



Slow Food®

# CONVIVIAM HANDBOOK

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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 Convivium Registration Form
- Demonstrate through the Convivium Registration Form 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 Slow 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 Foundation Statute, Code of Use for the Slow Food® Trademark and Derived Trademarks, Slow Food Fundraising Guidelines, Slow Food 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 trademark, 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 the Slow Food® Trademark and Derived 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](http://www.slowfood.com)
- support by the Slow Food headquarters (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 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 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 headquarters 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 Foundation Statute, Code of Use for the Slow Food® Trademark and Derived Trademarks, Slow Food Fundraising Guidelines, Slow Food 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 trademark
- 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](http://www.slowfood.com)



- support by the Slow Food headquarters (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 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.