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THE BATTLE FOR THE ENERGY, DIGITAL, AND DEFENCE AUTONOMIES



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THE CONVERSATION



THE CONCEPT OF THE CONFERENCE

On April 2nd, the UK PM Keir Starmer called a conference call with his colleagues from the EU 27 member states (plus Canada, Bahrain, Norway, and the United Arab Emirates) . The meeting was, few days after the EU commissioner for Energy Dan Jørgensen had said that the "prolonged disruption" to energy supplies from the Iran war should make national governments to consider "voluntary demand saving measures ... with particular attention to the transport sector" and the Italian Defense Minister had acknowledged that "I am forced to know things that don't let him sleep". The only outcome of the meeting was to fix the date of the next meeting.

We are most likely walking powerless towards lockdowns that may resemble those forced by the Covid-19 Pandemic. We may be facing security risks that we cannot even name (according to the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists", we have never been so close to a nuclear event). And in the meantime, it seems that the EU continues to be just witnessing a battle for the "artificial intelligence" that will change everything.

Europe is still the place where people can enjoy the better quality of life and, actually, better "pursue life" (life expectancy without chronic diseases is longer than anywhere else), "liberty" (seven out of the ten most free countries of the world are in the EU; and the number one is Switzerland) and "happiness" ("the pursuit of life, freedom and happiness" which was the fundamental right around which societies should be organized according to the that the American constitution). And yet the acknowledgement of how worth is a "style of life", cannot become the temptation to ignore the urgency that every "style" can be endangered if we are happy to see the future slipping away from us. For Draghi this is the existential threat we are facing ; the title of the 2026 Siena conference is that the best way to "defend what we care about" is about having moral, intellectual, political credibility so to propose a new world order. A third way between a 20th-century framework that has disappeared and a chaos that makes everything uncertain (including having participants fly in Siena from different countries) and would lead to destruction.



The Conference will seek to define more clearly what must be done to make Europe fit for the uncertainties we have not yet fully understood. And this will produce **concrete proposals** for each of the military, economic, and environmental questions that need strategies. It is a **problem-solving exercise** we need to reform the EU, but also to redesign the so-called “multilateral organisations” that – like the EU – seem to be suffering technological obsolescence. We are convinced that neither the defense of the status quo, nor the return to the “Nation States” can give us the answer we are looking for.

These will be the overarching **themes** of the Conference, and we will find possible answers by looking at seven of the most essential trade-offs that Europe will need to solve:

1. How can we turn a problem that is even bigger for Europe – the erosion of a rule/trade-based order - into an opportunity to lead the process that will eventually result in a new world order?
2. Can the common defence be the opportunity to change we were looking for, the shape of the Union? And how much does it really cost to equip ourselves to have enough strength to pursue our European interests?
3. Which combination of innovation policies/ financial markets integration (and growth-generating rules) can lead Europe to develop its own digital leadership (and retain control of vital information that belongs to its citizens and firms)?
4. How rapidly can we lower our energy dependency, which is a strong factor of vulnerability? Can energy security be the new name to give to a still urgent and, yes, more complex climate change agenda?
5. How to transform the mechanisms through which the EU budget is spent, so that its objectives are more efficiently achieved (especially as far as common agriculture/ cohesion policies)?
6. Is there a strategy to escape the demographic crisis that is eating away at the possibility for the "old Continent" to have a future?
7. Last but not least: what institutional settings can realistically, in a short time frame, allow Europe to respond to such existential threats, and how can we effectively engage European citizens so that Europe stops being perceived as a top-down process?



These seven questions will articulate the **PONTIGNANO Manifesto**, and for each of the seven, the Conference will produce a set of **specific ideas (actions/proposals)** to be promoted/ experimented with/ debated. The media will be key to the entire process.

The agenda will be structured in three problem-solving exercises:

1. **The first day (Thursday 11th JUNE)**, four problem setting/ solving groups (PSSG from EUI in Fiesole; University of Siena; LUISS in Rome; and Ludovika University from Budapest) will present four possible solutions to four trade-offs that are posing difficult choices (democracy versus efficiency; regulations versus dynamism; operationalisation of pragmatic federalism; defence versus welfare); this work will start before the Conference and will be anticipated by a webinar on each PSSG.
2. **The second day (Friday 12th June)**, universities, think tanks, and political foundations (from the entire political spectrum) will discuss six draft strategic documents on six pillars that are indispensable for a stronger Europe (energy independence, digital autonomy, defence, housing, agriculture and trade, demography and immigration).
3. **On the third day (Saturday, 13th June)**, the draft of the final paper will be discussed and delivered to the media. This will be followed up by several other issue-specific events in the following months.

