



INTERGAS CHARTER PRINCIPLES



Art. 1 – **Definition**

Intergas Milan (hereinafter referred to as “Intergas”) is a network voluntarily joined by Solidarity Purchasing Groups (hereinafter referred to as “SPG”) based in Milan. It was born in 2001-2002 through the close connection and relationship between different SPG already existing in the city.

Art. 2 – **Purposes**

Intergas is committed to:

- create a network of SPG based in Milan and willing to collaborate and confront with each other;
- coordinate and promote any members' project;
- provide its members with learning opportunities on general interest topics;
- promote SPG culture, critical consumption and the widespread of the present charter of principles; based on these principles, Intergas may consider whether to interact with local authorities.

Art. 3 – **Principles**

Intergas is nonpartisan, apolitical and nondenominational; it is involved in widespread movements in the pursuit of peace, democracy, social justice, health and education rights, work dignity, gender equality, environment protection and migrants' rights.

Intergas is against the current economic system based on over consumerism and material acquisition and is committed to a new fair and social economy. Therefore Intergas is consistent with the principles of the Solidarity Purchasing Groups, and particularly:

1. Relationships among economic subjects based on cooperation and reciprocity:

- a) trust based relationships with - preferably small - producers in opposition to large scale retail-traders;
- b) sharing with producers the criteria upon which prices are set (the so-called price transparency) as opposed to the logic of profit;
- c) a fair trade aimed at an equitable redistribution of wealth on local and global scale;
- d) buying in groups as an everyday practice opposed to the current economic model, which favours a selfish and competitive consumerism.

2. Respect for others' work, justice and social sustainability:

- e) respect for human, civil, social, and trade union rights and rights related to the production process;
- f) promotion of social inclusion (protected categories, migrants, equal opportunities);
- g) protection of a legal, transparent, fair and fiscally compliant economy as an instrument to oppose to organised crime.

3. Environment and health protection:

- h) support for organic farming or conversion to organic farming;
- i) promotion of pollution reduction during the production and packing phases;
- j) opposition to indiscriminate land degradation (achieved also by supporting the creation of agricultural parks) and exploitation of agricultural land for non-food purposes (e.g. biogas or photovoltaic plants);
- k) attention to the short supply chain to reduce the negative impact of goods' transport.

4. Protection of common goods and democratic practices:

- l) promotion of practices aimed at respecting, defending, and enhancing common goods;
- m) promotion of culture and practices for the purpose of active participation in politics;
- n) protection of food sovereignty as a strategy to sustain a new agriculture based on right to food as a common good.

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Baggio, Città Studi, Cuccagna, Dem, Dergano, Domestico, Feltre, Filo di Paglia, Gas del Parco, Gas del Sole, Gas e Luce, Gas 77, Gaspare, Gastardi, Lambrate, Lola, Martesana, Navigli, Sagas