



SUMUS presents Terra| Acqua| Sole

A day to reimagine the food supply chain in and around Venice

WHEN September 11, 9:30am

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Piazza San Marco, Venice

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SUMUS presents **Terra | Acqua | Sole**, a day to reimagine the food supply chain in and around Venice, **Sunday 11 September 2022** at **The Human Garden**, Giardini Reali, Piazza San Marco.

In a world complicated by globalization, the solution seems to be a return to local sourcing when it comes to nutrition: **pandemics and wars are teaching us how important it is for the city system to be autonomous in the production and distribution of food.** The regeneration of the soil, water, and plants and the production of what ends on our tables are the basis of our well-being as a society and individuals. Our regeneration of mind and body goes through all of this. **It therefore becomes essential for SUMUS to talk about food with all the citizens, companies and associations working to generate well-being in the archipelago.**

Bringing together actors of local change – including *Batipai, Birraria La Corte, Bottega del Tintoretto, Consorzio Prosecco, Darore International, Donna Gnora, Duri i Banchi, e-concept, Ezlab, Flavio il Fermentalista, Focus, FUD, GP, Green Sant'Erasmus, Hotel Corte di Gabriela, I&S Farm, Junior farm, Laguna nel Bicchiere, Les Petites Lumieres, Lunardelli Venezia, Majer, Marciano, Marco e Carlo Negroni, Marco Scurati, Mitilla, Municipalità di Venezia, MUST COME STILL, Naturally Epicurean, Pavan Woodworks, Progetto VERAS, Prometheus Lab, Rio Selva - OltreConfin, The freaky raku Pottery, Tocio!, Tocio! Bread and Chef, Valeur Tech, Venezia da Vivere, Venezia FC, Venezia Mare Tour, Venice Gardens Foundation, Venice Open Gates - Osti in Orto, Venissa, With Patience* and more to be announced – **this event is an opportunity to co-create a regeneration project of the Venetian food ecosystem, empower the existing local food production, and create a club committed to the growth of the food economy in Venice.**

There are many projects in Venice going in the same direction. It is therefore time to discuss them in public, in a moment of exchange and **to co-create a virtuous local network of resilience that can generate prosperity for everyone:** producers, service providers, traders, artists, researchers, citizens... but above all for the land and the environment.

The day will start with a **coffee at 9.30am** and then continue at **10am** with an **open dialogue on food.**

Everyone can join the conversation, talk about their projects, dreams and needs.

The **conversations will resume after a lunch break at around 2pm:** during this session, the author and naturopath and visionary France Guillain will join the conversation remotely to address specific issues of common interest.

The day will end around 4pm, with a moment to establish the objectives and the next steps to achieve them.

Admission is by invitation.

Sumus was founded in 2020 with the aim of creating a think-tank and do-tank capable of bringing together forward-looking minds and operators for the regeneration of the Venetian territory. The Forge of the Future was opened in April and will become the home of this project. The decision to start with the agricultural and food system originated from a brief but important truth: "We are what we eat". Everyone, therefore, has a role to play in the regeneration of the paradigm: everything starts with a simple bite.

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Founded by Hélène Molinari in 2020, **SUMUS is a think-tank and do-tank founded to forge innovative ideas, realize innovative sustainable projects, and to co-create Venice as the new laboratory of the future.**

Its objective is to initiate, co-construct and promote with as many people as possible a new paradigm allowing everyone to live in harmony with themselves, with others and, more broadly, with the planet, nature and animals.

This new model, deeply respectful of the living, will gradually induce technological, agricultural, economic, financial, educational, media, artistic changes, etc. and will gradually shape a new society in which it will be good to live and flourish.

For an environmentally sustainable, socially equitable and economically viable society, SUMUS endorses Gandhi's motto: "Be the change you want to see in the world".

Venice was chosen deliberately as the headquarter of SUMUS as it is seen by Molinari as a paradigmatic model for all the cities and communities to come in terms of sustainability, wisdom, and quality of life; a universal city, known globally, and treasured by the whole humanity. The "American dream" based on quantity and big-scale which has influenced the world's development in the past century is not anymore realistic nor sustainable, so why not co-create with volunteers a new "Venetian dream" based on a new clever way of life in harmony with the living which will bring individual fulfillment and collective joy?

Amongst the many venues available in Venice, SUMUS bought an old and empty blacksmith's workshop in Castello as its home and it named it **La Fucina del Futuro**, that means a forge of new ideas and practice open to all Venetians who want to contribute to the change, just a stone's throw from the Church of San Lorenzo. In perfect parallel with the transition suggested by the exhibition – from chaos to harmony – and the concept of rebirth promoted by SUMUS, the Fucina is still in its original state of "chaos", and will close after the show to undergo a light restoration, to finally live a new life in "harmony" from January 2023, while keeping the former soul of the space.

La Fucina del Futuro by SUMUS is an apolitical and ecumenical place, committed to the service of Living, the awakening of conscience, the emergence of a new economy with a positive, lasting and inclusive impact; a hub for exchanges between inspired Venetian and international visionaries who intend to dedicate themselves to new projects. SUMUS's agenda includes a diversified series of vital and entrepreneurial actions on agriculture, bio mimicry, education, health, environment, nutrition, technology, crafts, developed in collaboration with residents, associations, corporates, and institutions, and every stakeholder operating in the Venetian archipelago, and the proposal of new solutions and new positive narratives that will influence the rest of the world.

The next events in line will be the **screening** of the third and fourth parts of **Sebastien Lilli's** docu-film in French **"From Chaos to Harmony"** at the **Human Safety Net Auditorium in Piazza San Marco on September 29 at 6pm**, and the **exhibition's closing party on October 1, 2022.**

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