The idea is to contribute ideas, enthusiasm, and energy that the Union needs to change, survive, and prosper in the most important moment of its history.

In the following pages, you find a preliminary structure of a project meant to be a platform for problem-solving. This multipartisan, interdisciplinary endeavour will generate some of the pragmatic, visionary ideas Europe needs more than ever.



THE PARTNERS

Vision - the think tank that is convening the “Siena conference on the Europe of the future” together with the **European University Institute** and the **University of Siena**, and with the collaboration of researchers at the **Ludovika University of Public Service, Bruegel, Institute of European Policy Making at the Bocconi University** and the **School of Government at LUISS** - is convinced that radical challenges require radical choices. The Siena Conference, which will celebrate its seventh edition, aims to consolidate a platform for new ideas in a **multipartisan environment**: the foundations/ think tanks of the six European political parties. This makes the Siena conference a pragmatic, multipartisan platform for bold proposals.

The political foundations that will partner with Vision in the seventh edition are: **the Federation of European Progressive Studies, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Green European Foundation, and the Institute of European Democrats.**

About 100 people will be at the Conference. They come **from all EU countries** and our most relevant neighborhood (UK, Turkey, USA, Africa, Middle East, Ukraine); the **gender mix** is a point of strength, and not fewer than one-third of the participants are **under 30**.

The Media partners of the seventh edition of the Conference are **The Conversation**, the global media agency that acts as a link between best universities and the general public, and **RAI**, Italy’s TV public broadcaster. An enduring, special relation between **The Economist**, arguably the world’s most authoritative magazine, and Vision will be central also to this year’s edition. **QN** (La Nazione and Il Resto del Carlino) will follow the debates.

Vision thanks a group of friends who have followed the endeavor with their wise suggestions and support. Amongst them: **Maria Joao Rodrigues** (Chair of the Board of Re-imagine Europa, Former President of FEPS and Former Portugal’s Minister), **Bill Emmott** (Chairman of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Former Editor-in-Chief of the Economist), **Alexandra Borchardt** (Lead Author at European Broadcasting Union and Senior Research Associate at Reuters Institute), **Barbara Kolm** (Member of Austria’s National Council with the Freedom Party and former Vice president of the Austrian Central Bank, President of the F.A. von Hayek Institut and director of the Austrian Economics Center), **Sandro Gozi** (Secretary General of the PDE), **Turi Munthe** (Media Entrepreneur and Board Member at GEDI), **Stephen Kahn** (Editor in-Chief at the Conversation). We also thank **John Hooper** (Correspondent for Italy and Vatican for the Economist) and **Jan Piotrowski** (Schumpeter columnist at the Economist): they are part of the inner circle of a great community.



THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

The Conference's objective is to become the platform from which **new ideas** may emerge and be advocated, and from which new approaches to studying Europe may be experimented with and nurtured. Some of the proposals that previous conferences have advanced are:

a) The paradigm of the "**clusters of integrations**": here, the notion of "flexible geometries" is scaled up and systematized, where the European Union is proposed to transform itself into an umbrella of new (like for defense) or more advanced (like for free movements of people with a fully common border) policy integrations. These integrations are meant to be voluntary, backed by people (referenda may be an option), and flexible (with pre-defined opt-out and kick-out clauses);

b) A "measure less, measure better" approach to EGS-based audit of the sustainability of corporations, and specific proposals to amend the CSRD to minimize the cost of compliance with the red tape and greenwashing.

c) A review of digital regulations to simplify them and promote innovation, and reform of HORIZON EUROPE to launch contests among companies/ universities to create and then scale up use cases of AI used to solve concrete problems.

d) An assessment of Next Generation EU to correct some of its pitfalls and use some of its characteristics to reform cohesion policies;

e) A proposal for a free and compulsory Erasmus (or civil service) and a proposal to reform the European Parliament's electoral law are positive actions to create a European demos and European political sphere, which are preconditions to further integrations.

