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IGCAT Director visits the Committee of the Regions



Diane Dodd, IGCAT's Director visited the Committee of the Regions' offices in Brussels on Thursday 19th February 2015 in order to raise awareness and develop relations on behalf of the European Region of Gastronomy Platform. Meetings were held with Doru Hobjila, administrator for SEDEC - the newly formed (previously...

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European Regions of Gastronomy chosen for 2016

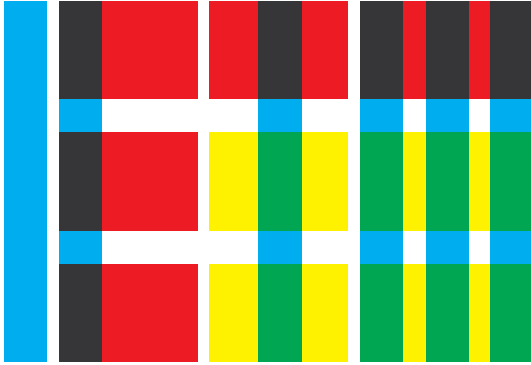
An international jury selected by IGCAT for the **European Region of Gastronomy** Platform met in Ponte de Lima, Portugal to consider the applications and see presentations from candidate regions for the European Region of Gastronomy title for the



year 2016. On the basis of the written applications, visits to the regions, presentations and after discussion, the jury...

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Measuring the Values of Culture



IGCAT's Director, in her role as IFACCA's European coordinator represented IFACCA during a two days Satellite meeting for policy makers and funders in Brussels on 17 and 18 February 2015. The Meeting, organised by IETM and Flanders Arts Institute aimed to gather representatives of Ministries of Culture and Arts Councils from Europe...

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Upcoming Events

ART OF FOOD: Culture and Food Diversity – Call for Papers!

The 2nd **Art of Food: Culture and Food Diversity** will take place on **1-3 July 2015** in **Barcelona**. This edition will look at the challenges posed by widening market. Against a backdrop of free trade agreements currently under-way between the US and EU, IGCAT experts will explore new initiatives being developed to support culture and food diversity. Also...



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Current News From Around The Globe

Aarhus Gets its Long-awaited Michelin Stars



Aarhus often lives in the shadows of Copenhagen, but Denmark's second-largest city no longer has to take a back seat when it comes to its food scene. Three Aarhus restaurants were given Michelin stars Thursday as the first ever Michelin Nordic Cities guide was presented in Stockholm. [READ MORE...](#)

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Food Tourism Opens Market for Big Businesses

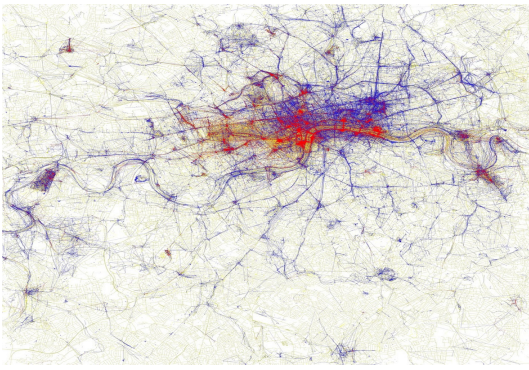
The market is open and big business opportunities are knocking on the current rising industry for Food and Beverage: **Food Tourism**. According to an article on [Skift](#), Food Tourism is the current mainstream consumer trend where travelers go to a specific destination just to experience its food and beverage offerings. [READ MORE](#)

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Where Do Locals Go in Major Cities? Check Out This Interactive World Map

Data artist [Eric Fischer](#) creates gorgeous maps of human movement across cities by plotting the social media trails of the world's denizens. Among other projects for [Mapbox](#),



where he currently works, Fischer recently released "[Locals & Tourists](#)," a searchable world map that visualizes the tweets of city residents versus out-of-town owners. Using

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Indigenous Food Systems Should Be on the Development Menu

Overcoming hunger and malnutrition in the 21st century no longer means simply increasing the quantity of available food but also the quality. Despite numerous achievements in the world's food systems, approximately 805 million people suffer from chronic hunger and roughly two billion people suffer from one or more micronutrient deficiencies while, at the same...



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In Pictures: The Most Unique Festivals Around The World



Where will you find yourself this year? We always knew the world was crazy and these festivals are a solid proof of that. Bored Panda prepared a list of some of the craziest, messiest or the most colorful festivals and events, that have gathered millions of people from all around the world ...[READ MORE](#)

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International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) | 6TH CALL | APPLY NOW!

