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Make Europe the World Champion of Sustainable Development

Rome, May 21st 2019

Auditorium Parco della Musica – Petrassi Hall

The third Sustainable Development Festival takes place at a crucial moment for the future of Italy and of Europe. 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.

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 towards a more equitable and sustainable future. The Conference, organized by the Secretariat of the Alliance, will be in English with simultaneous translation, and will see the participation of high-level representatives from the European institutions, from the financial world and civil society.

The Conference will take place one year after the 2018 Sustainable Development Festival 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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- 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”)

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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)

Maurizio Beretta (UniCredit Group Institutional Affairs & Sustainability)

Francesco Bicciato (Secretary general Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile)

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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