

“CIVILISATION IS THE PROGRESS OF MENALIVE”

17th TRAINING SCHOOL

AGORÀ

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

11 –13 november 2026

Brussels, Belgium

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Director of the Scientific Committee: Ubaldo Casotto

Art. 1 – PURPOSE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS, based in Milan at Via Monte Rosa 19, is organising a residential training programme. The third initiative of the School, **Agorà**, is entitled “**Civilisation is the progress of menalive**” and aims to foster an understanding of the European institutional architecture, encourage discussion of the challenges currently facing Europe, and introduce young people to career opportunities within the European institutions. The programme will also provide participants with an opportunity to discover some of the places that have played a significant role in promoting and developing the European integration project.

Participation is limited to a maximum of **100 participants**.

Art. 2 – SCHEDULE AND ACCOMODATION

The programme will take place in Brussels, Belgium, from **Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 November 2026**.

The programme will run according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday 11 November, from **2.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.**;
- Thursday 12 November, from **10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.**;
- Friday 13 November, from **9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**

The participation fee includes dinner on Wednesday 11 November and dinner on Thursday 12 November.

Participants will be accommodated at the **Radisson Hotel Brussels Centre Midi**, in twin rooms. Breakfast is included on Thursday 12 November and Friday 13 November.

Art. 3 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Participation is open to applicants aged **18 to 35 inclusive** who are citizens of either an **EU Member State** or a **candidate country for accession to the European Union**.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted no later than **Sunday 18 October 2026**.

Applications may only be submitted online, following registration on the Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS portal, available at: <https://portale.costruiamoilfuturo.it/auth>.

Once logged in, applicants should go to the “**Eventi**” section, select the initiative covered by this Call for Applications and proceed with their application.

As part of the application form, applicants are required to:

- upload their **Curriculum Vitae in PDF format**, using the file name “**Surname_FirstName_CV**”;
- provide a short **motivation letter**, setting out the reasons for their application.

Applicants who belong to one of the following educational partners involved in the project — **Camplus, Fondazione RUI, Università Europea di Roma, Residenza UER, Residenza Murialdo, Residenza Forcellini, Collegio Villa Nazareth and Fondazione ONAOSI** — and who wish to apply for the event should contact their respective educational coordinators directly.

Art. 5 – GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION

Applications will be deemed invalid if they:

1. are incomplete and/or contain errors and do not comply with the requirements set out in Article 4;
2. do not include the documents required under Article 4;
3. contain false or misleading statements.

Art. 6 – SELECTION AND ADMISSION

The **Selection Committee** will select the applicants admitted to the programme.

Applicants will normally be informed of the outcome by **Thursday 22 October 2026**.

The decision of the Selection Committee is **final and not subject to appeal**.

The order in which applications are received may also be taken into consideration.

Should an admitted applicant withdraw, the vacant place will be offered to another applicant.

Art. 7 – PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is **€310** (including an administrative fee of **€39**).

The participation fee does not include any applicable **city tax**, which shall be borne exclusively by the participant and paid directly to the accommodation.

Payment must be made no later than **Sunday 25 October 2026**, in accordance with the instructions provided by Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS following notification of the selection outcome.

If payment is not received by the stated deadline, the place will be reassigned to the first eligible applicants on the waiting list.

Art. 8 – CALL FOR POLICY PAPERS

As part of **Agorà 2026**, participants admitted to the programme will have the option of taking part in a **Call for Policy Papers**.

The initiative is promoted by Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS in scientific collaboration with **Polidemos** and aims to encourage the production of analytical and reflective contributions — hereinafter referred to as **policy papers** — addressing the topics covered by the training programme.

Participation in the activity described in this Article is optional and has no bearing on the requirements for receiving the final certificate of participation referred to in Article 9.

Art. 8-bis – SUBJECT AND CONTENT OF THE POLICY PAPERS

Policy papers must be developed on the basis of a set of sources selected by Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS in collaboration with Polidemos.

The purpose of the exercise is to encourage reflection on the future of European integration and to support participants in developing policy proposals in response to the challenges currently facing the European Union.

Applicants may use additional sources, provided that these are relevant and consistent with the aims and content of the training programme. All sources must be verifiable, meaning that they must be traceable to an authoritative and accessible source, and must be appropriately cited so as to allow them to be clearly identified and verified by the Foundation.

Art. 8-ter – SOURCES AND PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE

The sources and detailed arrangements for taking part in the Call for Policy Papers, including:

- formal requirements for submissions, including length and format;
- submission procedures and deadlines;
- any additional editorial guidelines;

will be communicated by Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS to participants admitted to Agorà either at the time their admission is confirmed or, in any event, within a few days thereafter.

Art. 8-quater – EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND SELECTION OF SUBMISSIONS

The policy papers submitted will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee appointed by Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS and comprising representatives of Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS and Polidemos.

The Committee will assess submissions on the basis of their thematic relevance, originality, quality of argumentation and compliance with the editorial guidelines.

On the basis of these criteria, the Committee will select up to three winning policy papers, which will be awarded prizes as part of the Agorà 2026 programme, in accordance with arrangements to be communicated to participants.

The decision of the Evaluation Committee is final and not subject to appeal.

Art. 8-quinquies – FURTHER PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CALL FOR POLICY PAPERS

Participation in the Call for Policy Papers entails full acceptance of the provisions set out in these Articles.

Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS reserves the right, in compliance with applicable law, to promote and disseminate the contributions submitted, including through non-profit cultural and academic dissemination initiatives.

Art. 9 – ATTENDANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Attendance at all activities forming part of the programme is compulsory.

At the end of the event, a certificate of participation will be issued exclusively to participants who have attended all three days of the programme.

Art. 10 – DATA PROTECTION

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), applicants are hereby informed that the personal data provided in connection with this Call for Applications will be processed by Fondazione Costruiamo il Futuro ETS solely for purposes relating to the initiative.

Personal data will be processed in accordance with the principles of fairness, lawfulness and transparency, and in compliance with the applicable security requirements.

The provisions governing access to documents under Italian Law No. 241/1990, as subsequently amended, shall remain unaffected.

Art. 11 – CONTENT WARNING

Participants are advised that some of the content addressed during the programme — including material contained in texts, videos or panel discussions — may be disturbing or potentially offensive to some audiences.

Art. 12 – AUTHORISATION AND CONSENT FOR THE PUBLICATION AND USE OF IMAGES

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