The way forward is to integrate more think tanks and universities into a platform designed to produce knowledge accessible to anyone who wants to study how institutions can renew themselves in the face of radical disruptions.



THE VISION ENDEAVOUR

The Conference is one of three flagship initiatives spearheaded by Think Tank Vision. Alongside it, there is **The Dolomite/ Venice Conference on “Global Governance of Climate Change,”** whose previous editions have been organized in collaboration with Bocconi University, Politecnico Milan, Institute for New Economic Thinking /New York), CEBRI (RIO), TERI (New Delhi), Blavatnik School of Government at Oxford University , and an **upcoming conference on “Skills for the AI world”**, co-organized with the University of Southern California and The Conversation in Dubai. This series of events aims to establish a "new Davos," offering concrete solutions to some of the most pressing, complex questions we face as we navigate uncharted waters.



THE PROGRAMME



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DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE
CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

13:00 - 14:00

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

14:00 - 14:15

INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME

Roberto Di Pietra (UNISI Rector)

14:15 - 14:30

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM OF VII EDITION OF THE SIENA CONFERENCE

Laura Hood (Deputy Editor at The Conversation), **Francesco Grillo** (Vision Think Tank Director, Professor at Bocconi, and Senior Fellow at EUI)

14:30 - 15:30

OPENING SESSION: PERFECT STORMS AS OPPORTUNITIES TO REIMAGINE EUROPE BEYOND IDEOLOGICAL GRIDLOCKS

Main Ideas from the 2025 Edition and Feedback to The Conference Concept Paper For 2026

Introduction: Francesco Grillo (Vision Think Tank Director, Bocconi Professor; EUI Senior Fellow)

Discussants: Maria Joao Rodrigues (Chair of the Board of Re-imagine Europa, Former President of FEPS and Former Portugal's Labor Minister), **Liliana Śmiech** (Chairwoman of the Foundation Council at Warsaw Institute and Director General for International Affairs at Ludovika University of Public Service), **Kalypso Nicolaidis** (Professor at St Antony's College, University of Oxford and Professor at the School of Transnational Governance, EUI).

Chair: Lilith Verstrynge (Political analyst, writer at El País and Le Monde Diplomatique, Professor of International Relations at Sciences Po University Paris)



DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

15:30 - 15:45



THE TRADE-OFFS TO BE SOLVED

INTRODUCTION TO THE 4 PROBLEM SETTING/SOLVING GROUPS (PSSG)

The problem-setting groups are one of the most creative features of the Conference. They will have been prepared by four groups of students and professors/tutors that have been asked to prepare a possible solution to a specific problem (most of the time, the problem will be a trade-off between two equally legitimate goals), interacting with some of the participants joining the Conference in the months before the event. Each group will distribute a paper before the event.

All 100 participants will be asked to join one of the four groups that will run in parallel in four different rooms of the Certosa. The group will present the idea, and the roughly 25 participants of each of the four groups will provide feedback to the proposal.

The rapporteurs of the four groups will report the work done in SIENA at the plenary on Saturday and will directly feed the PONTIGNANO PAPER. The final paper is meant to influence agenda-setting and the debate with fresh ideas and new methods. For each of the four papers, Vision will draft a possible follow-up/ advocacy plan together with the conference partners.

The PSSGs will be prepared by the scientific partners/universities (UNISI, EUI, LUISS, Bocconi, Ludovika University of Public Services) before the Conference. Corporate partners will provide their expertise and serve as sounding boards. Media partners will help draft the PSSG papers that will feed into the final PONTIGNANO paper.

15:45 - 17:15

PROBLEM SETTING-PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS SESSION



DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

PSSG 1:

IS THERE A CHOICE BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND EFFICIENCY?

In partnership with EUI

How Can the EU Become the Lab to Strengthen Transnational Democracy in a Post International Law World? How can we make the EU project popular again?

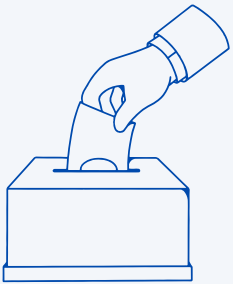
The group will try to explore the paradox of crises in both democracy and transnationalism in a world that is simply not governable by single States (the exception may be partially the US and China). Which are the innovations to be tested in Europe? How can these experimentations be scaled up and become mainstream? This PSSG will explore the trade-offs involved in achieving a fully transnational democratic governance system at the EU level, taking into account current international and internal crises.

