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## Call for participants

### CATCH THE WAVE!

## Gender Equality and Resilient Food Systems

Within the Food Wave project, Eating City will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> international workshop entitled ***“Gender Equality and Resilient Food Systems: the role of women in the food system”***.

The workshop will take place on **23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of October**, from 13:00 (October, 23<sup>rd</sup>) to 18:15 (October, 24<sup>th</sup>) CEST online (Zoom).

### TOPICS

Historic gender inequities have contributed to a decidedly unsustainable food system. Women have a prominent role all across the value chain—as farmers and food producers, merchandizers, educators, cooks, servers, and leaders of food organizations. Women are also substantially more involved and invested—on a daily basis—in education, health and supply processes related to food, which are frequently taken for granted, and are certainly undervalued. Yet women face gender bias at every turn in their lives, careers, and as food business owners: lower education attainment, slower rates of promotion, and significantly lower access to capital.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the situation, with far more women than men temporarily or permanently leaving the workforce, and for a variety of reasons (e.g., loss of childcare, closing of schools, the need to care for young or sick family members at home). According to the European Investment Bank, “considering gender equality and empowering female entrepreneurship could help to accelerate and fortify our recovery.” According to the European Commission, improvements to gender equality could create 10.5 million jobs by 2050 and boost the EU economy by between €1.95 and €3.15 trillion. Thus, empowering women’s participation in the labor market and encouraging entrepreneurship could add billions to the EU economy, including a focus on training and promoting women from lower-wage occupations to higher-level ones – Management, Directors, and more entrepreneurs.

### OBJECTIVES

Discuss and explore:

- **The dynamics of power and gender** within food systems
- **The critical role of women** in advancing toward a more sustainable food system
- **How men can support gender equity** throughout the entire food value chain
- **What conditions for creating a gender equity policy framework** for food sector professional across the EU



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## PARTICIPANTS

- The age target group is from **18 to 35 years old**.
- Participants' selection will take into consideration motivation, personal background and specific training and/or education, as well as an age, gender, geographic balance within the group.
- Participation in the event is **free of charge**.

## LANGUAGE

The event will be taking place **in English**.

## PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT

During the event, participants will have the chance to:

- Attend keynote presentations on the critical role of women within the food system and the multiple obstacles they face throughout the entire food value chain.
- Partake in group sessions where they will have to change to ask questions, share ideas and opinions, learn from each other and get to know other participants from all the world.
- Work together toward the common goal of crafting a Declaration on the Role of Women in the Food System and suggest more equal and supportive policy framework for women within the food system.

## DRAFT AGENDA

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 13:00 - 13:15:** Arrival
- 13:15 – 14:00:** Introductory lectures
- 14:00 – 14:30:** Coffee break
- 14:30 – 16:00:** Working session (Karen Karp & Sanja Bojanic)
- 16:00 – 16:30:** Coffee break
- 16:30 – 18:00:** Working session (Karen Karp & Sanja Bojanic)
- 18:00 – 18:15:** Closing remarks

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

- 09:00 – 09:15:** Arrival
- 09:15 – 10:30:** Working group session
- 10:30 – 11:00:** Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30:** Working group session
- 12:30: 13:30:** Lunch break
- 13:30 – 15:30:** Working groups session
- 15:30 – 16:00:** Coffee break
- 16:00 – 17:30:** (1) Writing the declaration (delegates) and (2) Roundtable (participants)
- 17:30 – 18:00:** Plenary session and public reading of the declaration
- 18:00 – 18:15:** End of the workshop



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At the end of the working session, participants will work together to craft a common declaration on the role of women in the food system suggesting the foundations for, and the implementation of, gender equity policy frameworks. The declaration will be sent to local authorities through the project's network.

*(NB: Registered participants will be offered, as optional opportunity, to join online some sessions of the Food Wave Acra Event "Enhancing the Impact of Youth Climate Action" which will take place online Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10-13 CEST.)*

## REGISTRATION

Candidates who are interested in registering for the event can fill out the following [Application form](#).

**Deadline for registration:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 23:59 CEST

For any questions you can contact us at [foodwave@eatingcity.org](mailto:foodwave@eatingcity.org)