



IT'S TIME FOR A NEW MENU!

How healthy school meals
can transform food systems

CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2026

15:00 - 18:00 CEST

Brundtland Hall
Forum Compraverde Buygreen
WeGil, Largo Ascianghi, 5
Rome, Italy

15:00 CEST | THE SECRET INGREDIENT - THE SF4C TRIPLE APPROACH & RESULTS

We will explore the SchoolFood4Change Triple Approach and its measurable sustainability impact. Leading experts from the SF4C network, together with practice partners from three European cities, will share hands-on insights and real-world experiences, highlight the three key elements: the Whole School Food Approach, Planetary Health Diets and Cooking, and Sustainable Public Food Procurement.

Peter Defranceschi	Head of ICLEI's Global CityFood Programme and the ICLEI Europe Brussels Office
Amalia Ochoa	SchoolFood4Change Project Coordinator, ICLEI Europe
Alberta Congeduti	Fondazione Ecosistemi (Italy)
Annelies Smets	Project Manager, Rikolto (Belgium)
Cristina Sossan	Area Food Policy, Education Department, City of Milan (Italy)
Nadia Tecco	Researcher, University of Gastronomic Sciences (Italy)

N.N.	SchoolFood4Change cook
Monika Rut	Senior Expert, Sustainable Food Systems, ICLEI Europe
Tamara Bruning	Head of Cleaning & Catering Services Division, Municipality of Ghent (Belgium)
Moderation: Paola Hernández Olivan	<i>Mensa Cívica (Spain)</i>

16:05 CEST | LEADING THE CHANGE: THE POLITICAL LEGACY OF FRONTRUNNER CITIES

In an interactive roundtable, policymakers from six European municipalities will share how they have navigated the practical challenges of implementing SchoolFood4Change and driving meaningful change in their cities. Drawing on their experience, our knowledgeable speakers will offer forward-looking perspectives on the vital role of schools within local and regional food systems.

Germinal Peiro	President of the Dordogne Departmental Council (France)
Lalynn Wadera	Deputy Mayor, Leuven Municipality (Belgium)
Annika Vaikla	Deputy Mayor, Viimsi Municipality (Estonia)
Sofia Hedén	Deputy Mayor, Malmö Municipality (Sweden)
Mariangela Crabolu	Executive Councillor, Nuoro Municipality (Italy)
Anna Scavuzzo	Deputy Mayor, City of Milan (Italy)
Claudia Pratelli	Executive Councillor, City of Rome (Italy)
Moderation: Andrea Bettini	<i>RAI – Radiotelevisione italiana (RAI – Italian Radio and Television)</i>

17:00 CEST | COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING

17:30 CEST | A GLOBAL BLUEPRINT - SCALING SCHOOL FOOD FOR PLANETARY HEALTH AND SOCIAL EQUITY

This final part of the SchoolFood4Change Conference brings the discussion to the international stage—connecting local action with global ambition. Roundtable participants will explore how school meal policies align with international sustainability goals and environmental frameworks, helping to secure a lasting policy legacy for a healthier and more equitable future that is within planetary boundaries.

Cristina Guarda	Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
Marta Bonafoni	Councillor, Lazio Region (Italy)
Corinna Hawkes	Director of the Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO
Jiri Svarc	Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission
N.N.	Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission
Mara Cossu	Coordinator of the Division for Sustainable Development Strategies and Environmental Taxation within the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (Italy)
Kevin Morgan	Professor of Governance & Development, Cardiff University (UK)
Moderation: Peter Defranceschi	<i>Head of ICLEI's Global CityFood Programme and the ICLEI Europe Brussels Office</i>

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