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The Festival starts in the morning with a rich program. The first events will begin at 9 am; the opening ceremony will be held at 6 pm at Teatro sociale.

Trento Festival of Economics: let's start!

The 18th edition of the Trento Festival of Economics is about to start. Tomorrow morning, Thursday, May 25th, Trento will open its doors to the Festival's first day. There will be many events and entertainment; the opening ceremony will be held at 6 pm at the Teatro sociale: journalist Francesca Fagnani and Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi will speak about "The future: beyond illusions and disappointments".

The Festival is off to a flying start: with over 60 **events**, the first day will not prove disappointing. The morning will witness various talks and panels; in between, various playful activities are scheduled, too - such as Monopoly in Piazza Fiera or the Word Challenge, an argumentation and counter-argumentation contest around civic and social issues.

In the edition with a focus on the future, **Elly Schlein**, secretary of the Democratic Party, will dialogue on topical issues at Teatro sociale in the event "Our ideas about economics", taking place at 10:45 am, "to analyze the guidelines of change and the challenges of the new world".

At noon, the European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, **Paolo Gentiloni**, will preside over a dialogue on economic policies entitled "Europe's path to sustainable growth" at Sala Depero in Palazzo della Provincia.

Given the current world situation, the debate with **Alex Younger** stands out; head of Britain's intelligence service from 2014 to 2020, he is going to speak about geopolitics at an event called "Pandemic, war, energy and climate crisis, cyber threat: is the world changing?" at 2 pm in the Palazzo della Regione Autonoma Trentino Alto Adige.

The first government representative to debut in Trento will be Minister of Defence **Guido Crosetto**, who will speak at Teatro sociale at 3 pm on "The Europe of defence". Before his intervention, the Air Force will pay tribute to the Festival of Economics with a 2 pm flyover over the province of Trento of two AMX aircraft from the 51st Stormo di Istrana, celebrating the centenary of its establishment that falls this year.

Two of the six Nobel laureates attending the Festival will speak on Thursday. **Robert Shiller**, 2013 Nobel Laureate in Economics, will focus on how emotions and fears influence investments in Aula Kessler at the Sociology Department at 3:30 pm, while **Tawakkul Karman**, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, will dialogue on the geopolitical topic titled "Africa's Frontiers", in Sala di Rappresentanza of Palazzo Geremia, at 4:30 pm.

There will also be many protagonists of the real economy during the first day of the Festival: **Paolo Scaroni**, Enel Chairman, will speak at 11 am at the Palazzo della Regione on "Corporate governance in Italy and the world"; **Marco Tronchetti Provera**, Executive Vice President and CEO Pirelli & C. Spa, will speak about Europe's role between the United States and China at 12:15 pm at Sala Marangonerie (Buonconsiglio Castle); and **Emma Marcegaglia**, chairman and CEO of Marcegaglia Holding, will introduce the panel "U.S. State Aid to Business and the European Reaction" at 2:30 pm in Sala Depero.

The Opening Ceremony will commence at 6 pm at Teatro sociale in Via Paolo Oss Mazzurana. The panellists will be journalist **Francesca Fagnani** and **Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi**, President Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Culture, who will introduce the topic “The future: beyond illusions and disappointments”.

Guests at the opening ceremony will be **Flavio Deflorian**, Rector of the University of Trento; **Maurizio Fugatti**, President of the Province of Trento; **Franco Ianeselli**, Mayor of Trento; **Edoardo Garrone**, President of 24 ORE Group; **Mirja Cartia d'Asero**, Managing Director of 24 ORE Group; **Fabio Tamburini**, Director of Il Sole 24 Ore, Radio 24; **Federico Silvestri**, General Manager Media & Business of Il Sole 24 ORE; and **Enrico Salza**, President of Tinexta.

The program of the four-day Festival is available at the festivaleconomia.it website, where all events and speakers are published.

[At this link](#), information on facilities for travelling and staying in Trento during the days of the Festival is available.

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