Food (as Data Controller) using letters of appointment (see Annex 2), so that appropriate permissions can be granted in the information system.
- Process personal data solely based on documented instructions from the Data Controller. Data must not be transferred to third parties or outside the EU without consent or legal grounds. If required by EU or national law, the Data Processor must notify the Data Controller unless prohibited for reasons of public interest. Personal data must not be used for commercial purposes.



- Guarantee the security of personal data through appropriate measures as defined in Article 32 of the GDPR. Specifically:
 - Keep authentication credentials for accessing personal data strictly confidential.
 - Ensure computers used for data processing are secure and not left unattended.
 - Store personal data documents securely throughout the processing cycle, preventing unauthorized access by third parties.
- Assist the Data Controller in fulfilling requests from data subjects to exercise their rights, where applicable.
- Cooperate with the Data Controller when responding to requests from supervisory authorities.
- Upon the Data Controller's request, return or destroy personal data at the end of the contract, unless otherwise required by law.
- Provide the Data Controller with all necessary information to demonstrate compliance with the GDPR.
- Allow the Data Controller to conduct periodic checks to ensure compliance with these requirements.
- Immediately notify the Data Controller if any instruction is believed to breach the GDPR or other applicable laws.

This appointment remains valid for the duration of the assigned processing activities and is revoked upon their completion. The external Data Processor will indemnify and hold the Data Controller harmless from any damage, including legal costs, resulting from claims arising due to unlawful or improper processing attributed to the Data Processor.

Date

signature for acceptance
of the Spokesperson
