

Exchange Schemes for young farmers in Italy

Slow Food

Scheme name	Slow Food
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Website	www.slowfood.com/international/156/slow-food-youth-network
Exchange objectives	Learning opportunity and creation of knowledge network (direct exchange amongst individual farmers of specific technical know-how).
Target groups	Farmers in the network (Presidia) at global level – depending on the circumstances, either local producers call for specific requests/needs (bottom up) or Slow Food proactively proposes possible exchanges (top-down). There is no single 'standard' procedure.
Group determination	Age depending on farmers, members of the 'local presidia' programme (preferably young farmers between 35 and 45, but no single 'target group'), based on 'traditional cultures' and local traditional products.
Number of participants	No fixed amount but an average of ten exchange initiatives per year with 10 to 15 people in each, although again it depends on local needs and local communities.
Recruitment	Within associated communities and individuals in the 'Slow Food Network' (Presidia and associates).
Destination(s)	Worldwide
Duration of an exchange	Duration varies although usually is up to 1 week for a visit with no follow-up (usually there are some exceptions which are based on larger programmes/projects). Typically no long-term programmes, purely based on exchanges.
Budget	Budget is usually limited, unless the exchange is part of a broader project. Single exchange programmes have a cost of about EUR 10 000 (for international exchanges) to EUR 1 000 (for local exchanges).
Funding source	Depends (some sponsored by participants, others paid for by broader funding mechanisms - e.g. EU/UN - others paid for by Slow Food).
Selection of farmers (guests) and hosts	Mainly depends on requests, but there are some cases where Slow Food actively contacts local communities.
Insurance	If needed, it is requested from participants
Assistance in travel etc.	Managed by Slow Food Core Team
Language conditions	In case of international project



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Exchange objectives	Experience
Group determination	Volunteers with no restriction
Destination(s)	Worldwide