Introduction: **Kalypso Nicolaidis** (Chair in Global Affairs at the School of Transnational Governance, EUI) and **Luca Verzichelli** (Professor of Political Science at University of Siena)

Participants: **Francesco Lapenta** (Director of Institute of Future and Innovation Studies, John Cabot University), **Domènec Ruiz Devesa** (Former S&D Group MEP and FEPS Special Advisor), **Guillaume Klossa** (President of EuropaNova and Chairman of The Conclave), **Berna Leon Reyes** (Adjunct Professor at Sciences Po and Director of Avanza), **Flavia Piras** (Oxford University), **Francesca Traldi** (Scientific Director of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Italy).

Chair: **Annalisa Piras** (Director & Founder at Springshot Productions, Director and Producer of The Great European Disaster Movie, Former journalist at BBC and The Guardian)

Rapporteurs: **Cihan Yalnizer** (Cultural Diplomacy Student at UNISI), **Yasmin Mousavi Najafi** (Politics, Philosophy and Economics Student at Royal Holloway, University of London and UNISI), **Sena Tan** (Public Diplomacy Student at UNISI), **Kseniia Heorhiieva** (student at UNISI), **Federico Picchetti** (Public and Cultural Diplomacy Student at UNISI), **Anna Gottardo** (School of Transnational Governance Student at EUI), **Fanta Darboe** (School of Transnational Governance Student at EUI), **Yesi Xu** (School of Transnational Governance Student at EUI).



DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

PSSG 2:

IS THE TRADE-OFF BETWEEN REGULATIONS AND INNOVATION UNAVOIDABLE?

In partnership with Università di Siena and EAERE supported event

Can Rules Drive Growth (With A Focus on Energy and Digital Autonomy)?

This PSSG explores the trade-offs inherent in the regulation–innovation nexus. How should EU regulation be rethought to better support innovation and the objective of achieving energy autonomy? How can we use consumers as a force for steering towards innovation? What elements are necessary for an industrial policy capable of stimulating long-term investment and delivering tangible benefits for European companies? Why did heavy pieces of regulations appear to be powerless once eventually approved (like the ones on digital services and digital markets) and is there something to reduce the (legislative) effort and increase the results?

Introduction: **Simone Borghesi** (Deputy Dean UNISI)

Participants: **Giovanna Melandri** (Founder & Global Ambassador GSGImpact and Independent Board Member at Kering), **Mario Mariniello** (Bruegel Non-resident Fellow), **Massimiliano Montini** (Professor EU Law and Rector's Delegate for EU Citizenship UNISI), **Renata Mele** (Senior Vice President Sustainability at Leonardo), **Jesse Scott** (Senior Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute),

Chair: **Stephen Khan** (Editor in Chief, The Conversation)

Rapporteurs: **Alessia Casamassima** (Research Associate at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies – EUI), **Jacopo Cammeo** (Research Associate at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies – EUI)



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PSSG 3:

HOW MUCH DOES DEFENDING OURSELVES REALLY COST?

In partnership with Ludovika University of Public Service

Explore Smart Ways to Build the Strength Needed by Strategic Autonomy in An Efficient Way

The PSSG will explore strategic responses to the major trade-offs and security challenges facing Europe in an increasingly unstable geopolitical environment. Discussions will focus on how Europe can strengthen its defence capabilities without undermining investments in healthcare and education, the impact of emerging technologies such as AI and drones, the reduction of dependencies on unreliable allies, and the development of stronger European cooperation in defence, including industrial integration, coalition-building, and nuclear deterrence. The PSSG will be led by a university of Budapest. It also leverages the experience of some Ukrainian think tanks that transformed the necessity to survive into a powerful lever of innovation. Vision believes that it is from the eastern part of the Union that some of the most innovative answers may come.

