# Spanish Style Ratatouille

## **IDDSI** Level 6

### Dinner

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Time to make: 1h 30mins

Servings: 4

# Ingredients:

2 medium aubergines, skinned, seeds removed, diced into 1.5 cm pieces

3 peppers (red, yellow or orange) skinned and diced into 1.5 cm pieces

2 medium courgettes, skinned, seeds removed, diced into 1.5 cm pieces

1 large onion, diced into 1.5 cm pieces

6 cloves garlic, minced

3 tablespoons tomato paste

3 x 400g tins of chopped tomatoes

4 sprigs finely-chopped fresh thyme, or 1 tbsp dried thyme

4 tablespoon dried basil

3 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped Olive oil

# **Instructions:**

- Season the diced aubergines generously with salt and pepper.
- Heat a large pan over medium heat. Add a drizzle of olive oil.
- Cook the aubergine until lightly browned and softened. Remove aubergine from pan and set aside.
- Add peppers, courgette, and onion.
  Season with salt and pepper. Cook until softened, ~7 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside.
- Add olive oil to pan again. Add tomato paste and garlic, cook until the tomato paste has darkened and garlic is beginning to brown.
- Add tinned tomatoes and herbs and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and then add the aubergine, peppers, courgette, and onion. Cover and let simmer for ~1 hour until almost all liquid has evaporated.
- Once all liquid has evaporated, it's ready to serve. If there is any excess liquid once it's plated, remove with a paper towel.

# **Dietitian's Top Tips:**

- This is a great recipe for vegans.
- Serve with rice or couscous, ensuring that the grains are well-mixed into the sauce.
- For extra protein, add rinsed red lentils before simmering for the hour; or sprinkle with crumbled feta to serve.