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SATURDAY 11 December 2021 • From 09:45 to 18:00
Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino - Piazzale Vittorio Gui, 1
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9:30 – 11.15

Opening Session

Welcome speeches

- **Matteo Recati**, Secretary of Partito Democratico in Florence, Italy
- **Monica Marini**, Mayor of Pontassieve, Italy
- **Dario Nardella**, Mayor of Florence, Italy
- **Eugenio Giani**, President of Tuscany Region, Italy

Opening Panel: “The future is democracy”

- **Iratxe García Pérez**, President of the S&D Group, Spain (video-message)
- **Jens Geier**, Head of the German delegation to the S&D Group, Germany
- **Klara Dobrev**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Hungary
- **Helena Dalli**, European Commissioner for Equality, Malta (remotely)
- **Simona Bonafè**, Vice-President of the S&D Group, Italy
- **Brando Benifei**, Head of the Italian Delegation to the S&D Group, Italy

Key note speeches

- **David Sassoli**, President of the European Parliament, Member of the S&D Group, Italy
- **Enrico Letta**, National Secretary of the Italian Democratic Party, Italy

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11:15 – 12:30

“Let citizens have a real say in Europe!”

Panel on European Citizenship

- **Tommaso Biancuzzi**, Spokesperson of Italian Network of Students, Italy
- **Monica Frassoni**, President of the municipal council of the commune of Ixelles in Brussels (video-message)
- **Caterina Cerroni**, Co-Chair of the Youth Organisation of the Democratic Party “Giovani Democratici”, Italy
- **Raffaele Marras**, Co-Chair of the Youth Organisation of the Democratic Party “Giovani Democratici”, Italy
- **Anton Hemerijck**, Professor at European University Institute
- **Manuela Bora**, Councillor in the Marche Region, Member of the COFOE Plenary, Italy

Followed by Q&A with citizens

Key note speech

- **Maria João Rodrigues**, President of the European Foundation of Progressive Studies (FEPS), Portugal

12:45 – 14:00

“Together for Social Rights and Democracy at Work!”

Panel on Social Rights and Democracy at Work

- **Luca Visentini**, Secretary General of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Italy
- **Gabriele Bischoff**, Co-Chair S&D COFOE Taskforce, Germany
- **Yftalem Parigi**, Trade-Unionist, Rider, Italy
- **Arianna Curti**, Campaigner Against Unpaid Internships
- **Tommaso Nannicini**, Member of the Senate, Member of the FEPS Scientific Council, Italy

Followed by Q&A with citizens

Key note speech

- **Andrea Orlando**, Minister of Labour and Social Policies, Italy

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:00

“Let everyone be involved in European democracy building”

Panel on Multi-Level Democracy

- **Stefano Bonaccini**, President of Council of European Municipalities and Regions -CEMR, Italy (video-message)
- **Kata Tüttö**, Deputy-Mayor of Budapest, Member of the COFOE Plenary, Hungary (video-message)
- **Valentina Ghio**, Mayor of Sestri Levante, Italy
- **Tommaso Bori**, Councillor in the Umbria Region
- **Stefano Minerva**, President of the Province of Lecce, Italy
- **Giacomo Possamai**, Councillor in the Regional Council of Veneto, Italy
- **Céline Geissmann**, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, France

Followed by Q&A with citizens

Key note speech

- **Matteo Ricci**, Coordinator of PD Mayors, Mayor of Pesaro

16:00 – 17:00

“We need to launch an institutional reform process”

Panel on Institutional Reforms

- **Domènec Ruiz Devesa**, S&D Group Coordinator of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Spain
- **Antonio Argenziano**, Secretary General of the Young European Federalists, Italy
- **Piero De Luca**, Deputy Chair of PD Group in the Chamber of Deputies, Italy
- **Patrizia Toia**, Member of the S&D Group, Member of the COFOE Plenary, Italy
- **Nicoletta Pirozzi**, Head of Programme on European Union and Institutional Relations Manager at the Institute of International Affairs, Italy
- **Pia Locatelli**, International Secretary of PSI, Italy
- **Francesco Gazzetti**, Chair of European Affairs Committee of Tuscany Regional Council, Italy
- **Marek Belka**, Vice-President of the S&D Group, Poland (video-message)

Followed by Q&A with citizens

Key note speech

- **Alessandro Alfieri**, Member of the Senate, Member of the COFOE Plenary, Italy

17:00 – 18:00

Conclusions “The future is democracy”

Concluding remarks

- **Paolo Gentiloni**, European Commissioner for Economy, Italy (video-message or remotely)
- **Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Social Rights, Luxembourg (remotely)
- **Vincenzo Amendola**, Secretary of State for European Affairs, Italy
- **Valentina Cuppi**, President of the Democratic Party, Italy
- **Brando Benifei**, Head of the Italian Delegation to the S&D Group, Italy
- **Simona Bonafè**, Vice-President of the S&D Group, Italy



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