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Thursday, 16th April 2026 (Day 1)

AMSA Auditorium, Via Olgettina, 25,
20132 Milan, Italy

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14:30-15:00

Official Conference Opening. with:

- **Filippo Fincato** (Country Representative of YES-Europe Italy);
 - **Eric Balakrishnan** (President of YES-Europe);
 - **Vittorio Vay** (Advocacy & Thought Leadership Manager at A2A);
 - **Martina Riva** (Councillor for Sport, Tourism and Youth Policy for the Municipality of Milan)
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15:00-16:00

*Panel Discussion on the Energy Transition and Youth in Cities, moderated by **Dario Barcella** (Africa-Europe Energy Transition Project Lead at YES-Europe), with:*

- **Filippo Fincato** (Country Representative of YES-Europe Italy);
 - **Domenico Deleo** (Strategy Manager at A2A);
 - **Caterina Sarfatti** (Managing Director at C40);
 - **Laura Marinelli** (Researcher in Economy and Statistics at ECCO)
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Coffee Break

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Panel Discussion on Urban Innovation and Sustainability, moderated by **Stefano Cisternino** (Operations Manager at YES-Europe), with:

- **Luca Volterrani** (Innovation Ecosystem Lead at A2A Life Ventures)
 - **Layla Pavone** (Head of the Board of Technological Innovation and Digital Transformation at the Municipality of Milan);
 - **Maria Sá Couto** (Project Manager at Just a Change);
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08:30-10:00

Group Departure from Milan Central Station, by bus

10:00-12:00

Site Tour at A2A's Waste-to-Energy Plant in Brescia

12:00-12:45

*Panel Discussion on European Innovation: Investments, Roadblock, and Perspectives, moderated by **Arnav Agarwal** (Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of YES-Europe), with:*

- **Matteo Ferrazzi** (Senior Economist and Principal Investigator at the European Investment Bank (EIB))
 - **Patricia Gentile** (Head of Finance & Insurance at A2A)
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12:45-13:45

Lunch Break



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Panel Discussion on Innovation in Circular Economy & Waste Management,
moderated by **Filippo Fincato** (Country Representative of
YES-Europe Italy), with:

- **Edoardo Carturan** (Innovation Manager at A2A Ambiente)
 - **Ermes Zamboni** (Founder and CEO at Jaipur Robotics)
 - **Prof. Federico Viganò** (Professor of Energy and Environmental Systems at Politecnico di Milano)
 - **Prof. Elza Bontempi** (Professor of Fundamental Chemistry of Technologies at INSTM and Università degli Studi di Brescia)
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14:45-15:45

Finex - Cleantech Innovation Overview, with **Livia Kalossaka**
(Head of Deep Tech Strategy & Foresight at Creative Destruction Lab
and HEC Paris, and Former Vice-President of YES-Europe)



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*POWERYOUTH Project Interactive Presentation, with Vasso Kontou
(Project Manager at SingularLogic)*

17:30-18:00

Startup Pitch Session

- **Ermes Zamboni** (Founder and CEO at Jaipur Robotics)
 - **Dimitri Zogg** (Co-Founder and CTO at Cosaic, and Former President at YES-Europe)
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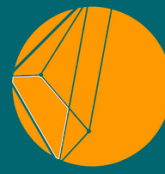
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Day 2 Wrap-Up and Return to Milan, by bus



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10:00-10:30

*Day 3 Opening Speech, with **Maurizio Prete** (Co-Founder and President at the Miticoro Foundation) and **Raghu Movva** (Director at the Miticoro Foundation)*

10:30-11:00

*10 Years of YES-Europe Overview, with **Eric Balakrishnan** (President of YES-Europe)*

11:00-12:00

*CSRD and Sustainability Reporting Frameworks Overview, with **Federico Quaratesi** (Founder of EasySustainability)*

12:00-13:00

*Energy Careers Virtual Simulator Overview, with **Federico Quaratesi** (Founder of EasySustainability)*



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13:00-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:00

Panel Discussion on Energy Careers, moderated by **Eric Balakrishnan**
(President of YES-Europe), with:

- **Helen Heinz** ('Talk Energy with YES-Europe' Podcast Lead at YES-Europe and Project Engineer Energy Systems at Rapp AG)
- **Silvia Petocchi** (Co-Founder and Managing Director at the Miticoro Foundation)
- **Jacopo Sala** (Deputy Director of Secretariat at EYEN and YES-Europe Spain Local Team member)

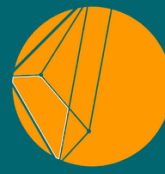
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Sustainable Future for Agriculture - Survey aimed at Entrepreneurs in the Agricultural Sector, with **Federico Valotto** (Founder and CEO of Echoes Cooperation) and **Sabrina Fortunato** (Italy Team Manager at Echoes Cooperation)



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*European Sustainability, Education, Impact & Leadership Presentation, with
Raghu Movva (Director at the Miticoro Foundation)*

17:30-18:00

Official Conference Wrap-Up and YES-Europe looks ahead to the Future

18:00-22:00

YES-Europe 10-Year Anniversary Party

