



**A rich program of initiatives, including six conferences open to the public**

**THE ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO: ASSISI READY TO WELCOME THE POPE AND ONE THOUSAND PARTICIPANTS. THE COMMITTEE TELLS THE YOUNG PEOPLE: “THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TO BUILD A NEW ECONOMY”**

***From 22 to 24 September, three days of in presence events after three years of online work***

ASSISI - The city is ready to welcome the one thousand young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers who will be in Assisi from 22 to 24 September to celebrate their common commitment to change the economy that will culminate, on Saturday 24 September, in the signing of a pact with Pope Francis. The three days of EoF will take place between the Lyrick theater and the *Pala eventi* at Santa Maria degli Angeli and the historic center of Assisi, in 12 villages, related to the themes on which the young people have worked in these three years. “We are finally here: thank you and welcome young people to The Economy of Francesco,” are the words of the members of the organizing committee. “We are sure that, here in Assisi, you will be able to experience the Franciscan spirituality and allow us to know and appreciate the fruits of your work, which will form the foundation of this new economy that the Holy Father has called us to build.”

**THE PROGRAM**

The program of initiatives for The Economy of Francesco, final taking place on site, is rich: at 9.30 on 22 September at the Lyrick, the opening of the event and the harvest of EoF: young people meet in sessions, discussions and round tables to present ideas and projects, address economic issues and contemporary challenges. Then, “The only just war is the one we do not fight,” a reflection on preventing armed conflict. From 11.30 at the *Pala eventi*: EoF Hogar, a space of encounter and dialogue, in the afternoon at 5 pm the plenary session of the EoF ambassadors with Vandana Shiva, Jeffrey Sachs, Kate Raworth, Gael Giraud, Sabina Alkire, Sister Helen Alford, Vilson Groh, Stefano Zamagni and Leonardo Becchetti. Following this, the staging of the show of the young people of the Seraphic Institute of Assisi, “The dream.”

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am, a face to face with Francis. Journeys in the footsteps of St. Francis (visits to places related to the life of the Saint), followed at 11 am by the young participants meeting again in the various villages. At 6 pm, the program foresees conferences open to all with the young economists and entrepreneurs in dialogue with international speakers on the main themes of the event. At the Pro

Civitate Christiana, the economist Gael Giraud will speak on the theme “The Economy of Francesco: a new economy built by young people,” at the Sacro Convento, Francesco Sylos Labini on “Meritocracy, evaluation, excellence: the case of universities and research,” at Monte Frumentario, Vandana Shiva will talk about “Economy of Care, Economy of Gift. Reflections on St. Francis: ‘It is only by giving that we receive’,” in the Sala della Conciliazione, Vilson Groh will address the theme “Paths for a new educational and economic pact: building bridges between the center and the periphery.” At the Seraphic Institute, Sister Helen Alford will address the theme “Universal Fraternity: An idea that could change the world,” in the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, the economist Stefano Zamagni will speak on the theme “The dangers, already evident, of the managerialization of society. What is the strategy of contrast?” In the evening at 9 pm, guided tours of the Basilica of San Francesco and the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli.

The three-day event concludes on Saturday 24 September with the meeting of the participants with the Pope at the Lyrick theatre, where the Pact with the young people will be signed. The meeting will be shown live on Rai Uno, with streaming on the EoF YouTube channel and on VaticanNews in seven languages, as well as in sign language. The same streaming will happen on the day of the 22nd.

## **VILLAGES IN THE FRANCISCAN PLACES, ONE ALSO AT THE PROTOMONASTERY OF SANTA CHIARA**

As mentioned already, there are 12 villages of The Economy of Francesco, between the historic center and Santa Maria degli Angeli. Special places will also open their doors to the public, such as the Protomonastery of Santa Chiara, which will host the village “Women for Economy,” and Monte Frumentario with the villages “Agriculture and Justice” and “Finance and Humanity.” “Life and life-style” and “Work and care” will be hosted at the Papal Basilica and Sacred Convent of San Francesco, “Vocation and Profit” at the Sanctuary of the Renunciation, “Management and Gift” at the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, “Policies for Happiness” in the Diocesan Archives of San Rufino, “Business and Peace” at the Pro Civitate Christiana, “Energy and Poverty” at the Town Hall, “Businesses in Transition” at the Santa Maria degli Angeli Pastoral Center and “CO2 of Inequality” at the Seraphic Institute.

## **PASS PICK UP, USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, USEFUL INFO FOR JOURNALISTS**

It will be possible to collect the accreditation passes in Assisi, starting from 21 September 2022, at the Lyrick Theater, via Gabriele D'Annunzio, Santa Maria degli Angeli, from 11.30 am to 5 pm; on 22 and 23 September from 9 am to 12 noon. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September from 8.00 to 8.50, after which access to the area will no longer be possible. The press center will have the following opening hours: 21-23 September 2022, from 10 am to 7 pm; 24 September 2022 from 8 am to 7 pm. All material produced (texts, photos and videos) will be available on the link: <https://bit.ly/3qQGQPQ>. In the press center, the use of a face mask is recommended.

On 24 September, access to the area reserved for journalists in the square in front of the Lyrick theater

will be by walking through via Antonio Fogazzaro (entrance to the municipal swimming pool). Saba parking is recommended (free of charge) near the train station (via Giosuè Borsi). To travel between Assisi and Santa Maria degli Angeli, it will be possible to use the shuttles made available by Busitalia for the three days of the event by simply showing the “Press” pass.

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