



IT'S TIME FOR A NEW MENU!

How healthy school meals
can transform food systems

CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, 27th 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 (SF4C) 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.

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Dr. Monika Rut	Senior Expert, Sustainable Food Systems, ICLEI Europe
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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, participants 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)
tbd	Nuoro Municipality (Italy)
tbd	City of Milan (Italy)
Claudia Pratelli	Deputy Mayor, City of Rome (Italy)
Moderation: Paola Hernández Olivan	Mensa Cívica (Spain)

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, more equitable, and planet-conscious future.

Prof. Kevin Morgan	Cardiff University
Cristina Guarda	Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Group of the Greens/ European Free Alliance
Stefano Bonaccini (tbd)	Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Group of the Left
Corinna Hawkes (tbd)	FAO, Director of the Agrifood Systems and Food Safety Division
Marta Bonafoni (tbd)	Political Coordinator of the Partito Democratico Secretariat
Mara Cossu (tbd)	Coordinator of the Division for Sustainable Development Strategies and Environmental Taxation within the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security
Olga Jablonowska (tbd)	Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, EU Child Guarantee
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