Cultour Gastronomy Charter

This Charter was developed within the framework of the European project CultourGastronomy, supported by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. Its aim is to promote the creation of a European network of local food and beverage producers, small tourism enterprises, non-governmental organizations, public authorities, and other stakeholders committed to preserving gastronomic heritage and fostering sustainable cultural and gastronomic tourism across Europe.

By signing this Charter, we, the undersigned,

Acknowledge the following:

- Gastronomy is an integral part of our European cultural heritage.
- Preserving local traditional food and beverages contributes to maintaining local knowledge and techniques, as well as conserving biodiversity.
- Sustainable tourism is tourism that supports this living heritage and, where possible, regenerates it.
- Supporting sustainable gastronomic tourism helps preserve the unique value of our destinations and ensures long-term economic activity in the region.
- Encourage cooperation of stakeholders able to join our effort to
  - Support the recognition and the preservation of local gastronomy heritage
  - Develop a sustainable gastronomy tourism

Therefore, affirm our commitment to:

- Actively contribute to the preservation of gastronomic heritage by:
  - Respecting traditional methods of food and beverage production
  - Promoting sustainable practices that protect the environment, support the local economy, and uphold social equity and well-being
  - Educating clients and visitors about the distinctiveness of our gastronomic heritage
- Enhance our skills and capacities to effectively support the development of sustainable gastronomic tourism offerings
- Encourage the cooperation of stakeholders willing to join our effort to:
  - Ensure the recognition and preservation of local gastronomic heritage
  - Support the development of sustainable gastronomic tourism
- Regularly evaluate our approaches and practices to ensure ongoing adaptation and improvement towards the preservation and enhancement of the gastronomy heritage

Date Signature

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