Introduction: **Csaba Zalai** (Professor of Practice, Head of the International Organisations Research Group at Ludovika University), and **Anna Molnár** (Head of the Department of International Security Studies at Ludovika University)

Participants: **Daniel Gros** (Director at IEP Bocconi), **Nazar Bigun** (CEO of Norda Dynamics), **Liliana Śmiech** (Chairwoman of the Foundation Council at Warsaw Institute and Director General for International Affairs at Ludovika University of Public Services), **Yevhen Popov** (Head of strategic partnership at Osavul),

Chair: **Márk Vargha** (Advisor, Directorate General for International Affairs, Ludovika University of Public Service)

Rapporteur: **Mariia Biliavska** (Student in International Relations and Public Diplomacy at UNISI)

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PSSG 4:

THE “PRAGMATIC FEDERALISM” PARADIGM: WHY? WHAT? WHEN?

In partnership with LUISS

A Proposal To “Do the Thing” That Europe Needs Without Being Trapped by The Catch-22 Constitutional Treaty Paradox

The discussion will examine how the European Union can overcome institutional deadlock and respond more effectively to growing geopolitical and economic pressures. Focusing on the concept of “Pragmatic Federalism,” the PSSG will explore flexible and policy-driven forms of European integration that strengthen collective action in areas such as defence, energy, industrial policy and democratic resilience.

Introduction: **Giovanni Orsina** (Professor of Contemporary History at LUISS and Director of the Master’s in European studies)

Participants: **Marco Buti** (EUI), **Sabrina Cavatorto** (Researcher at UNISI), **Karolina Borońska-Hryniewiecka** (Associate Professor at the Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Science and Visiting Fellow at the Florence School of Transnational Governance – EUI), **Anna Peychev** (Research Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies – EUI), **Enrico Ciappi** (Postdoctoral Researcher at LUISS), **Giulia Ongari** (PhD Candidate in Politics at Luiss).

Chair: **Matt Steinglass** (Europe Editor at The Economist)

Rapporteurs: **Anna Magnabosco** (Policies and Governance in Europe Student at LUISS), **Greta del Grosso** (Policies and Governance in Europe Student at LUISS), **Micaela Vitagliano** (Policies and Governance in Europe Student at LUISS), **Paolo Marcelli** (Policies and Governance in Europe Student at LUISS), **Victoria Bortolotti Lemos** (Public and Cultural Diplomacy Student at UNISI), **Paula Benítez Sánchez** (Public Diplomacy Student at UNISI).

After 17:15

**PONTIGNANO MANIFESTO DRAFT TIME (PER PSSG) AND
CONFERENCE FOLLOW UPS PLANNING (ON ENERGY AND DIGITAL)**

20:30 - 22:00

Dinner at the Certosa di Pontignano with an exclusive wine tasting by Borgo Scopeto and Caparzo

20:00 - 21:00

Certosa on Rai Radio 1 - Zapping



FRIDAY 12TH JUNE
CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

07:00 - 09:00

BREAKFAST

09:00 - 09:10

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2ND DAY PROGRAM: THE PILLARS OF THE TRANSFORMATION (ENERGY, DIGITAL, DEFENCE, BUDGET, DEMOGRAPHY AND IMMIGRATION)

Laura Hood (Politics Editor at The Conversation) and **Francesco Grillo** (Vision Think Tank Director, Professor at Bocconi, and Senior Fellow at EUI)

09:10 - 09:40

A THIRD WAY FOR EUROPE (KEYNOTE SPEECH)

Paolo Gentiloni (Former European Commissioner and former Italy's Prime Minister)

09:40 - 10:40

PLENARY 1: ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: ACCELERATING ENERGY TRANSITION TO ENHANCE EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY

In partnership with ERG

A proposal from VISION and ERG: Luca Bragoli (Chief Regulatory & Public Affairs Officer at ERG s.p.a) and **Francesca Stefani** (Associate Vision)

Discussants: Luca D'Agnese (Head of Policy, Evaluation and Advisory at CDP and Former Managing Director Terna), **Enrico Giovannini** (Former Italian Minister of Infrastructures and Transports, and Professor of Economic and Statistics at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata"), **Christophe Grudler** (MEP Renew Europe, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy at the European Parliament), **Jesse Scott** (Senior Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute).

