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IGCAT Voice

IGCAT's work was enriched this year with the inclusion of new World Region of Gastronomy candidates and we wish to thank our international friends and colleagues for venturing into this new chapter with us. We are truly humbled to work with such wonderful experts!

On this note, we held our 8th Annual General Meeting on Monday 20 December, during which we celebrated many successes over the last five years of the European Region of Gastronomy Award including:



At the meeting, the 2022 International Food Gift Challenge, European Young Chef Award and Food Film Menu competitions were also launched. Then, IGCAT members also agreed criteria to select and publish a list of Top Websites for Foodie Travellers in 2022 - please follow IGCAT on social media to learn more about this exciting new project!

IGCAT Staff and Executive Board wish you and yours a blessed and beautiful end to this calendar year. May your hearts be filled with happiness and your stomachs be filled with really great food!

Happy New Year!



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IGCAT News

Winner of the European Young Chef Award 2021 announced!

24 November 2021 - Espen Laumann from Trondheim-Trøndelag, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2022 has been announced European Young Chef for 2021 on 24 November. With his dish titled From Frøya to Frosta he won the hearts of the international jury chaired by Michelin-starred chef ... [Read more](#)



The young chefs are leaders of change for good

23 November 2021 - European Young Chef Award 2021 finalists have joined their predecessors and become IGCAT Regional Chef Ambassadors, committing to promote local food from their regions, highlighting culinary diversity and contributing to saving the planet! As IGCAT Regional Chef Ambassadors, they commit to be leaders of change for good in ... [Read more](#)

Winners of the Food Film Menu 2021 triumph at Amorgos Festival

10 November 2021 - Two films from IGCAT's Food Film Menu 2021 triumphed at the 12th Amorgos Tourism Film Festival, held on 4-9 November 2021 on the island of Amorgos (South Aegean, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2019). A Food and Love Story from Menorca, European ... [Read more](#)



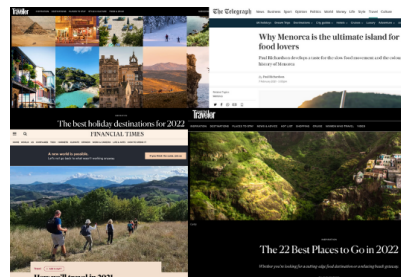
IGCAT commits to the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action

9 November 2021 - IGCAT is proud to be a signatory and launch partner of the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action on Tourism, that was officially launched at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) on 4 November 2021. The information about the launch event is available here. ... [Read more](#)

News from the World Regions of Gastronomy

The European Regions of Gastronomy are a must-visit

29 December 2021 – 2021 has been another fruitful year for the European Region of Gastronomy Award and Platform that celebrated their fifth anniversary with more international coverage than ever! The extensive international media coverage this years is testament to the w ... [Read more](#)



The European Region of Gastronomy Platform welcomes Saimaa Region!

10 December 2021 - Saimaa Region (Finland) officially joined the European Region of Gastronomy Platform with the intention to bid for the European Region of Gastronomy 2024 title. A protocol agreement was signed between Saimaa Region and IGCAT on 30 November 2021 during the 23rd ... [Read more](#)

Sustainability and cross-marketing in the Regions of Gastronomy

7 December 2021 - Minho, European Region of Gastronomy awarded 2016 welcomed the European Region of Gastronomy Platform on 30 November 2021 to discuss the importance of sustainability and cross-marketing for member regions. Organised in the framework of the 23rd Europ ... [Read more](#)



Enhancing local food heritage in the Regions of Gastronomy

6 December 2021 - Best practices to promote local small producers and food heritage were the focus of the European Region of Gastronomy Platform field visit to Coimbra Region, held in the framework of the 23rd European Region of Gastronomy Platform meeting. Hosted by CIM Coimb ... [Read more](#)

An exciting year for Trondheim-Trøndelag 2022

20 December 2021 – “The European Region of Gastronomy is [...] a tribute to local food and local specialties. It’s a tribute to a region that takes local food production seriously throughout the entire value chain. It’s a tribute to the farmers, fishermen and breeders who conjure up the most delicious produce with tender love and care in every nook and cranny of Trøndela ... [Read more](#)





Menorca 2022 programme officially launched

26 October 2021 - Menorca officially launched its programme as European Region of Gastronomy 2022, a title awarded by IGCAT in recognition of the island's work to build cross-sectoral dialogue and support local cultural and food diversity. Inclusive, transversal, dynamic and open to new initiatives, Menorca's programme includes a rich calendar of activities rela ... [Read more](#)

Slovenia 2021: over 1M€ worth in national media coverage

16 December 2021 - The Slovenia, European Region of Gastronomy 2021 campaign was worth 1.415.057 euro in local media publicity, according to an analysis of media releases commissioned by the Slovenian Tourism Board. The report analysed 504 publications from Slovenian print and ... [Read more](#)



Current news from around the globe



ON-IT 2021 year-in-review: achievements and steps forward

By On-it.info

27 December 2021 - With the aim to investigate the potential of online internships in higher education, the ON-IT - Online Internship in Tourism project kicked off in March 2021, opening a first year rich in acti ... [Read more](#)

The Biodiversity Crisis Needs Its Net Zero Moment

By Matt Reynolds - Wired.com

21 December 2021 - Climate change isn't the only major crisis facing the world. We're in the middle of a mass extinction, and we're missing all of our biodiversity targets. October 2021 was an important month for crisis meetings. There was the big one, COP26, where decisionmaker ... [Read more](#)



Tourists gone, Bali's young entrepreneurs eye sustainable future

By Risiana Muthia - Aljazeera.com

23 December 2021 - Young people on Indonesia's famous resort island are finding new ways to make ends meet after the collapse of tourism. When Made Yogantara lost his job after COVID-19 sank Bali's tourism ... [Read more](#)

How can indigenous knowledge help us create sustainable food systems?

By Clarisa Diaz - Weforum.org

6 December 2021 - Climate talks at the COP26 conference included attention on indigenous groups. "Indigenous peoples are at the center because they are the ones that are walking the walk," said Yon Fernández de ... [Read more](#)



UN backs plans to ensure regular, healthy school meals for every child in need by 2030

By UN News

19 November 2021 - Following pandemic-driven school closures, five UN agencies threw their strong support behind an international coalition to improve the nutrition, health and education of school-age child ... [Read more](#)

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