

Venice
19-24
October
2026

Venice Food Week

Food is a key element of urban and territorial systems. Yet, although it has entered urban agendas, it **still struggles to be recognised as a cross-cutting issue** that calls for approaches integrating policy sectors and levels of governance.

This **leaves territories and communities more exposed to the ongoing energy, economic, climate and environmental transformations.**

As a coastal, vulnerable city in delicate balance, **Venice and its Lagoon have for centuries been a laboratory of experimentation and adaptation.** This condition is shaped by physical and resource limits, water as both boundary and connector, anthropogenic transformations and climate change, extractive tourism, patrimonialisation, and economic and social change.

Venice is a planetary metaphor, resilient by definition, where global processes become clearly visible, which makes it an ideal place to rethink the future of the food system and its impacts.

The collaboration between **Iuav Food Lab** and **Future Food Institute** gives rise to a **holistic approach that places food at the centre of urban policies and of socio-ecological, climate and economic dynamics.**

The first Venice Food Week (19–21 October 2026) brings together technical knowledge, experts and civil society, from the Lagoon and from around the world.

Its aim is **to build a global food network on the food transition and, at the Italian level, to define a Roadmap for a National Food Policy,** with research trajectories and operational policies across scales. **It is a space open to all food system actors,** including institutions, businesses, associations, producers, distributors, restaurateurs and consumers, to imagine together the food system of the future.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS

Monday, 19 Eating together

10:00 - 13:00

Opening of the Venice Food Week

13:00 - 14:30

Light Lunch

Tuesday, 20 Food for all

10:00 - 13:00

Panel 1 - Food equity and Cultural Contamination

Panel 2 - Food System and Integral Ecology

13:00 - 14:30

Social Lunch

14:30 - 17:00

Panel 3 - Collective catering and food services

Wednesday, 21 Feeding the future

10:00 - 13:00

Panel 4 - Food from the Land, Food from the Water

13:00 - 14:30

Light Lunch

14:30 - 17:00

Panel 5 - Cities and Urban Food Policies

Thursday, 22 Strengthening the values of food Friday, 23 in times and spaces of fragility Saturday, 24

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