

FORMAT Mini COP26

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Event organiser

The event organisers are Università degli Studi di Firenze and the University of Birmingham as part of the European University for Well-being (EuniWell) and the British Institute of Firenze. With the contribution of the University of Nantes.

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SIDE EVENT TITLE: MiniCOP26

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festiwell-tickets-178628160637>

Procedure and Location

The event will take place in presence and online:

1. In Presence at the British Institute Library in Florence (Lungarno Guicciardini 9). The event will be conducted in compliance with social distancing and individual protection measures.
2. In Online mode for students of the Universities of the EUniWell consortium: University of Florence (Italy), Leiden University (The Netherlands), Linnaeus University (Sweden), Semmelweis University (Hungary), University of Birmingham (England), University of Cologne (Germany), University of Nantes (France).



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DATES AND TIMES

The event will be held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 from 14:30 to 17:30 (CEST)- from 13.30 to 16.30 (UK time)

The programme in detail CEST time

14.30- 14.50 Welcome Professor G. Giovannetti and Simon Gammel
Video from Cop26 organizer (TBC)

14.50-15.00 Professor I. Thomson - University of Birmingham

- *Net zero emission via sustainable decisions.*

15.00-15.15 first discussion

15.15-15.25 Professor M. Bindi – University of Florence

- *1.5°C: how to reach it?*

15.25-15.40 second discussion

15.40-15.50 Professor J. Radcliffe - University of Birmingham

- *The role of universities in driving change at a local scale.*

15.50-16.05 third discussion

16.05-16.15 Professor F. Schoefs - University of Nantes

- *Research and Sustainable Development Goals: the importance of data.*

16.15-16.30 fourth discussion

16.30-17.10 Division into working tables and start of work (Zoom). The participants will be asked to **formulate concrete proposals for the universities regarding the thematic focuses and other topics**. With the help of experts, they will have the opportunity to discuss the feasibility of the proposals.

17.10-17.30 Conclusion of the thematic tables and start of the plenary session. During the last 20 the individual groups will be asked to present the proposals.

17.30 End of the plenary session and conclusion of the event.

The programme in detail UK TIME

13.30- 13.50 Introduction (Giorgia Giovannetti) & Video from Cop26 organizer (TBC)

13.50-14.00 Professor I. Thomson - University of Birmingham

- *Net zero emission via sustainable decisions.*

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14.15-14.25 Professor M. Bindi – University of Florence

- *1.5°C: how to reach it?*

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14.40-14.50 Professor J. Radcliffe - University of Birmingham

- *Driving change at local level: policy regulation.*

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SPEAKERS

Giorgia Giovannetti- University of Florence

Vice rector of International relations and Professor of Economics at the University of Florence, Director of the strand Development and Member of the Board of Directors of the Global Governance Programme at the European University Institute. She is in charge of the management of EUniWell for the University of Florence.

Ian Thomson-University of Birmingham

Expert in climate change and on SDGs. Part of the Birmingham Plastics Network, an interdisciplinary team of more than 40 academics working together to shape the fate and sustainable future of plastics.

Marco Bindi- University of Florence

Professor of Agroclimatology. He is referee of the several National and International Journals (European Journal of agronomy, Climate Research, Climatic Change, Regional Environmental Change, etc.).

Jonathan Radcliffe- University of Birmingham

Expert in energy technologies and energy systems as part of the transition to net zero. He is part of the Resilient Cities for the university's Institute for Global Innovation.

Franck Schoefs- University of Nantes

Member of a regional working group on climate change and Director of the Master of Science in Civil Engineering.

Thematic Focuses

The event aims to disseminate, connect, share and design good practices and initiatives at different levels.

The focus will be on specific issues related to Sustainable Development Goals:

- SDG 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
- SDG 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable;
- SDG 13 Promote action, at all levels, to combat climate change;

- SDG 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of the Earth's ecosystem.

The themes will be addressed through the contribution of experts.

The event is geared towards raising awareness and **identifying tangible solutions for the EUniWell consortium in the field of sustainability also in relation to climate change.**

Event description

Nowadays, it is essential to steer the economy towards fully sustainable development. To this end, it is necessary to teach the new generations that the future of the environmental cause depends on the innovative proposals that will come to life during these years.

The proposed event will be an opportunity for students, researchers and professors of the EUniWell consortium, to devise tangible answers to the global problems that are currently holding back economic, social and environmental well-being. The event aims to create a simulation of COP26 (Conference of Parties), the annual meeting of the countries that have ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Following the guidelines dictated at the 2015 UN climate conference in Paris (COP21) and the goals set for COP26, we will invite actors from the EUniWell consortium and the British Institute. The event will be divided into three parts: an informative part, where we will explain to participants the mission of the Conference of the Parties and the role of negotiations. In the second part, we will divide participants into working tables where they will be able to devise concrete solutions to major global challenges, covering topics such as climate change, sustainability and adaptation, with a focus on active citizenship and well-being. In this phase, participants will be given specific objectives and deadlines. At the end of the event, participants will have to present their ideas to make their universities sustainable, inclusive and with innovative degree courses. The primary objective of the simulation will be to bring the climate challenge closer to the daily life of European citizens, with the hope that participants will be led from awareness to proactivity, e.g. by changing established habits. Furthermore, it will lead to concrete change at the local level in EUniWell locations, through the exchange and sharing of actions and initiatives.

In this action space, individuals will be the agents and promoters of the sustainable development of their campuses. The proposals that will be formulated at the working tables follow the values and objectives of the European Green Deal and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The topics will be addressed through the contribution of speakers from the University of Birmingham, University of Florence & University of Nantes.

At the end of the meeting a final report will be drawn up with the proposals presented. The report will be visible on the EUniWell Website, Unifi 'Ateneo Sostenibile' website, the and the British Institute website.