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## **Make Europe the World Champion of Sustainable Development**

*Rome, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019  
Auditorium Parco della Musica, Petrassi hall*

*Hosted by ASviS*

## **Unconventional alliances to unlock**

*Rome, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, morning  
Luigi Sturzo institute - Via delle Coppelle, 35, 00186 Roma*

*Hosted by the European Movement – Italy, European Partners for the Environment, the Club of Rome.*

## **Towards a European Youth Convention**

*Rome, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, afternoon  
Luigi Sturzo institute - Via delle Coppelle, 35, 00186 Roma*

*A Youth gathering facilitated by ASviS, GFE, Visegrad for Sustainability, the Club of Rome*

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## Make Europe the World Champion of Sustainable Development

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Auditorium Parco della Musica, Petrassi hall

In 2019 the elections of the European Parliament, as well as the nomination of the new European Commission and of the President of the European Central Bank, will represent the beginning of a new political cycle for our continent, with significant impacts on the life of half a billion people. The European Union, as well as the entire world, is facing enormous economic, social, environmental and institutional challenges. The new European legislature will be asked to deliver effective and credible policies to improve the quality of life of European citizens and to contribute to a peaceful and prosperous world, within planetary boundaries.

The Lisbon Treaty recognises sustainable development as one of the main aims of the European Union and Europe, notwithstanding the crises of the last decade, is still the most sustainable geo-economic region of the world. Nevertheless, the EU is not on a sustainable path and, without a change in trajectory, will not achieve the Sustainable Development Goals agreed with the 2030 Agenda. In fact, the entire world will face huge economic, ecological and social risks, where conflicts for scarce resources, mass migrations, climate change-related disasters are expected to exacerbate political tensions within and between countries.

To lead Europe and the world onto a sustainable path, institutional changes and significant shifts in EU and Member States' economic, social and environmental policies are urgently needed. The aim of the opening Conference of the third Italian Sustainable Development Festival, which will be held just few days before the elections for the European Parliament, is to identify some of the key actions that European institutions need to undertake to strengthen their capacity to guide our continent and the world through turbulent times towards a more equitable and sustainable future.

The Conference will take place one year after the Sustainable Development Festival 2018 High-Level Conference on "SDGs, Climate and the Future of Europe", which demanded for a "leap forward" to make Europe the world champion of sustainable development. Following the publication of the Position Paper of the Commission on sustainable development, the time has come to implement the necessary policies to achieve this transformation.

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## **Make Europe the World Champion of Sustainable Development**

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9:00 – 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome speeches**

Luca Bergamo (Deputy Mayor of Rome)  
Pierluigi Stefanini (President of ASviS)

10:00 – 10:20 **Making the EU the world champion of sustainable development**

Enrico Giovannini (Director of ASviS)

10:20 – 10:50 **The Role of Italy for a sustainable EU**

Giuseppe Conte (Prime Minister of Italy)

10:50 – 12:00 **Making national and EU governance fit for an equitable and sustainable Europe**

*Moderator: Angela Mauro (Huffington Post)*

László Borbély (State Counsellor, Department of Sustainable Development, Government of Romania)

Cristina Gallach (High Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda of Spain)

Daniel Gros (Director of the Centre for European Policy Studies)

Luca Jahier (President of the European Economic and Social Committee)

Louka Katseli (Co-chair of the Independent Commission on Sustainable Equality)

Nathalie Tocci (Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali)

12:00 – 12:30 **The European Union we want: the voice of youth**

Efrem Garlando (Outgoing Curator, Global Shapers Community and EU Commission Policy Officer - DG DEVCO)

Katerina Mucci (Project manager of the *International Session - Milan 2020* of the European Youth Parliament)

Federico Boscaino (winner of the HackEU contest by Think tank Tortuga for the category "Economic Convergence")

Giuseppe Pilato (winner of the HackEU contest by Think tank Tortuga for the category "Energy and Environment")

Annachiara Tanzarella (winner of the HackEU contest by Think tank Tortuga for the category "Energy and Environment")

Alessia Busi (winner of the HackEU contest by Think tank Tortuga for the category "Gender Equality")

Milena Selivanov (winner of the HackEU contest by Think tank Tortuga for the category "Gender Equality")

12:30 – 13:30 **Finance and financial systems for sustainable development**

*Moderator: Giselda Vagnoni (Reuters)*

Keynote speech: Ignazio Visco (Governor of the Bank of Italy)

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Francesco Biciato (Secretary general Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile)  
Maurizio Beretta (UniCredit Group Institutional Affairs & Sustainability)  
Anna Genovese (CONSOB Commissioner)  
Chiara Mio (Crédit Agricole Italy Group)  
Vittorio Verdone (Corporate Communication Manager, Unipol Group S.p.A.)

