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TCA – *The Erasmus+ Generation for the Earth*

Rome, 16–17 April 2026

1. Event Overview

Title: *The Erasmus+ Generation for the Earth*

Type of activity: Erasmus+ Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA)

Dates: 16–17 April 2026

Venue

Villaggio della Terra at the Pincio – Villa Borghese

Piazzale Napoleone I, 1 – 00197 Rome, Italy

Organised by INDIRE – Erasmus+ National Agency (Italy); partnership with Earth Day Italy



Villaggio della Terra, Pincio Terrace – Villa Borghese, Rome.

Description

The Erasmus+ Generation for the Earth brings together **international and national higher education students, experts and institutional representatives**. It combines high-level discussions, interactive sessions and collaborative workshops to strengthen awareness on the **fight against climate change** and to support **cooperation** among higher education students, in line with the **Programme priority** on environmental sustainability.

The goal of the event is the ***Manifesto of the Erasmus+ Generation for the Earth***. The document aims at summarizing what is desirable and what is achievable regarding the climate crisis.

The perspective of international students will highlight their skills, competences, creativity and awareness on the theme.

In order to provide a scientific analysis of the climate crisis, the **Climate Fresk** workshop is offered to participants.

The *Erasmus+ Generation for the Earth* is part of the cooperation and training activities of the Erasmus+ Programme 2021–2027.

The event gather 70 international students from 21 National Agencies (check out the participating Countries here: https://salto-et.net/events/show/IT02_0842_THO_2026) and 60 students from Italian Higher education institutes.

2. Programme

Please note: if necessary, the programme will be updated [here www.erasmusplus.it](http://www.erasmusplus.it)

Thursday, 16 April 2026

08:30 – 09:30

Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 – 11:00

Institutional Opening

Moderator: Lorenzo Colantoni (ED)

- Edoardo Zanchini, Municipality of Roma, Climate mission office
- Albert Sesé Ballart, European Commission DG EAC, Team Leader Higher education
- Anna Maria Bernini, Ministry of the University and Research (tbc)
- Sara Pagliai, Head of INDIRE Erasmus+ National Agency
- Kathleen Rogers, Head of Earth Day Network
- Gilberto Pichetto Fratin, Ministry of the Environment
- Marine Christmann, SALTO Green, Resource center for green transition and sustainable development in Erasmus+
- Lavinia Monti, Ministry for University and Research, Managing authority

11:00 – 13:00

Second Session – Open mic

Interactive dialogue with participants

- Enrico Giovannini – ASviS, Scientific Director



- Filippo Giorgi – IPCC climatologist, Nobel Peace Prize winner
- Lorna Gold – Expert in integral ecology
- Mariangela Cardone – garagErasmus / ScambiEuropei
- Marco Buscemi – Climate Fresk

13:00 – 14:00

Networking lunch

Photo booths and video area available

14:00 – 17:30**Climate Fresk – Parallel Working Groups**

Collaborative workshops based on IPCC reports, aimed at strengthening climate literacy and empowering participants to take action.

17:30 – 18:00

Closing of the working day and group picture

18:00 – 21:00

Networking aperitif and DJ set

 **Friday, 17 April 2026****08:30 – 09:30**

Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 – 10:00

Opening session and presentation of

The Manifesto of the Erasmus+ Generation for the Earth

- Roberto Gualtieri – Mayor of Rome
- Francesco Manfredi – President of INDIRE
- Enrico Giovannini – ASviS

Introduction and setting of the working groups

10:00 – 13:00

First parallel session – drafting ideas

13:00 – 14:00

Networking lunch

Photo booths and video area available

14:00 – 17:00

Second parallel session – finalising ideas

17:00 – 18:00

Presentation and voting of the Manifesto
Contribution by Ferzan Özpetek, Film Director

18:00 – 18:30

Closing session
Pierluigi Sassi – President of Earth Day Italy
Towards COP 31: conclusions and next steps

 **Useful Materials**

- [Green Priority of the Erasmus+ Programme](#)
- [Economic support for Green Travel in Erasmus+](#)
- [GreenComp](#), the European sustainability competence framework

 **Moderator – Bio****Lorenzo Colantoni****Biography**

Lorenzo Colantoni is **Head of Research at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)**. He also works in the field of journalism.

He specializes in **energy and environmental issues**, with a strong focus on **European policies**, and collaborates with the Institute on the **Energy Union Watch**, an initiative launched under the European Commission led by Jean-Claude Juncker.

He has worked with the geopolitics magazine **Limes**, including as editor of its October 2014 issue on the United Kingdom and Scottish secessionism. He regularly writes for **L'Espresso Online**, **European Energy Review**, and **Energy Post**.

Previously, he worked at the **Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)** in Brussels in the energy field, and at the **European Commission – Directorate General for International Partnerships**, focusing on **natural resources and food security**.

