

## THE 2<sup>nd</sup> VILLARCEAUX DECLARATION

Addressed to : Mr Matteo Renzi, - UE Presidency

Food is life. Food is our energy. Food is a necessity and a pleasure. A change of paradigm is necessary from food as a commodity to food as a commons. As a common good and as a guaranteed basic human right, wholesome and safe food should be accessible to every human being. Food gathers and unites, and this is why we, the youth of the Mediterranean region, have come together to encourage you to implement this declaration.

### City and Regional Food Policies

City and regional food policies need to enable current and future generations to cultivate sustainable, equitable and wholesome production, distribution and consumption of food. These policies must include financial incentives for small-scale producers, as well as regulation and administration to support them. City Food Policy Councils should be used as tools to promote dialogue and decision making among stakeholders.

### Shifting the Paradigm of Public Food Services

Improving and innovating public food services are achievable goals, exemplified by successful case studies, such as the city of Copenhagen and Scotland. Public food services should balance the following principles: health, nutrition, cultural and religious pluralism, and local sourcing, while considering affordability. Therefore, public food services should be tailored to all citizen's needs and be established by their active participation.

### Cultural and Religious Food Pluralism

Food has a fundamental cultural and religious component and therefore it should not be treated as a commodity. All individuals of various cultural and religious backgrounds should be guaranteed access and freedom of food choice.

### Education and Knowledge Sharing

Education plays a key role in raising awareness and understanding. Food culture, production, distribution, trade, consumption, waste management and other food matters should be integrated into all levels of education. Collaborative partnerships should be established among small-scale farmers and fishermen and other stakeholders.

### Sustainable Farming and Fishing

Small-scale farmers and fishermen are guardians of our ecological heritage. We propose the establishment of incentives to promote a holistic approach to small-scale farming and fishing. These incentives should empower younger generations to enter the food-production workforce and to start innovative enterprises through long-term sustainable models.

### Distribution and Logistics

Optimizing distribution and logistics is necessary to support ecology and economy. Incentives are needed to facilitate market access for small-scale producers. This can be achieved by creating logistic platforms for small producers.

### Impact of the Food Cycle on the Environment

Food management has an immense impact on the environment and therefore, all stakeholders must ensure transparency and traceability throughout the food cycle. We propose using the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of a product's ecological impact as a monitoring tool. Managing food waste throughout the whole cycle in order to minimize negative impacts remains an urgent matter and must be prioritized.

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