



Slow Food®

COMMUNITY HANDBOOK

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A Community is a local group of people who share the movement's values, pursue together a specific objective and as a group pay an annual contribution to the global movement. Belonging to a Slow Food Community means having a common objective and working together to realize it, being part of a global movement.

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

The work carried out by Communities 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 Community

Communities are established to pursue a specific objective in their territory of reference, linked to the global Slow Food strategy.

Criteria for the Creation of a Community

To create a Community, you need to:

- register the Community through a Community Founding Declaration that includes the yearly contribution that the group commits to give to support the global movement
- demonstrating through the Founding Declaration that at least 10 individuals who are committed to the objective pursued by the Community; of these 10 individuals, 5 form the coordination group of the Community, including a spokesperson

Responsibilities of the Community

In order to achieve its objective, the Community commits to the following:

Carry out impactful grassroots work, by

- implementing the activities to achieve the objective of the Community
- collaborating with other Slow Food groups, institutions, civil society organisations within its territory of reference
- supporting the global work of Slow Food through a yearly contribution (whose terms are defined in collaboration with the Slow Food headquarters)
- being open and inclusive, by welcoming people of different backgrounds and cultures;
- the Community is open to all individuals who want to join the 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 Foundation the list of contacts of the Community, in line with national privacy rules

Ensure compliance with national laws and [Slow Food regulations](#), by

- ensuring compliance with the Slow Food Foundation Statute, Code of Use for the Slow Food® Trademark and Derived Trademarks, Slow Food Fundraising Guidelines, Slow Food Code of Ethics
- being transparent and in compliance with national laws

Rights of Slow Food Communities

The commitment of Communities is rewarded with rights that are exclusive to the local groups. These are:

- use of the Slow Food trademark, exclusively with the name of the Community and for the organisation of events, campaigns, communication related to achieving the goal of the Community and in line with the Code of Use for the Slow Food® Trademark and Derived Trademarks
- publication of the details of the Community on www.slowfood.com
- support by the Slow Food headquarters (or by the national coordination structure, where they exist) to the Community
- receipt of tailored communications for Slow Food Communities
- possibility to access to Slow Food working groups based on the terms of reference for each working group
- 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)
- 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, Communities that do not comply with the responsibilities listed above will be contacted by the Slow Food headquarters (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 Community to restore its work, the following measures will be implemented.

Suspension of a Slow Food Community

A Community that has existed for 12 months is suspended if:

- It does not support the global work of Slow Food through the yearly contribution (whose terms are defined in collaboration with the Slow Food headquarters) or
- It does not submit the yearly impact form by responding to the short online survey disseminated by Slow Food

Upon suspension, the Community loses the following rights:

- The possibility to access to Slow Food working groups based on the terms of reference for each working group
- 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

Loss of Participant Status

A local group 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 headquarters or with the Territorial Office, where it exists) or if it fails to comply with the following roles and responsibilities:

- compliance with the Slow Food Foundation Statute, Code of Use for the Slow Food® Trademark and Derived Trademarks, Slow Food Fundraising Guidelines, Slow Food Code of Ethics
- transparency and compliance with national laws

Upon loss of participant status, the local group loses all its rights.

Participants can at any time withdraw from the Foundation, in accordance with Article 24 of the Italian Civil Code, by communicating in writing their declaration of withdrawal to the International Board. The withdrawal takes effect at the end of the solar year, provided the request for withdrawal is submitted at least three months prior the end of the solar year, without prejudice to the responsibility of the participant to fulfil any obligations entered into.



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 Slow Food Foundation Statute (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.