

# Beyond COP29: Students and Universities Leading the Path to Sustainability

## Oltre la COP 29: Studenti, Studentesse e Università verso un Futuro Sostenibile

21 / 02 / 2025 h. 9 AM- Sala ex Leopoldine, Piazza Tasso n. 7, Florence

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### *Morning Session*

#### **9:00 - 9:15 — Welcome Remarks**

EUniWell and University of Florence (UNIFI) representatives.

#### **9:15 - 9:45 — Presentation of the MoU between the University of Florence and the Heritage International Institute (HII)**

**Giorgia Giovannetti**, Vice President Vice President for International Relations University of Florence

**Paolo Liverani**, Full Professor at Department of History, Archaeology, Geography, Arts, and Performing Arts (SAGAS), University of Florence

**Gianluigi Bonaviri**, First Secretary at Office of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office

**Sergio Iovino**, CEO Heritage International Institute

#### **9:45 - 11:00 — EUniWell COP29 Student Virtual Delegation: Results**

*Policy Papers Presentation and Discussion*

A showcase of policy papers by student delegates, followed by an interactive discussion on climate action priorities.

*Session 1: Finance, Investment and Trade*

**Chinoso Prince Ihuoma**, Linnaeus University, **Bardia Pourbahrami**, University of Florence, **Robin Töth**, Linnaeus University.

*Session 2: Energy, Peace, Relief and Recovery*

**Taylor Yetta**, Linnaeus University, **Samran Ali**, Linnaeus University, **Damilola Balogun**, Linnaeus University, **Halima Frittet**, Linnaeus University.

*Session 3: Science, Technology, Innovation, Digitalization*

**Carolina Cruz Lapido**, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, **Thomas Little Fortuna**, Inalco University, **Klevisa Kapo**, University of Florence

*Session 4: Human Capital, Children and Youth*

**Gewen Heslan**, Nantes Université, **Juliette M'Hadhebi**, Inalco University, **E. L.**, University of Konstanz

*Session 5: Food, Agriculture and Water*

**Pedro Fiz Rocha Correa**, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, **Eloisa Raluy Lòpez**, University of Murcia, **Ginés Garnes Morales**, University of Murcia, **Mehari Abay**, University of Florence, **Giovanni Generale**, University of Florence

*Session 6: Nature and Biodiversity, Indigenous People*

**Tiarraga Seng-Löffler**, Nantes Université, **Ghizlane Kettani**, Inalco University, **Leandro Cristian Segado Moreno**, University of Murcia, **Roger Vives Ortuño**, University of Murcia, **Lorenzo Ciulla**, University of Florence

**11:00 - 11.30 — Coffee Break**

**11:30 - 12:30 — Keynotes**

**Raimondo Orsini**, Director of the Sustainable Development Foundation (TBC)

**Romain Boitard**, Human Capital Development Expert - Focal Point for Green Transition at the European Training Foundation

**12.30 -13:30 - Panel: Sustainable Campuses and the role of the University in Climate Action**

*The Role of Universities in Combating Climate Change*

Insights from EUniWell's University Sustainability Offices: Fostering Sustainable Practices within Campus Communities

Round table moderated by **Sara Ronco**, Research Manager at the University of Florence, Arena Manager for the Thematic Arena on Environmental Change and Well-Being at the University of Florence

**Panellists:**

**Pamela Kilian**, Head of Sustainability Office / Division Strategy and Academic Affairs, University of Cologne,

**Hilmar Hofmann**, Chief Sustainability Officer, University of Konstanz

**Julien Vercueil**, Vice-Chairman responsible for development and environmental responsibility, Inalco University

**Clarence Gigerich**, Office for Ecological Transformation, Nantes Université

**Marisa Santioli**, Head of the Green Office, University Florence (TBC)

**Giovanna Pacini**, Officer at the Department of Astronomy, University of Florence (TBC)

## *Light Lunch*

### *Afternoon Session/ Sessione Pomeridiana (multilingual EN and IT)*

**14:30 - 15.00 - LIVE COP29 EUniWell Students Virtual Delegation: sharing experiences and results with high schools students / condivisione di esperienze e di risultati con le scuole superiori**

