



THE VALUES UPHELD BY DELICE NETWORK CITIES

Created by the City of Lyon in 2007, Délice is a network global cities who gather in order to gain expertise on using food and gastronomy as a major tool for the development of their territory:

- *Food culture, an essential aspect of our identity that needs to be protected*
- *Food sector, the driving force of economic development*
- *Food scene, the vector of our international outreach and influence*
- *Food policies, the tools aimed at improving the quality of urban life*

By becoming a member of the Délice network, the only international network of cities devoted to gastronomy, healthy eating and good food, member cities share certain universal values:

- 1. The need to preserve cultural heritage and raise people's awareness about the importance of gastronomic & food culture.*
- 2. The wish to rethink food & gastronomy in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way.*
- 3. The desire to bring together actors involved in the gastronomic value chain to develop a global project for each city.*
- 4. The conviction that food & gastronomy are instrumental in creating strong social cohesion.*
- 5. The commitment to establishing food & gastronomy as a cutting-edge sector in terms of job creation and entrepreneurial development.*
- 6. The promotion of food & gastronomy for the development of sustainable, high quality tourism.*
- 7. The importance of education, transmission and research when seeking to convey strong values regarding healthy eating habits, food & gastronomy.*

Together through Délice Network, cities are gaining greater knowledge, exchanging initiatives and good practices, and creating collaborations and crosscutting projects between member cities. This is achieved thanks to annual theme-based meetings during which participants are able to learn all about the host city, welcome international experts and take time to exchange on news and good practices in each city.

Through this network, the Délice Cities have consolidated partnerships and ties that facilitate a wide range of projects and collaborations in favour of those actively involved in gastronomy & food-based sectors: chefs, entrepreneurs, culinary schools, event-staging specialists, farmers, growers and artisans.

More than ever before, we are convinced that food & gastronomy convey positive values, and that our public policies and initiatives can have a truly tangible impact on our cities.

Délice Network is an indispensable tool, to explore, rethink, develop, steer and collaborate on this important global issue. Comparing diverse cultures, approaches and methods enables all to prosper and come up with innovative ideas.

Délice Member Cities have expressed a wish to pursue these efforts into the future with as many cities as possible worldwide, and encourage those cities that share our values to join the dynamic.