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Subject: Formal letter of support to Bragança application as City of Gastronomy to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network

Dear Ms. Audrey Azoulay,

I am writing as a citizen and as President of the ACPP - Associação de Cozinheiros Profissionais de Portugal (Association of Professional Cooks of Portugal), to express my personal and ACPP support regarding the registration of the city of Bragança as a member of the UNESCO's Creative Cities Network of Gastronomy.

The Association of Professional Cooks of Portugal (ACPP), founded in 1977, legally represents Portuguese Cooking and Pastry Professionals at national and international level. ACPP, headquartered in Lisbon, has around 3000 members and represents Portugal at the World Federation of Chefs' Societies (WACS), which includes around 94 countries and more than 8 million members. The ACPP has been a member of the WACS since 1984, benefiting from the worldwide exchange needed to be informed about all culinary events and new gastronomic trends.

ACPP's main objectives are to promote the profession of cook and pastry Chef, having assumed the commitment to unite professionals, promote interaction, provide information, promote training and, above all, dignify the profession. ACPP is a Certified Training Organization and awards the Quality Seal.

The Gastronomy of Trás-os-Montes and, namely, the Gastronomy of Bragança, is, as we all know, extremely rich and diversified. Rich, by the quality of the products, by the wisdom of those who cultivate and prepare them, by the traditions that maintain their authenticity, by the multiple cultural and gastronomic events held every year in all places, by the predominance of agriculture and cattle raising in the county's economy. Diversified, by the great variety of products and dishes, by the creativity of old and new Chefs who, embracing innovation, are introducing fusion dishes in the Gastronomy of Trás-os-Montes, of which Bragança is a first line ambassador. Bragança's experience and capacity to work in partnership will certainly contribute to enrich the already very competent UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

And in this sense, we affirm our support to Bragança's application!

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Lisbon, January 30, 2025


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