

These three days have been a beautiful moment of **sharing** and **celebration**.

It has been a sharing not only of ideas, theories and good intentions but, in particular, the focus has been precisely put on projects and concrete actions that we can immediately put into practice and on the final common commitment we have taken—the outcome of the work that has been done by the young participants to Economy of Francesco during many months and in preparation to the event in Assisi, inside the 12 thematic villages in which we were grouped.

It has been a celebration because it has been a long-awaited moment in which all of us young people have finally had the chance to meet -even though online- and share ideas, values and hopes for the future, accompanied by discussion sessions with international speakers, coming from both the academic and business worlds, by video-messages from young change-makers from all over the world but also by art, music and moments of reflection across the most important places of the city of Assisi and of St. Francis' life.

My personal take-aways from this event are not only a very enriching cultural experience and knowledge but also the examples of many people who are already at work and living a *new* economy.

To me, the Economy of Francesco has not ended with this final meeting in Assisi but it is only the beginning of a personal and collective process that will bring us to become “leaven” inside our families, companies and organizations and to “get our hands dirty”, as Pope Francis has encouraged us to do in his final video-message.

Many issues and topics related to economics, finance and today's society have been analysed and discussed among participants and invited speakers and it would be difficult and unfair to reduce them to a short summary. However, one central message has risen from this event and that Pope Francis himself has emphasized in his final message: the current economic system is unbearable and it is *urgently* needed a different economic narration. The economic system must not be detached from the human being and the most authentic development we must seek is not economic but *integral*.

The economy -from its own etymology- is deeply human and therefore it must be managed and structured in an ethical way. Nowadays, we get used to the idea that people, and therefore companies and organizations, are governed by exclusive profit and selfishness. This is also what we are taught in economics schools and we listen from media: this is the paradigm that leads to a reduced and pessimistic vision of the human being and this is exactly the paradigm of today's world we are working to overcome in order to lay the foundation for a new and more human economic system.

With the words of Pope Francis, the process that will flourish from the Economy of Francesco and that we are called to answer is a process of vocation, culture and common commitment:

1. **Vocation:** following St. Francis' call in the church of Saint Damiano, we young people are called by Christ to “go and repair his house, which is falling into ruin”. This is the call that is headed towards each of us and that makes St. Francis' message so extraordinary and contemporary.
2. **Culture:** Pope Francis has strongly highlighted that we are lacking the necessary culture on which to rebuild our society and that this is fundamental, in particular, for the people of the ruling class. A change of paradigm is urgently needed and must be accompanied by spiritual growth.
3. **Common Commitment:** it is now time to dare and we need to give birth to processes at the service of humanity and life which are not merely nominal, functional or technical. All the social actors must be called in and find solutions not *for* the poor and the excluded but *with* them.

This also refers to the final statement and common commitment that have been presented and undersigned in the final day of the Economy of Francesco event and that we undertake as “witnesses and ambassadors”.

This is the good news we are called to “proclaim and put into practice” in order to safeguard our Common Home, present and future generations and in order to have our future filled with the joy of the Gospel.

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