



CONCEPT NOTE

Y20 Italy 2021

Y20 Summit Italy will take place virtually in Milan and Bergamo on July 19-23.

The topics of discussion during the Y20 Summit are in line with the priorities dictated by the G20 Italian Presidency, with particular attention to the issues on which youth can provide a concrete contribution and which directly concern them.

Specifically, the three macro areas of the Y20 Italy 2021 are:

- 1. Innovation, digitization and the future of work**
- 2. Sustainability, climate and energy**
- 3. Inclusion and equal opportunities**

Education represents the connecting thread between the three macro areas. In fact, schools and universities play an essential role in training young people with adequate knowledge for a more digital and constantly changing world of work. Furthermore, schools and universities are an important component in the training of young people who are aware and ready to face the environmental threats of the present and the future.



Innovation, digitization and the future of work

Innovation and new technologies are fundamental tools for addressing important global challenges: from the environment to education, from economic development to unemployment. At the same time it is important to promote and raise awareness on the responsible use of new technologies through a system of training and education that goes at the same pace as technological development.

In particular, we would like to stress the importance of the following topics:

- youth innovation and entrepreneurship as a source of sustainable economic growth, both in developed and developing countries;
- innovation and digital education as a tool to reduce skill mismatch in the world of work: the role of upskilling, reskilling and lifelong learning;
- role of technology in the world of education: advantages and challenges of online learning;
- opportunities and threats of work automation.

Sustainability, climate and energy

Climate change represents a global threat that has already begun to have devastating and irreparable consequences on the economic and environmental systems of various regions. The policies adopted so far by the G20 countries, although often in the right direction, have not yet been sufficient and in many cases have proven inadequate to achieve the objectives within the set time frame.

The objective is to develop innovative ideas and policy proposals aimed at emphasizing the importance of safeguarding the environment, the circular economy and clean energy, making sure that the voice and ideas of young people represent a breaking point with the past for a more efficient, innovative and sustainable future.

In particular, we would like to stress the importance of the following topics:

- rethinking the principles of the economic system and transition to a system based on sustainability and circular economy;
- innovation and scientific research as tools to address climate challenges;
- the role of education in developing awareness of climate challenges and laying the foundations for a sustainable future.



Inclusion and equal opportunities

Inequalities and barriers to access to health, education and the world of work are still unresolved challenges in both developed and developing countries. Inclusion is a fundamental tool to guarantee the economic and social development of all segments of the population and of all countries.

In particular, we would like to stress the importance of the following three areas: education, the world of work and health.

- Inclusion in the education system:
 - Right to quality education in terms of economic and geographical accessibility for all;
 - Access to education as a source of integration and fight against poverty;
 - The role of schools in the fight against discrimination (ethnic, religious, gender, disability, bullying) in order to promote an inclusive society.

- Inclusion in the world of work:
 - Rethinking a system of remuneration and social protection that adequately protects young people in the world of work;
 - Promote the inclusion and career advancement of young women in the workplace, reduce the gender pay gap, combat gender stereotypes and promote STEM disciplines among girls.

- Inclusion in the healthcare system:
 - Rethinking a quality health system accessible to all;
 - the role of innovation as a tool to reduce inequalities in health care.