

## **Finance Chooses Sustainability Italian SRI Week is back from 12 to 21 November**

*Climate, Europe, the Third Sector and pension plans will be amongst the key topics discussed during the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the initiative promoted by the Italian Sustainable Investment Forum*

### **Press release**

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Milan, 17 September 2019 – **From 12 to 21 November** in **Milan, Rome** and **Naples** the **Italian Sustainable Investment Forum (ItaSIF)** will hold the **8<sup>th</sup> edition** of the **SRI Week**, one of the leading initiatives in Italy dedicated to Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI).

**The programme is comprised of 13 conferences**, featuring the presentation of research and publications, round tables and debates with professionals operating in the finance sector as well as in the real economy, the academia and representatives of Italian and international institutions.

The events – all with free admission – are promoted and coordinated by ItaSIF in collaboration with prominent partners and supported by important financial organisations.

The opening event and the closing day will take place in **Rome** and will be dedicated to **climate change** and to the **Italian retirement sector** respectively. This year for the first time the SRI Week will be in **Naples** with the conference organised in collaboration with academia. All the other events will take place in **Milan** and will deep dive in the focal topics of sustainable finance, such as the reform programme of the **European Commission** and **collaboration with the Third Sector**.

The events promoted by ItaSIF, in details:

- **Rome, 12 November, 10:00 – 13:00: “Climate and Sustainable Finance”**

The SRI Week will kick off at the premises of the Senate with a reflection on the connection between climate change and sustainable finance. The event will feature the presentation of a study conducted by ItaSIF and Doxa with the support of Allianz Global Investors, Etica Sgr and State Street Global Advisors. The research aims at analysing whether and how climate change impacts the investment choices of Italian retail investors.

- **Milan, 13 November, 10:00 – 13:00: “Cantieri ViceVersa: Sustainable Finance and the Third Sector”**

The conference is dedicated to the presentation of a handbook summarising the works and setting out the findings of “Cantieri ViceVersa” (“*Viceversa construction sites*”), a project promoted by the Italian Third Sector National Forum in collaboration with ItaSIF; the objective being the establishment of a strong network of relations between Third Sector and financial organisations.

- **Milan, 13 November, 17:30 – 19:00: “Greening the Financial Regulation”**

ItaSIF and the Frankfurt School will present an analysis on the progress of Italian financial regulation in light of the Paris Agreement on climate. The piece of research was carried out within the framework of Finance fit for Paris-Tracker, a project funded by the European Climate Foundation and developed by Frankfurt School-UNEP and WWF Germany in order to study the evolution of financial regulation on environmental issues in European and international markets.

- **Milan, 19 November, 10:00 – 13:00: “The European Union and Sustainable Finance”**

The conference will take place at the Catholic University under the Patronage of the European Commission and will dig into the developments of the EU Action Plan on sustainable finance, focusing on its financial implications and impacts on the Italian market. A handbook will be presented, which was written by ItaSIF as a follow-up to the multi-stakeholder Working Group promoted in collaboration with ABI and Assogestioni and supported by ANASF, Etica Sgr, Intesa Sanpaolo and Morningstar Italy.

- **Rome, 21 November, 10:00 – 13:00: “Pension Plans and Sustainable Investment”**

The closing event of the SRI Week will be hosted by CISL at the Donat Cattin Auditorium. The conference is dedicated to the retirement sector; the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of a piece of research on the sustainable investment policies of Italian pension plans will be presented, which was carried out by ItaSIF in collaboration with Mefop and Mondolnstitutional and with the support of AXA Investment Managers, NN Investment Partners and Vigeo Eiris.

**Saturday 16 November** the whole day will be dedicated to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of “**Sustainability into Art**”, a **set of cultural events** promoted by ItaSIF and Associazione Hendel; the objective is to encourage adults and children alike familiarise with sustainability and finance issues through filmmaking, music and workshops. All of the events will take place at **Palazzo Mezzanotte** (the headquarters of the Italian Stock Exchange).

“Once again this year the SRI Week will be full of innovative elements and inputs for financial operators, policymakers and citizens-investors”, says the **Secretary General Francesco Bicciato**, adding: “Over the last few years, the sustainable finance market has grown significantly in Europe and in Italy, drawing the attention of governments as well as the civil society: after 18 years of activity in the fields of research, dissemination and advocacy and with a multi-stakeholder network comprised of more than 100 associates, ItaSIF can give Italian policymakers significant recommendations on sustainable finance policies”.

**ItaSIF President Pietro Negri** commented: “The eighth edition of the SRI Week makes its debut in a crucial moment for Europe, with the latter being currently committed towards transitioning the economy to circular, environmental-friendly and inclusive models of growth, consistently with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Markets are amongst the main catalysts of this transformation: the SRI Week events will focus on a variety of areas in which sustainable finance can and must strengthen its role as part of the shift to a greener and fairer world for ourselves and for future generations”.

For further information visit the Italian SRI Week [official website](#)

The 2019 edition of the SRI Week will be held under the patronage of the Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea and the Ministry of Economic Development.

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The Italian Sustainable Investment Forum (ItaSIF – *Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile*) was founded in 2001. ItaSIF is a not-for-profit multi-stakeholder association: its members are financial actors and other organisations interested in the environmental and social impacts of financial activities. ItaSIF's mission is to promote the awareness and the strategies linked to sustainable investments, with the aim to encourage the integration of environmental, social and governance criteria into financial products and processes. ItaSIF is a member of Eurosif, the association for the promotion of sustainable investment in the European market.

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