



The EoF generation ready for the IV online world meeting with a message from the Pope
The Economy of Francesco, global gathering on 6 October, live from Assisi
Ideas, stories, and projects, with links from 30 countries. In person event for Italians at the Sanctuary of Renunciation

ASSISI (ITALY) - Next October 6th at 4 PM (Italian time), the world's young economists, change-makers and entrepreneurs will gather online to celebrate the IV annual meeting of The Economy of Francesco (EoF). "I say this seriously: I'm counting on you!", Pope Francis told them when he greeted them in Assisi in 2022. "Please, don't leave us undisturbed, give us an example!" An invitation embraced by the *EoF generation*, who continue to work with seriousness and responsibility and without neglecting anything that is of concern today and requires urgent change. Inequalities, indigenous economies, work, peace, food security, the environmental crisis, financial systems, but also narrative and spiritual capitals – these are some of the themes at the heart of the EoF agenda.

A guest at the event, alongside others, will be the Turkish economist **Daron Acemoglu**, professor of economics at MIT in Boston, in dialogue with the EoF Academy. His research interests range from the theory of growth to labor economics, from inequality in income distribution to applied mathematics. Hence, the impact of technology on inequalities and a reflection on the blind spots of economic knowledge will be the two main contributions of the young scholars of the academic network.

Ample space will also be dedicated to the theme of peace. In fact, a link is planned with the third *International Economic Congress of Francis, Latin America and the Caribbean*, taking place from 4 to 6 October in Colombia, entitled: *Weaving economies for peace*.

The streaming of the event, entitled "**The 25th Hour. EoF (on air) Global Gathering**" will be broadcast by the Seraphic Institute, through "web-radio," and available live on the Economy of Francesco YouTube channel, in multiple languages. Music, in-depth analysis, information, interaction via social media: this year the young authors of the program have chosen the radio as a narrative place to discuss and share stories, ideas, vocations, and experiences, reaching a wide audience, where all voices can express themselves and be represented and listened to.

Links and contributions from over 30 countries around the world are expected, moments of meditation on the path walked by Francis of Assisi and a program dedicated to historical figures and events. The "25th hour" will be the theme proposed by the scientific coordinator of EoF, the economist Luigino Bruni. The presentation of the winning works of the competition, "*The Stories we are*," is awaited, while a theatrical piece entitled "*Pinocchio, a praise of the journey and the gift*," will be presented as an unpublished reading of a classic of world literature. The meeting will end with a new message from Pope Francis, who will once again this year address the young economists and entrepreneurs of EoF. To follow the live broadcast and details on the program, go to www.francescoeconomy.org.

In addition to the online event, the regional representatives of “The Economy of Francesco Italia” thought of proposing an in-person meeting, resulting in a three-day gathering in Assisi from 6 to 8 October, as a way to be together and for training. Guests of the Diocese of Assisi and, especially of the Sanctuary of Renunciation, more than 70 participants of The Economy of Francesco (EoF) in Italy, will gather to think deeper about economic and social issues through *ad hoc* sessions, designed to facilitate exchanges of ideas and sharing.

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