

# Financing Urban Sustainable Development

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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations general assembly in September 2015 sets 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to be reached by 2030. A specific goal (n. 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities) is devoted to cities, with the ambition to “make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”. In October 2016 the UN-HABITAT III conference will take place with the aim to agree on a New Urban Agenda for the next two decades. The agenda will link sustainable urbanization with development, providing a framework to design policies and strategies that can contribute to managing human settlements in a sustainable way in an increasingly urbanized world. A process for the definition of a new European Urban Agenda is currently ongoing also in Europe. Within this context, financing urban sustainable development is a critical issue. Several studies highlight a relevant gap in urban investments for reconvertng existing urban spaces, upgrading urban infrastructures and building new ones. Local governments suffer from a lack of resources, financial autonomy and capacities. The implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will require a new approach and innovative solutions to respond to urban financial needs. IEFE Bocconi, the European Commission and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) have organized this conference with the aim to set the current agenda and elaborate solutions in collaboration with key stakeholders. The focus will be on the European and Italian context. This event refers to IEFE Bocconi’s ongoing research program on sustainable, low carbon and smart cities and will continue in cooperation with SDSN through the institution of a research task force within the Green Economy Observatory.

**8:45am**

**Registration**

**9:00am**

**Opening Remarks**

**Alberto Grando** Dean for Alumni and Development, Bocconi University

**Fabrizio Spada** Head, European Commission Representation in Italy, Office in Milan

**Benedetto Della Vedova** Under-Secretary, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Francesca Balzani** Vice-Mayor, Municipality of Milan and President of Committee on Local Finance, ANCI – National Association of Italian Municipalities

**Introduction**

**Edoardo Croci** Coordinator, Green Economy Observatory, IEFE, Bocconi University

**Aromar Revi** Director of the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) and Co-Chair, SDSN

**10:00am**

**The International Framework for Urban Sustainability**

Chair **Holger Kuhle** Manager, SDSN

Participants

**Rudiger Ahrend** Head of the Urban Policy Unit, Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD

**Nicolas Gharbi** Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, Unit H1– Competence Centre, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, European Commission

**Nathalie Le Denmat** Head of the Committee on Local Finance and Development, United Cities and Local Governments

**Romain Morel** Project Manager of Finance, Investment and Climate, I4CE – Institute for Climate Economics and partner of the UNEP Inquiry on the Design of a Sustainable Financial System

**Xiaomei Tan** Senior Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot

**11:15am Coffee Break**

**11:45am**

**Round Table - Session I Policies and Instruments for Financing Urban Sustainability: An Italian perspective**

Chair **Edoardo Croci** IEFE Bocconi

Participants

**Francesco Biciatto** General Secretary, Forum for Sustainable Finance

**Jeremy Gorelick** John Hopkins University

**Andrea Molocchi** Senior Environmental Economist, Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Sogesid T.A.

**Scott Williams** Director, RISE Initiative Disaster Risk Sensitive Investments, PwC

**1:00pm Lunch**

**2:00pm**

**Round Table - Session II Policies and Instruments for Financing Urban Sustainability: An Italian perspective**

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Participants

**Raquel del Río** Governmental Advisor, General Directorate Urban Sustainable Development, Madrid Municipality

**Paolo Foà** Energy Efficiency Financial Institution Group, UniCredit Bank AG

**Laura Frigenti** Director, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

**Andrea Martinez** Deputy Managing Director, Sinloc

**Massimiano Tellini** Head of Circular Economy, Chief Innovation Officer Area, Intesa Sanpaolo Group

**3:00pm Debate and Conclusions**

**Edoardo Croci** IEFE Bocconi

**Aromar Revi** Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) and SDSN

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