



The Italian SIF (FFS) will have a new Secretary General

Starting from 2016, Francesco Bicciato will lead the association founded by Davide Dal Maso

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Press release

After nearly fifteen years, Davide Dal Maso leaves the Secretariat of the Italian SIF. The Board of the association has concluded the selection process, identifying in Francesco Bicciato the right person to lead FFS for the coming years.

Francesco, 53, has a degree in political sciences and a Ph.D. in political and economic geography. Starting his professional career as academic researcher, he has been working in the field of international cooperation for years.

Pioneer of sustainable finance, he was one of the coordinators of the national campaign of capitalization of Banca Etica and later Director of International Relations of the bank; Vice President of Febea (European Federation of Ethical and Alternative Banks) and INAISE (International Association of Investors in the Social Economy) and General Director of Choros Foundation (Banca Etica).

Moreover, Francesco was involved as local administrator, being Councilor of the Municipality of Padua (Italy) on Environment and International Cooperation, Vice-President of the Italian Coordination of Local Authorities Agenda 21 and President of the ANCI (the National Association of Italian Municipalities, for Public Transport and Mobility) Commission on environment, energy and sustainable mobility in Brussels.

In the recent years, he was Chief Technical Advisor of the UNDP ART Programme (Articulation of Territorial Networks) in Lebanon and then Coordinator for the same organization in Brussels.

"We are very pleased to have Francesco on board. He is a very experienced professional, with a firm understanding of the issues of sustainable finance and a strong international network" said Maurizio Agazzi, FFS President "We are confident that he will successfully continue the work of Davide Dal Maso, to whom the association owes a lot".

"I am grateful for the trust given to me by Maurizio Agazzi and the entire FFS Board " said Francesco Bicciato "I think that financial activity has a key role in the promotion of a more sustainable socio-economical model and the FFS is the right organization to mobilize the resources necessary to serve this purpose."

Francesco Bicciato is joining the FFS staff in the coming weeks and will assume the role of Secretary General from January 1st 2016.

Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile

The Italian Sustainable Investment Forum (Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile or FFS) is a non-profit and multistakeholder organization, founded in 2001. The Association is governed by a nine members Board, all elected by the Assembly, and is managed by a General Secretariat.

FFS's mission is to *"promote a culture of social responsibility in the asset management practice in Italy"*. In particular, the FFS promotes the integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria in the policies and processes adopted by the investors.

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