



#foodonourtables online meet-up #2

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Together, for local businesses

To me, this crisis is like waking up after being knocked out by some unexpected object. Everything seems confusing and you are no longer entirely sure of what's going on around you. Your vision is blurred, so, as you get up, you take a step, blindly, and another, and another, until, slowly, you can see everything clearly again.

'We are all living outside the box right now, and we need to come up with solutions outside this box' is what Alex Ciomartan, owner of Fix me a Drink cocktail bar and Artichoke coffee shop in Bucharest said during our first #foodonourtables online meet-up.

Indeed. We are outside our comfort zone, and the weight of uncertainty makes it difficult to build long-term plans and even, at times, to stay positive.

These are times when resilience and togetherness are necessary. This is why I strongly believe in building a community of people who share the same passion for the hospitality industry and what we do, hold each other's hands (well, online) and go through this together. When actual borders close, let's open them up again, remotely.

When I started Food on our Tables, my strongest wish was to support the industry that I love so much. Through these online meet-ups, I am hoping that not only will we be able to come up with innovative ideas, listen to each other, and support each other, even if just through collegiality, but that we will build connections that will last beyond this crisis, where collaboration, openness and empathy are at the core.

So, until we can see everything clearly again, let's work together, one step at a time. Let's have a call, and then another one, and then another one, and define the paths that we are taking as we walk. Let's grow this community beyond our own bubbles!

Ioana

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Attendees

**Subject to some change*

Gilles Reuter

Die Parfümerie Bar,
Wolfgang coffee, Dodo
coffee, Parfümerie catering,
Vienna

Raluca Hritcu

Country Manager at
Gault&Millau, Romania

Alex Ciomartan

Fix Me a Drink cocktail bar,
Artichoke Social House coffee shop,
Bucharest

Claire Yuan

Manager, Vinifero Naturweine,
Vienna

Florian Schuhmann-Irschik

Quantum Winery, Drinking Against
Sinking, Austria

Ioana Negulescu

Berries and Spice, Food on our Tables,
Vienna

Alex Dumitru

Anika, Bucharest. Gault&Millau Chef
of the Year in 2019

Gabriela Negulescu

EventStuff, Romania

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Proposed agenda and topics of discussion

Introduction

Let's get to know each other, and **briefly** talk about what we do and what we have done since the crisis started. 1 minute each.

Brainstorming

We all know that cashflow is the main issue for the industry right now. Let's spend some time to unpack all of that and list all the problems the food and drinks sector is facing right now. Then, we will pick the most imminent and critical ones, and we will try to come up with ideas on the next call.

Open discussion

Let's share what each of you would find useful. What kind of support do you need, beyond your local government's measures? How can we help? What resources do we need? What experts do we need help from?

What others are doing

Let's talk inspiring projects, such as Drinking Against Sinking, stay-at-home restaurants (Gault&Millau Romania), and more. If you know of any great initiatives in the hospitality sector, share them.

Next steps

Let's recap, wind down, and plant the seeds for the next meet-up.

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