On 30 January 2015 the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) launched its sixth call for funding requests and its new On-line Application Platform. Since 2010, the IFCD is providing around USD 5.3 million in funding for 78 projects in 48 developing countries, covering a wide range of areas. The deadline to submit applications on the...



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A Celebration of French Cuisine at 'Goût de France/Good France'



More than 1,300 French dinners will be served at restaurants and embassies across the five continents for a special event on Thursday, March 19. Under the patronage of France's foreign ministry and Michelin-starred chef Alain Ducasse, "**Goût de France / Good France**" is intended as a celebration of French cuisine, which...

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Spain: Study Shows Increased Interest in Sustainable Destinations

Two Spanish studies conducted jointly by researchers from the Universities of Extremadura and Jaén have revealed that tourists are increasingly showing

appreciation for sustainably managed destinations. The studies by these researchers have indicated that, when taking a trip, tourists are opting for destinations that are part of a scheme of policies for...

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DASTA moves on Low Carbon and Creative Tourism in 2015

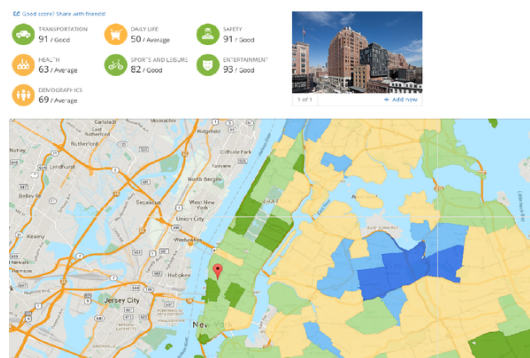


Low carbon tourism is expected to raise public awareness of the impact of global warming caused by tourism. Meanwhile creative tourism should help stimulate the number of tourists during the low season. Last year, twelve tourism-based communities in six special designated areas have since 2013, helped reduce...

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The Tricky Task of Rating Neighborhoods on 'Livability'

Fast-forward two years, and Neciunas and his colleagues have created [Placelive.com](#)—a start-up trying to leverage open data from cities and information from social media to create a holistic, accessible tool that measures the "livability" of any apartment or house in a city. The team recognizes that foraging for relevant information in the trenches of open data...



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Ferran Adrià links gastronomy and tourism as an economic key



Ferran Adrià, the world's leading chef, pointed out yesterday that "the union of tourism and gastronomy is the key for an economic development." Adrià inaugurated at the Real Casino Antiguo and with the mayor of Castellon, Alfonso Bataller, the Innovation Space exhibition, an interactive space to disclose the value of...

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Six Creative Ways Artists Can Improve Communities

From income inequality and unemployment to poverty, education and healthcare, communities around the world are facing critical challenges that require creative ideas and solutions. Any of these challenges could use an artist's mind, a creative question or a critical thinker to help us find our way to a more healthy and just future. Artists can...



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City Region Food Systems – Food in an Urbanized World

On Wednesday 4th February 2015, 09.30-17.00 GMT, London (UK), HRH Prince of Wales' International Sustainability Unit (ISU) has convened an international meeting on **"Food in an Urbanised world: The role**



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of City Region Food Systems in resilience and sustainable development.” Bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders...

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Culture Seen as Key Contributor to Society in the Neighbourhood, Barometer Finds

Culture is seen as having a key role in social wellbeing and economic development by citizens across Europe's Neighbourhood, as well as contributing to greater tolerance, according to the Autumn 2014 EU Neighbourhood Barometer just released. According to the poll, 79% in the East and 58% in the Mediterranean partner countries agree that culture plays...



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Serving it Properly: NGO Advocates Promotion of National Cuisine also as Tourist 'Product'



Armenian tour agencies cannot fully utilize and serve Armenian national cuisine as a tourist 'product' to incoming tourists, whereas thus they would have contributed to the recognition of the country's cultural values, specialists say. Development and Preservation of Armenian Culinary Traditions NGO head Sedrak Mamulyan thinks that...

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The Condemnation of Memory: What's Behind the Destruction of World Heritage Sites

Recently in Aleppo, Syria, the Jabha Shamiya militia has started carrying out a new urban warfare strategy: tunnel bombing. Aside from the human damage wrought by this tactic, it is also extremely damaging to Aleppo's Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage site. [READ MORE...](#)



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