



## LEONARDO: rEUnaissance today

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The "LEONARDO: rEUnaissance today" project will be launched on 16 and 17 November in Rome. The project is a concrete expression of the slogan of the Presidency of Luca Jahier: "**rEUnaissance**" which is closely linked to one of the Presidency priorities: **Culture**. In a challenging time in European politics, and before the crucial European elections of May 2019, the EESC President looks to the Renaissance era for an inspiration for a positive narrative for the European Union of today.

The Renaissance saw an explosion of artistic expression often inspired by scientific discoveries and new political and social ideas. Famous, highly influential artists, scientists and travellers ushered in new ideas about discovery, travel, invention, art, philosophy and the world.

Leonardo da Vinci, who was a painter, a scientist, a musician and a philosopher, is perhaps the most famous Renaissance Man.

The first conference of the **LEONARDO project** aims to act as a bridge between 2018 - the European Year of Cultural Heritage - and 2019, the year of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leonardo Da Vinci's death.

Anchoring itself in the values of the Renaissance, LEONARDO looks at how the latter can be an inspiration for today. Stemming from the belief that culture especially has an enormous untapped potential to become a unifying and mobilising force for Europe, the project focuses on the art of Leonardo Da Vinci.

But not "just" the art of Da Vinci as he made it six centuries ago - through the use of modern science, again inspired by Renaissance, LEONARDO's aim is to bring the genius of Da Vinci (and later, other painters) to people who would normally have difficult access to it.

We are collaborating with "**The Impossible Exhibitions**" who, by creating perfect digital copies of great Renaissance painters, have started a new type of museum, designed for not only seasoned gallery-goers, but also the vast audience that does not usually go to museums or art exhibitions, and the young, highly attracted to innovation: an instance of **cultural democracy**.

Inspired by another Renaissance ideal, that of the journey and discovery, the President plans to travel to different European countries with the LEONARDO project, adding local art to the collection, to create, through this mix of art, journey, science, interaction and innovation, a truly **#FutureofEurope** story. A story that can help us rediscover our common cultural roots and appreciate more our enriching diversity. For a true rEUnaissance.

### AGENDA

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**Friday, 16 November**

*Stadio di Domiziano - Piazza Navona*

Opening remarks by EESC  
President **Luca Jahier**

16:00 - 16:15 **Silvia Costa**  
*MEP*  
*Former President of the EP Culture Committee*

16:15 - 18:00 Visit of the exhibition "**Le Mostre Impossibili**" with a lecture by the Project Director **Renato Parascandolo**  
Visit of the Domiziano Stadium

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**Saturday, 17 November**

*National Council of Labour Consultants - Viale del Caravaggio 84*

**Opening:**

**Marina Calderone**

10:00 - 10:15 *President of the National Council of Labour Consultants and of the CUP Council for the professions*

**Tiziano Treu**

*President of the Italian Economic and Social Council*

**Panel 1**

10:15 - 11:15 The story of "**Le Mostre Impossibili**"

Presentation by **Renato Parascandolo**

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

**Panel 2**

11:30 - 13:00 "**Renaissance and rEUnaissance: how can we use the values of Renaissance for a positive narrative for Europe today?**"

**Luca Jahier** in conversation with **Luca Bergamo**, Vice-Mayor of Rome in charge of cultural development and **Luigi Miraglia**, *President and Founder of Accademia Vivarium Novum*