Chair: Liliana Śmiech (Chairwoman of the Foundation Council at Warsaw Institute and Director General for International Affairs at Ludovika University of Public Service)

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE
CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

10:50 - 11:50

PLENARY 2 - NEW PRIORITIES FOR THE EU BUDGET (1): REDESIGN COHESION POLICIES AROUND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEMOGRAPHY

In partnership with ISTITUTO PER IL CREDITO SPORTIVO E CULTURALE

Key-note speech: Raffaele Fitto (Executive Vice-President of European Commission)

A proposal from financial institutions: Antonella Baldino (CEO and Managing Director, Istituto per il Credito Sportivo e Culturale)

Discussants: Paolo Canfora (Head of Unit - Territorial Development European Commission Joint Research Centre), **Juho Härkönen** (Professor of Sociology at EUI), **Csaba Zalai** (Professor of Practice, Head of the International Organisations Research Group at Ludovika University), **Francesco Boccia** (Chair of the PD Senators in the Italian Senate).

Chair: Matt Steinglass (Europe Editor at The Economist)

12:00 - 13:00

PLENARY 3 - NEW PRIORITIES FOR THE EU BUDGET (2): A VISION FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD FOR THE REFORM ON THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

In partnership with SDA Bocconi

A proposal from SDA Bocconi: Vitaliano Fiorillo (Director of AgriLab, Bocconi)

Discussants: Pascal Pinson (CEO, Costa d'Oro, Italian leader in Olive oil, part of Groupe Avril, a French global leader in agrobusiness), **Alessandra Angelini** (Owner of Siena-based Elisabetta Gnudi Angelini, leader of wine producer), **Paolo Cuccia** (President of Artribune), **Massimiliano Giansanti** (President of Committee of European Farmers – COPA – and Confagricoltura), **Riccardo Parrini** (CEO at The Nest Company).

Chair: Laura Hood (Deputy Director Editor at The Conversation)

13:00 - 14:30

LUNCH AT THE CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO



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CERTOSA DI PONTIGNANO

14:30- 15:30

PLENARY 4: DRAFTING THE EUROPEAN DIGITAL STRATEGY IN THE AI ERA: A THIRD WAY BETWEEN USA AND CHINA AND A TIME PLAN FOR ACHIEVING AUTONOMY

In partnership with REIMAGINE EUROPA

Introduction: **Dimitri Lorenzani** (Head (acting) of the R&D Strategy and Programme Coordination Unit - DG CNECT)

A proposal from Re-Imagine Europa and IED: **Maria Joao Rodrigues** (Chair of the Board of Re-imagine Europa, Former President of FEPS and Former Portugal's Labor Minister),

Discussants: **Peter Lochbihler** (Global Head of Public Affairs, Booking.Com), **Jean Pierre Kempeneers** (former Dutch Ambassador and Board member of Nexperia), **Nicola Villa** (Member of the Global Futures Council at World Economic Forum, and Former Executive Vice President for Strategic Growth at Mastercard), **Mario Mariniello** (Bruegel Non-resident Fellow), **Sandro Gozi** (Secretary General of the PDE), **Wolfgang Oels** (COO at Ecosia).

Chair: **Jan Piotrowski** (Finance and Economic Editor at The Economist)

15:45 - 16:45

PLENARY 5: A EUROPEAN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR A EUROPEAN SECURITY STRATEGY (A PROPOSAL)

In partnership with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Introduction: **Peter Hefe** (Policy Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies)

Discussants: **Yevhen Popov** (Head of strategic partnership at Osavul), **Nazar Bigun** (CEO of Norda Dynamics, Kiev), **Massimo Comparini** (MD Space Division, Leonardo), **Anna Molnár** (Head of the Department of International Security Studies at Ludovika University), **Giorgio Gori** (MEP S&D, Vice-Chair Committee on Industry, Research and Energy at the European Parliament), **Francesca Traldi** (Scientific Director of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Italy).

Chair: **Stephen Khan** (Editor in Chief, The Conversation)

19:30 - 21:30

"FROM BEETHOVEN TO SPOTIFY" CONCERT FOR EUROPE AT ACCADEMIA CHIGIANA

Key-note Speech from Nicola Sani (Scientific Director of the Accademia) on **how politics and arts must meet to generate a new vision and leaders for Europe** and visit to the Academy's art collection



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA - SIENA

PUBLIC SESSION DAY
(in Italian with translation in English)

Note: Participants are kindly requested to bring their own earphones/headphones to access the translation service.



