

UNESCO, OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ITALIAN COMMISSION

Assistant Director-General Falt: "Forza giovani italiani !".

Rome – On 15-16 January, the First National Assembly of the Youth Committee of the Italian Commission for UNESCO took place in Rome. Over two hundred young members between 20 and 35 years old, including students, researchers, artists, professionals, managers and entrepreneurs, came to Rome from all the Italian regions to draw the guidelines for an ambitious multi-years working plan. Several guests attended the Assembly event: among them Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information at UNESCO, Giovanni Puglisi, President of the Italian National Commission for UNESCO and Dario Franceschini, Minister of Heritage, Culture and Tourism.

"There are not so many well-structured youth organizations like yours in the international circuit of UNESCO", said Eric Falt during his speech. "With this project - added Falt - you will certainly be able to give an important contribution to your country. I am sure that your organizational model will be an inspiration for many young people at the international level".

The aim of the Youth Committee of the Italian Commission for UNESCO is to promote and support the activities and values of UNESCO in Italy in the fields of education, science, culture and communication, through active participation of young people in initiatives and events organized at a National level. The Youth Committee was founded in 2014 on the initiative of four young delegates and former trainees of the National Commission: President: Paolo Petrocelli, Vice Presidents Virginia Caimmi and Liliana Mota, and the General Secretary Antonio Libonati.

In 2015, through the publication of a public notice, a representative and 10 members for each Italian region have been selected by qualifications and interview, and the goal is to rapidly double that number. The young members of the Committee will be assisted and supported by a group of exceptional artists: Paolo Fresu, David Boosta Dileo and Vittorio Nocenzi, nominated Ambassadors of the Youth Committee.

During the event, the Youth Committee signed two official protocols: one with the Ministry of Education, the other with the Young Entrepreneurs of Confcommercio. Within thirty days, the Youth Committee will provide guidelines to lead and develop projects and events on the whole National Italian territory: this is the first goal, as summarized by the President Petrocelli at the end of Assembly. The Youth Committee has already identified two International days celebrated by UNESCO in which to participate organizing initiatives on the whole national territory: the International Day of Jazz, on April 30th, and the International Day of Human Rights, December 10th.