3. Logistical and Organisational Information

Venue

The event will take place at:

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Piazzale Napoleone I, 1 – 00197 Rome, Italy

Google Maps:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/EW7ZFqDMDJEvaunp6>

The Villaggio della Terra celebrates the **International Earth Day (22 April)** and hosts information points, thematic activities and talks promoted by organizations committed to environmental protection.

Reaching the venue by public transport

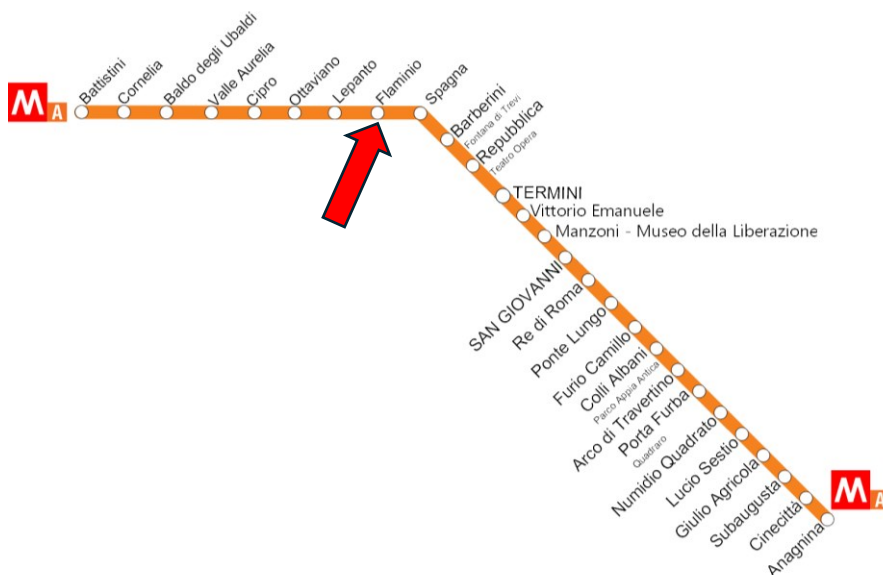
How to reach the Pincio Terrace by public transport

1. BY METRO

To reach the Pincio Terrace by metro, take **Line A** (red line) and get off at **Flaminio** station. From there, walk to **Piazza del Popolo** and follow the signs for **“Terrazza del Pincio”**. Please note that this route includes **stairs**.

You can also get off at **Spagna Metro stop** and reach Piazza del Popolo on foot: it's a nice 7 minutes walk from Piazza di Spagna to Piazza del Popolo. Once there, continue as above written.

Please note: many buses and tram lines also get to Flaminio or Spagna, depending on where your accommodation is. Ask your hotel for help or contact us (see contacts below)



Weather forecast

Please check out the weather forecast before packing your luggage. We all know the climate is changing (!) and unfortunately Rome might be cooler than expected in this season. Dress code for the two working days is informal.

Organisation of the Activities

During the **Climate Fresk** and the **Manifesto activities**, participants will be divided into working groups.

At the registration desks, participants will receive **coloured dots** to be placed on their badge, indicating their assigned group.

Catering

The catering service will be **entirely vegetarian**.

Participants with specific dietary requirements (e.g. allergies, intolerances, coeliac disease) are kindly asked to inform the organisers **no later than Monday, 13 April**, by writing to:

segreteria@earthdayitalia.org

Requests received after this deadline cannot be guaranteed.

4. Communication and Dissemination

Mobile Phone and Digital Interaction

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their **mobile phone**, as short online surveys will be launched during the event.

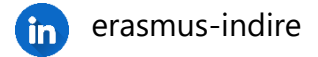
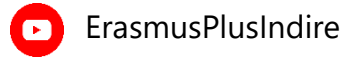
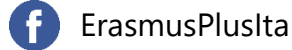
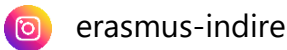
Photo and Video Areas

A photo booth and a video area will be available during the two days to allow participants to share messages and experiences related to environmental sustainability and green travels.

Social Media – Official Hashtag

Please use the **#greenerasmus** during the event and help us widespreading the strenght of the Erasmus+ Generation and the Erasmus+ Green Priority

The **Italian Erasmus+ National Agency social media** are the following:



Sustainable Travels

In line with the Green Priority of the Erasmus+ programme, participants are strongly encouraged to use **sustainable means of transport**, such as train, bus, carpooling or bicycle.

International participants travelling green from countries outside Italy are kindly invited to inform the organizers by replying the email or during the on-site registration, as their experience will be valorized.

4. Image and Video Privacy statement

An **image and video privacy statement form** applies to this event.

During registration on 16–17 April, participants are kindly requested to sign the attendance sheet and the privacy statement directly at the registration desks.


Please note: Participants who do not sign the privacy statement will be gathered in a dedicated area for those who do not wish to be photographed or filmed.


5. Useful Contacts

For any organisational needs before or during the event, participants may contact:

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 also available via WhatsApp

Alternatively, write to:

tcaerasmus@indire.it