The day will be dedicated to the presentation to media and citizens of the Pontignano Paper and of the proposals developed by the students/ tutors of the partner universities. The conference will be open to the students of the Siena and Tuscany universities and highlights of the day will be a meeting of the students with the European Commission on housing (as a lever for mobility of young people) and a poll that attempts to identify what do young people expect from European institutions. The day will give to both the generation that “made Europe” and the one that will draft the “Europe of the Future” to learn from each other.

07:00 - 07:45

BREAKFAST

08:00 - 08:30

TRANSFER TO SALA ITALO CALVINO OF SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA - SIENA

09:00 - 09:15

INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME AND SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE LAST DAY OF THE SIENA CONFERENCE



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA - SIENA

PUBLIC SESSION DAY
(in Italian with translation in English)

09:15 - 09:45

FIRESIDE CHAT: EUROPE AS A SPACE FOR INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE

Romano Prodi (Former President of the European Commission and former Italy's Prime Minister), **Maria Joao Rodrigues** (Chair of the Board of Re-imagine Europa, Former President of FEPS and Former Portugal's Labor Minister), **Mariia Biliavska** (Student in International Relations and Public Diplomacy at UNISI), **Paula Benítez Sánchez** (Public Diplomacy Student at UNISI).

Introducer: **Laura Hood** (Politics Editor at The Conversation)

09:45 - 10:00

MUCH MORE THAN A CONFERENCE – THE SIENA FOLLOW-UPS AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPA NUOVA (EUROPA POWER FORUM IN STRASBOURG, THE PRESENTATION OF THE DIGITAL PART OF THE SIENA PAPER AT THE ITALIAN SENATE, THE EVOLUTION OF THE “GETTING THE ENERGY TRANSITION PAPER DONE”)

With: **Francesco Grillo** (Vision Think Tank Director, Professor at Bocconi and Senior Fellow at EUI) and **Guillaume Klossa** (President of EuropaNova and Chairman of The Conclave)

10:00 - 11:00

PSSGs GROUPS PROPOSALS PRESENTATION: SOLVING EUROPE'S STRATEGIC TRADE-OFFS FOR THE FUTURE

Discussants: Representatives of the four PSSGs

Chair: **Jan Piotrowski** (Finance and Economic Editor at The Economist), **Laura Hood** (Politics Editor at The Conversation), **Lorenzo Fioramonti** (Academic Director at Nativa and Italy's Former Minister for Education, University and Research)



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA – SIENA

PUBLIC SESSION DAY

(in Italian with translation in English and Viceversa)

11:00 - 12:00

PRESENTATION OF THE PONTIGNANO PAPER TO MEDIA

Introduction: **Francesco Grillo** (Vision Think Tank Director, Bocconi Professor; EUI Senior Fellow) and **Laura Hood** (The Conversation)

Discussants: **Maria João Rodrigues** (Presidente del Board di Re-imagine Europa ed ex Ministra del Lavoro del Portogallo), **Barbara Kolm** (Member of Austria's National Council with the Freedom Party; former Vice president of the Austrian Central Bank, President of the F.A. von Hayek Institut; director of the Austrian Economics Center), **Simone Borghesi** (Deputy Dean UNISI), **Wolfgang Oels** (Managing Director at Ecosia).

Chair: **Giancarlo Loquenzi** (Zapping, RAI)

12:00 - 13:00

**FIRESIDE CHAT: HOW TO MAKE EUROPE RELEVANT AGAIN
(ON UKRAINE, GAZA, IRAN) FOR DRAFTING A NEW WORLD
ORDER**

Discussants: **Romano Prodi** (Former President of the European Commission and Former Prime Minister of Italy), **Barbara Kolm** (Member of Austria's National Council with the Freedom Party and former Vice president of the Austrian Central Bank, President of the F.A. von Hayek Institut and director of the Austrian Economics Center), **John Fund** (National Affairs Columnist for National Review), **Xinquan TU*** (WTO Chairholder, Dean and Professor, China Institute for WTO Studies, University of International Business and Economics), **Enrico Borghi** (Italian Senator and President of IED), **Celine El Khoury** (Master Student in Sustainability Management at SDA Bocconi).

Chair: **Lilith Verstrynge** (Political analyst, writer at El País and Le Monde Diplomatique, Professor of International Relations at Sciences Po University Paris)

13:30 - 14:45

LUNCH AT SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA – SIENA



