

**Question for written answer E-001939/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission support for UNESCO intangible cultural heritage status for Italian cuisine

In an effort to support sustainable food and healthy eating habits, the UN has designated 18 June as World Sustainable Gastronomy Day.

According to the Italian Observatory on Sustainable Lifestyles, some 36 million Italians have already developed eating habits that are sustainable in agri-food terms and 29% of the population is willing to buy more environmentally sustainable and local products, even if they cost more.

Given the importance of gastronomy and the agri-food sector, and with a view to promoting a strand of Italian culture which is more than simply a series of recipes, but rather incorporates traditions, habits and social practices that are embedded in history, the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Culture have submitted applications to UNESCO for intangible cultural heritage status for Italian cuisine.

In the light of the above:

1. Taking into account the incredible variety and quality of European agri-food products, does the Commission intend to support the sustainable gastronomy sector?
2. What financial instruments will it introduce to support healthier cooking and eating habits?

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