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Food is a key sector to transform crisis into opportunity. In the Ecuadorian province of Manabí, candidate for the World Region of Gastronomy 2026 award, gastronomy is a source of identity, pride, and regenerative tourism and as such, it has been declared intangible cultural heritage by the Ministry of Culture.

Following the earthquake that struck the region in 2016, the pandemic of 2020 and rising violence throughout the country, the World Region of Gastronomy Award offers a valuable opportunity not only to capitalize on its food richness, but also to unite different sectors and local actors towards a common goal.

The prestigious title that we hope to obtain, bestowed by the International Institute of Gastronomy, Culture, Arts and Tourism (IGCAT), provides the tools to build a strong shared vision for a better future in Manabí.

The Latitude Iche Gastronomic Route (first of its kind in Ecuador) has already played a pivotal role in uniting local governments, academia, civil society, and the private sector to present Manabí's candidacy for World Region of Gastronomy 2026. The result of a shared, cross-sectoral work, the candidacy has sparked a wave of enthusiastic energy that will allow us to build a more just, innovative, inclusive and cohesive society.

We look forward to welcoming IGCAT's jury to Manabí in October, to showcase the work we have accomplished so far and to weave new, exciting collaborations with the World Regions of Gastronomy Platform so you too will be able to join us soon in Manabí and rejoice in the rebirth of this food heaven.

Read the bid book: [Manabí - Gastronomy from the Middle of the World](#)

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News from IGCAT and the World Regions of Gastronomy



Open Call for World and European Regions of Gastronomy 2027 | Deadline extended

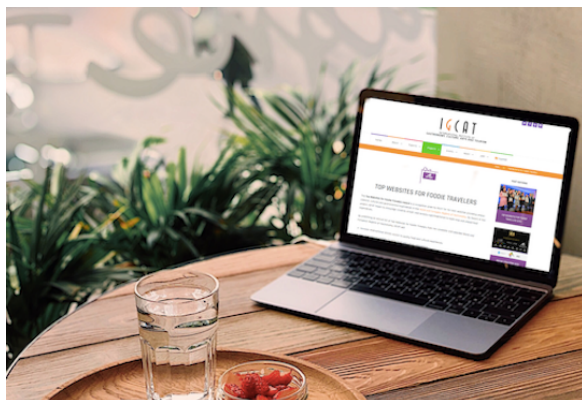
23 September 2024 - Join IGCAT's growing Platform and work with us to protect and promote your cultural and food diversity! Deadlines for applications:

European Region of Gastronomy 2027 Award:
1 December 2024

World Region of Gastronomy 2027 Award:
20 January 2025

World and European Region of Gastronomy 2028 Award:
31 May 2025

For more information: [Open Call for World Regions of Gastronomy 2027 and 2028](#)



Top Websites for Foodie Travelers 2025 - Open Call

3 September 2024 - IGCAT is on a search for websites from across the globe that offer unique and creative cultural and gastronomic experiences! Open call and registration: [Top Websites for Foodie Travelers 2025](#)

Submissions deadline: **13 December 2024**



Unveiling the winners of the Food Film Menu 2024

19 September 2024 - Crete - Sense the Authentic Taste, a short film that captures the aspirations of a young, innovative chef through the proud eyes of her mother, won the 1st Prize in IGCAT's International Food Film Menu 2024 competition. The winner from Crete, European R ... [Read more](#)



Gozo officially awarded European Region of Gastronomy 2026

28 September 2024 - Gozo was officially awarded the title of European Region of Gastronomy 2026 by the International Institute of Gastronomy, Culture, Arts and Tourism (IGCAT) for their exceptional food and hospitality, the ... [Read more](#)



Nordland joins European Region of Gastronomy Platform as candidate for the Award

16 September 2024 - In a significant step towards promoting its rich culinary heritage, Nordland officially signed a Protocol Agreement on 15 September, marking its entry as a candidate for the prestigious European Region of ... [Read more](#)



Saimaa 2024 successfully hosts Regions of Gastronomy Platform Meeting

13 September 2024 - The scenic Saimaa region, recognised as the European Region of Gastronomy 2024, recently welcomed over 30 representatives from the International Institute of Gastronomy, Culture, Arts, and Touri ... [Read more](#)



IGCAT's Food Film Menu 2024 screened at Slow Food's Terra Madre

29 September 2024 - 14 amazing food stories from across the globe have delighted an international audience at Slow Food's Terra Madre – Salone del Gusto event in Turin, that hosted a screening of IGCAT's International ... [Read more](#)



Sicily 2025 stars at G7 Agriculture and Fisheries Meeting

30 September 2024 - The project Sicily, European Region of Gastronomy 2025 was presented at the G7 Ministerial meeting on Agriculture and Fisheries (Siracusa, Sicily, 26-28 September), that recently gathered trade associations ... [Read more](#)

Current news from around the globe



Harmony in the Pacific: tourism, peace, and sustainability come together

By **Travel and Tour World**

30 September 2024 - Tourism in the Pacific is playing a major role in promoting peace, preserving culture, and supporting sustainable growth. As part of World Tourism D ... [Read more](#)



Tackling food loss and waste from the farm to the table and beyond

By **FAO**

27 September 2024 - On the occasion of the fifth International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, FAO Director-General QU Dongyu emphasized the urgent need to tack ... [Read more](#)

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