13:30 – 14:30 **Intermission**

14:30 – 15:00 **European policies for climate change**

*Moderator: Giuliana Palmiotta (Rai News 24)*

Carlo Carraro (President of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists)

Angelo Colombini (Confederate Secretary of Cisl)

15:00 – 16:10 **The future of work and the future of the European society**

*Moderator: Giuliana Palmiotta (Rai News 24)*

Luca De Fraia (National Coordination Forum Terzo Settore)

Maurizio Ferrera (University of Milan)

Irene Khan (Director-General of the International Development Law Organization)

Guy Ryder (Director General of the International Labour Office)

16:10 – 16:30 **Conclusions**

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## Unconventional alliances to unlock

Day two, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, Rome, Morning.

Place of Venue – Luigi Sturzo Institute - Via delle Coppelle, 35, 00186 Roma

Hosted by the European Movement – Italy, European Partners for the Environment, the Club of Rome.  
With the support of the French Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition.

Recently briefed on the *'ecological collapses'* feared by scientists and asked what could be done, Chancellor Merkel replied *'build unconventional alliances'*.

Europe Ambition 2030 has presented a scenario 1+ which is based on innovative governance mechanisms to accelerate the European transformation.

This Europe Ambition 2030 May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will address how to mobilise towards a *'Transformed Europe'* and prepare a *'European Youth Convention'* proposed to take place in July 2020.

The morning will address a scenario *'enhanced partnership through system leadership'* and how *'unconventional alliances'* with youth could unlock the present European situation.

The afternoon will be organised by and for youth organisations to fix proposals in view of a European Youth Convention

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### ***Invited speaker \****

09:30 Introduction:

- Ms Geraldine Walsh, EPE President
- Mr András Volom, President of Visegrad for Sustainability, Youth Organisation.

Welcome: Pier Virgilio Dastoli, President of the European Movement-Italy

Introduction: The Bricks of a scenario 'enhanced partnership through system leadership' by Raymond Van Ermen, Europe Ambition 2030

11:15 Coffee Break

Roundtable: Unconventional alliances with the youth and the powers of Millennials.

- *Science and Youth*, by Till Kellerhoff, Club of Rome
- *Religions and Youth*, by Father Augusto Zampini, Holy see
- *Students select Companies* by Claire Egnell, Students for an ecological wake up. France
- *Finance and Youth, The Alliance Finance for SDGs and the Financial Spring for People and Planet Conference* by Stuart Hutton, EPE
- *Trade Unions and Youth for Climate* by Simona Fabiani, CGIL
- *MEPs and Youth* by Christopher Glück, Young European Federalists.

Debate

Conclusions by Stuart Hutton, EPE Transition Team.

13:00-14:00 Lunch.

### **To participate, please register at**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyOMMw-bZWE67pv5xm5pPMt5dJ5j1sJZe7gy-vb0sXefkRWw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

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## Towards a European Youth Convention 2020

Place of Venue – Luigi Sturzo Institute - Via delle Coppelle, 35, 00186 Roma

Youth gathering facilitated by ASviS(It), GFE (It), Visegrad for Sustainability, the Club of Rome.

Excerpt of Scenario 1+ proposed by Europe Ambition 2030:

*After the release of the new Commission's proposed strategy by the first half of 2020, a European Convention of Young representatives (below 30) of Parliaments, Municipal Councils, Business, Trade Unions, Business schools, Universities and Colleges, Civil society movements including climate platforms, scouts and guides, faiths, and delegates from outside the EU would be hosted in the European Parliament.*

*Social inclusion contributes to social cohesion. Social cohesion contributes to country performance and resilience which is essential to manage the planetary challenges that humanity faces in our near-term future. Care is critical to contribute to a leap forward of humanity necessary to face planetary challenges by including those who have previously been marginalized and excluded.*

*We see - with joy - young people changing cultural paradigms. Their understanding of capital and wealth in their lives as well as their responsibilities is changing. Young people are major users of the means of communication and large "migratory". In an aging world, they are the levers for transforming markets, finance and politics.*

*Broader consultations should be made available to the young citizens of the European Union from now on to shape and better design the European sustainable development strategy by taking into account the needs and visions of the future generations of the Union.*

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Agenda: Proposals for a European Youth Convention Mandate and preparatory process.

14:30 Introduction by Prof. Enrico Giovannini, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development

Youth organisations should fix steps towards an eventual European Youth Convention in July 2020 which could be as follows:

- May 22nd, participants fix a process and elects a 'steering committee'.
- Fall 2019. The steering committee meets in Milan at the invitation of Italian Foundations with young members of the European Parliament elected in 2019.
- Strasburg June 2019. The 8000 participants debate the main issues related to the 2030 Agenda and elect their *delegates* at the European Youth Convention of July 2020.
- July 2020. The European Youth Convention is taking place.
- October 2020. The European Youth Convention conclusions are presented to the European Council and the European Parliament.

17:00 Conclusions: By Niklas Wagner, Head of the Political Office at the German Embassy and Prof. Enrico Giovannini.

**To participate please register at**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9ZeC0zmJPVa7ibpTHHFEcqs8ckfUlhIXAWy9GkXGWaF6zsw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

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