Brief overview by the EUniWell Students Virtual Delegation to COP29

**15.00 - 15:45 -Social and Ecological Justice for a New Economy / Giustizia sociale ed ecologica per una nuova economia**

Bilingual round table moderated by Prof. Tiziano Distefano, Department of Economics and Management (DISEI) of the University of Florence

**Panellists:**

**Francesca Gabriellini**, University of Bologna, Department of History Cultures and Politics

**Dario Salvetti**, Collettivo di Fabbrica GKN (Workers' collective that emerged following the closure of the GKN automotive factory near Florence in 2021) (TBC)

**15:45 — Closing Remarks**

## How do I get there?



The location is a 17-minute walk from Santa Maria Novella Train Station and easily accessible on foot from most points in the city centre, as you can see from the map below

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to Former Leopoldine room, Piazza Torquato Ta...

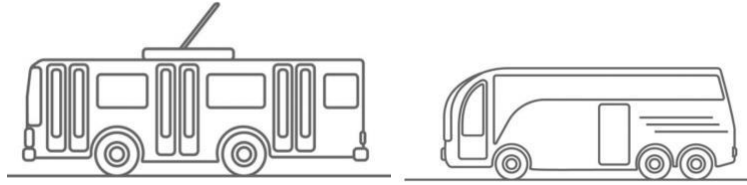
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via Ponte Amerigo Vespucci  
Mostly flat

⚠ Use caution—walking directions may not always reflect real-world conditions

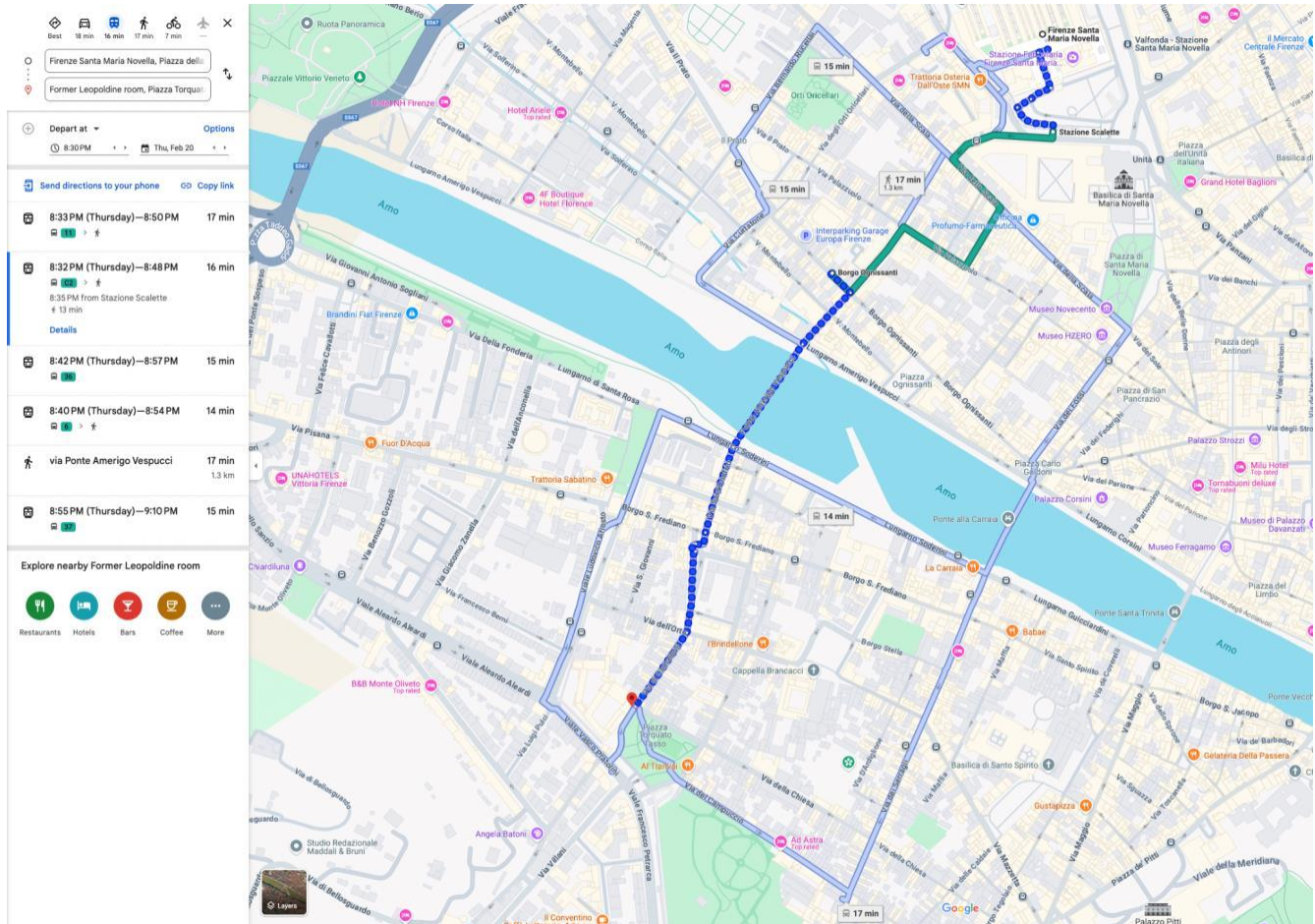
**Firenze Santa Maria Novella**  
Piazza della Stazione, 50123 Firenze FI

