



Call for participants

CATCH THE WAVE!

Gender Equality and Resilient Food System

Within the Food Wave project, Eating City will be hosting the 3rd international workshop titled “**Gender Equality and Resilient Food System: the role of women in the food system**”.

The workshop will take place **from 23rd to the 24th of October**, from 13:00 (October, 23rd) to 18:30 (October, 24th) CEST online (Zoom).

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 23rd, 10-13 CEST.

Link for Acra Event application: <https://forms.gle/zXbmhvtkQQhknkne6>

OVERVIEW

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 also 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 (loss of childcare, closing of schools, the need to care for young or sick family members at home, e.g.). 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 labour market and encouraging entrepreneurship could thus 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.

In this workshop we will explore the dynamics of power and gender, the critical role of women in advancing towards a sustainable food system, the role of men in supporting gender equity, and together create a gender equity policy framework for food sector professionals across the EU also to better fighting climate change.



OBJECTIVES

Discuss and explore:

- Gender Equality and Resilient Food Systems
- Intersection of Gender and Resilient Food Systems:
- Sharing a Policy Statement.

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.

REGISTRATION

Candidates who are interested in registering to the Eating City Food Wave Event on “Gender Equality and Resilient Food System” can fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/YzmjSwCkjCVT5Rg47>

Deadline for registration: October 20 - 2021, 23:59 CEST






For any question or doubt, you can contact us at foodwave@eatingcity.org

CONNECT via zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84428610878>



AGENDA

    		Date/Time	Activity	Plenary	Chair Person	Working Groups	Facilitators	Delegates
Oct. 23	1st Day							
15:00 - 15:15	Welcoming by Karen Karp and Sanja Bojanic	✓	JM Louvin					
15:15 - 15:30	Breakout groups of 3 people in-person and virtual (for Online participants)		Facilitator	✓				
15:30- 15:45	What did you learn, generally, and about each other?	✓	Karen Karp					
15:45 - 16:15	IAT Bias Assessment		Sanja Bojanic					
16:15 - 16:30	Coffee break and back to plenary							
16:30 - 16:45	Deconstructing the Workshop Topic: Gender Equality and Resilient Food Systems	✓	Karen Karp					
16:45 - 17:00	Food Systems Overview - Intersection of Gender And Resilient Food Systems	✓	Karen Karp					
17:00 - 17:55	Working Group 1: Where do you intersect with advocacy for a more gender equal and resilient food system?		Facilitator	✓				
17:55 18:00	Closing remarks	✓	JM Louvin					
18:00-18:30	Facilitator Meeting (In Person)		Facilitator & Staff			✓		
Oct. 24	2nd Day							
10:00 - 10:10	Opening	✓	JM Louvin					
10:10 - 12:15	Working Group 2: Intersection of Gender and Resilient Food Systems: What are the issues? What are the policies that are needed to advance this vision?		Facilitators	✓				
12:15 - 12:30	Coffe Break and back to Plenary							
12:30 - 13:00	Group Work Summarized: Delegates, Facilitators and Note-takers only		Karen Karp			✓	✓	
13:00- 14:30	Lunch and back to plenary							
14:30 - 16:20	Draft Policy Outline: Delegates, facilitators and note-takers create first draft of document		Facilitators			✓	✓	
16:20 - 16:35	Coffe Break and back to Plenary							
16:35- 17:00	Delegates present first draft of policy statement to plenary	✓	Facilitators					
17:00 - 18:15	Policy Statement Review in plenary	✓	Sanja Boianic					
18:15- 18:25	Final Policy Reading	✓	Facilitators					
18:25 - 18:30	Closing remarks By Karen Karp and Sanja Bojanic	✓	M. Mariani					