

THE ASSISI MANIFESTO

An economy on a human scale
against the climate crisis.

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Tackling the climate crisis with **courage** is not only necessary but also a great opportunity to make our economy and society more people-oriented and therefore more **forward-looking**. The challenge is an enormous one that requires the contribution of the best technological, institutional, political, social and cultural forces; the participation of the economic and productive world; and the **involvement** of citizens. The **encyclical letter Laudato Si'** by Pope Francis has played an important role in this process.

We are confident that, with serious and far-sighted policies, the net emission of GHG can be zeroed by 2050. Such a **challenge** can give renewed strength and centrality to the mission of Europe, with Italy at the forefront. Italy is already a leading player in many sectors, from industry to agriculture, from craft to services, from design to research, within the field of **circular and sustainable economy**. We are the first in Europe for recycling rate of produced waste.

Our **green economy** makes our companies more competitive and creates jobs by sinking its centuries-old roots in a production approach based on quality, **beauty**, efficiency; tied to the history of the cities and the positive experiences of **communities** and territories. This approach turns **social cohesion** into a production factor and combines **empathy** and technology. A major part of our economy relies on that.

Our problems are big and long-standing: public debt, social and territorial **inequality**, illegality and underground economy, an inefficient and suffocating bureaucracy, fear-fuelling uncertainty about the present and the future. **Italy**, however, can deploy resources and experiences that we are often unable to appreciate. Our belief is that there is nothing wrong in Italy that cannot be corrected by what is right in Italy.

The **challenge of climate crisis** can be an opportunity to set our country in motion for the sake of a common and better future.

However, we will work along these lines as much as we can, leaving no one behind, leaving no one alone. An Italy that makes Italy, starting from our finest traditions, is vital to this challenge and can give a significant contribution in trying to build a **civilised, kind world**.

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