

SMALL PLATE, BIG IMPACT



International School Meals Day ! #SmallPlateBigImpact

Location: European Parliament, Strasbourg (Room WEISS n°4.3)

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International School Meals Day is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about the importance of healthy school meal programs for better education and overall well-being for children. To celebrate this day, ICLEI, IFOAM Organics Europe, and the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament will bring together policymakers and experts to emphasise the critical role of healthy school meals and food education.

School children will present a Petition for an EU-wide standard of healthy school meals and food education for all. The session will also showcase how sustainable public food procurement can support European farmers and biodiversity, overcome urban-rural divides and inspire action toward a healthier, more sustainable food system.

Programme

09:45	Arrival Coffee & Small Reception
10:15	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dario Nardella, Member of European Parliament, Member of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development and Coordinator for S&D on Agriculture• Eduardo Cuoco, Director, IFOAM Organics Europe
10:25	Opening Keynotes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Herbert Dorfmann, MEP, Member of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development and Coordinator for EPP on Agriculture• Christophe Hansen, Commissioner for Agriculture and Food
10:44	Showcasing Good Practice on School Meals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeanne Barseghian, Mayor of Strasbourg
10:55	Interaction with School Children <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q&A
11:05	WIN WIN WIN - Children - Health - Nature <p>Petition supporting Healthy School Meals and Food Education for all children! Manifesto for establishing Minimum Standards for Public Canteens across the EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Defranceschi, Head of ICLEI Brussels Office / Global CityFood
11:15	Keynote <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olivér Várhelyi, Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare
11:25	Reflections from invited Members of the European Parliament <p>MEP Manuela Ripa; MEP Cristina Guarda; MEP Christine Singer; MEP Anna Strolenberg; MEP Ciaran Mullooly</p>
11:50	Handover of Petition #SmallPlateBigImpact by School Children <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handover & Picture Time!
11:55	Closing Remarks <p>MEP Dario Nardella</p>

