

Enel Foundation Newsletter

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A new Scientific Committee for Enel Foundation: towards an innovative, multidisciplinary approach



On **Tuesday, March 25**, Enel Foundation's **new Scientific Committee** convened for the first time, marking an important step in our mission to advance knowledge and innovation in sustainable energy development. Composed of **15 distinguished experts** from science, academia, and culture, both national and international, the committee is chaired by Laura Cozzi, Chief Energy Modeller and Director of Sustainability, Technology, and Outlooks at the International Energy Agency (IEA).

With a broad diversity of expertise, experience, and geographical backgrounds, as well as a **balanced representation of genders and age groups**, the committee is designed to foster a multidisciplinary and forward-thinking approach. It will play a key role in guiding Enel Foundation's efforts in promoting education, research, and the dissemination of knowledge on energy, sustainability, and innovation at both the Italian and international levels.

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Energy Transition: Challenges and Opportunities for Italy



The event "Energy Transition: Challenges and Opportunities for Italy" hosted by Luiss Guido Carli University at Villa Blanc in Rome, with the scientific partnership of Enel Foundation and sponsored by Enel Group, provided a unique opportunity to discuss how international relations can shape the path toward a sustainable future. Among the attendees were Italy's Minister of the Environment and Energy Security, **Gilberto Pichetto Fratin**, who delivered the keynote speech, and **Michela Mossini**, Head of CEO Office, Strategy and Sustainability at Enel, who stressed the importance of research and innovation collaborations and modern regulatory frameworks to foster strategic investments.

The open discussion focused on the transformations needed to achieve a climate-neutral economy by 2050. A key takeaway was the importance of **aligning research, policy, and industry efforts toward a common goal**: the energy transition and its associated challenges. Bringing these discussions to the forefront through influential institutions such as Luiss remains one of the most effective ways to highlight the geopolitical and economic dimensions at the heart of this transformation.

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Clean energy as a driver for global employment growth



Enel Foundation continues its support for the **World Energy Employment (WEE)** report series by the International Energy Agency (IEA), an initiative it has backed since its launch in 2022.

Building on this research, a **peer-reviewed article** written by Enel Foundation researchers **Mirko Armiento** and **Maria Lelli** with **Caleigh Andrews, Bruno Idini** and **Rebecca Ruff** from IEA, has recently been published in **Discover Sustainability**, a scientific journal by **Springer Nature**. The article analyzes workforce trends with detailed data across the energy value chain, providing key insights into how the shift to clean energy is transforming the global labor market.

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Ambassador Program: an interdisciplinary approach to the future



During a special event held at Politecnico di Milano last February, Enel Foundation renewed its commitment and support for the **Ambassador Program in Green Technologies and Smart Infrastructures**, an initiative launched by Politecnico di Milano four years ago. The program aims to equip Master of Science students with the interdisciplinary skills needed to tackle the challenges of the energy transition and to prepare them for the evolving job market.

During the event, journalist and science communicator **Massimo Polidoro** delivered an inspiring talk titled "Leonardo da Vinci: A Lesson in Science, Art, and Humanity." His speech highlighted how interdisciplinarity can be a winning approach to future challenges, in particular for the energy sector. That is precisely why, since the beginning of the Ambassador Program, Enel Foundation has played a key role as a Knowledge Partner, ensuring that education remains aligned with the practical expertise and skills required in the field.

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