- ↑ Head west
- Take the stairs
- 89 m
- ↶ Turn left toward Via Luigi Alamanni
- 40 m
- ↷ Turn right toward Via Luigi Alamanni
- 15 m
- ↶ Turn left onto Via Luigi Alamanni
- 14 m
- ↷ Slight right onto Piazza della Stazione
- 50 m
- ↷ Piazza della Stazione turns slightly right and becomes Via Santa Caterina da Siena
- 71 m
- ↷ Turn right onto Via della Scala
- 16 m
- ↶ Turn left onto Via dell'Albero
- 120 m
- ↶ Turn left onto Via Palazzuolo
- 5 m
- ↷ Turn right onto Via Maso Finiguerra
- 120 m
- ↑ Continue onto Via di Melegnano
- 100 m
- ↑ Continue onto Ponte Amerigo Vespucci
- 180 m
- ↑ Continue onto Via Sant'Onofrio
- 130 m
- ↑ Continue onto Piazza dei Nerli
- 29 m
- ↶ Slight left toward Piazza dei Nerli
- 17 m
- ↷ Turn right onto Piazza dei Nerli
- 120 m
- ↑ Continue onto Via di Camaldoli
- 130 m
- ↑ Continue straight onto Piazza Torquato Tasso
- Destination will be on the right
- 5 m

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Piazza Torquato Tasso, 1 - 50123 Firenze FI



Alternatively, in the following map, you can see that there are several options available with the buses departing from Santa Maria Novella Station.





From Peretola Airport, you can take Tram Line T2 to Santa Maria Novella Station, where you will have several bus options available.

The screenshot displays a Google Maps interface with a route from Peretola Airport to Santa Maria Novella Station. The route is highlighted in green and blue, with a travel time of 37 minutes. The interface includes a search bar, a list of departure times, and a sidebar with nearby points of interest.

Departure Time	Arrival Time	Duration
8:34 PM (Thursday)	9:11 PM	37 min
8:37 PM (Thursday)	9:14 PM	37 min
8:46 PM (Thursday)	9:21 PM	35 min
8:40 PM (Thursday)	9:20 PM	40 min
8:44 PM (Thursday)	9:21 PM	37 min
8:38 PM (Thursday)	9:21 PM	43 min
8:52 PM (Thursday)	9:29 PM	37 min

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