

- Join us for the 9th edition of Sustainable Places -

28 September - 1 October 2021 | Hybrid Event (virtual + physical sessions in Rome, Italy)

Final event planning, promotion and rehearsals are in progress. We welcome a set of excellent sponsors and twinning event. There is still plenty of time to organize for networking, discussions and business development at Sustainable Places 2021.



#### Time to register!

We will begin to communicate event information through our registration platform (XING) which is also the gateway to accessing the virtual platform (Hopin). Moreover, next week we'll need to confirm numbers for the walking tour, Gala Dinner, lunches and coffee breaks (please help us get those right). Please do your final planning this weekend and register early next week for those who have not vet done so.

# Let's address some common questions / RFIs

Can I change my registration type? Yes. For those asking to change from virtual to in person, we have a ticket for that (e.g. one does not lose the funds paid for the virtual registration). For those asking to change from in person to virtual, we refund that.

What are the networking opportunities? The venue is very large. The auditorium will be accessible before the first lunch on Wednesday 29 September (1100-1230) or whenever you arrive prior. Feel free to book time together with colleagues at the venue this morning. In the evening, there will be a walking tour and afterwards one can imagine decentralized dinners / aperitivo. The Gala dinner on Thursday will be a nice event. Each lunch and coffee break is designed to offer networking possibilities. The platform is more interactive and facilitates networking for online participants.

**Where should I stay?** There are three options. They suit three traveler types. Please see <a href="www.sustainableplaces.eu">www.sustainableplaces.eu</a> for map and venue information.

- <u>Hotel Villa Pamphil</u> Co-located next to a park, slightly outside the city center and where we have a convention for a discounted rate. The Gala Dinner will take place here. A bus service once per day to and from the event will be made available. Please see our homepage for details.
- In the EUR area for those who want to be next to the venue, there are

several hotels available for booking in/near the expo area.

• <u>In the Rome center</u> – for those who want to be in the center and likely use the metro to the venue. The metro station is 1 km from the venue (5-10 min walk).

**How does unlocking a workshop work?** We issue a ticket for this cost and once purchased, we provide instructions for workshop specific registrations. All platform users (viewers) must register in Hopin. They will simply register for your workshop and not have access to the entire event.

**What is a virtual booth?** It is a dedicated page in the Hopin platform to facilitate EU project and Sponsor discovery and networking. It can hold a slide deck, video or image. Separately, digital posters will be placed on the sustainable places webpage and physical posters can be mailed to the venue. Contact <a href="mailto:zia.lennard@r2msolution.com">zia.lennard@r2msolution.com</a> for inquires / information.

Can we rehearse? It is a must. We'll be circulating instructions and a rehearsal appointments next week. Each speaker should do a technical check with the system they will use for their presentation (for those presenting online). Like any system, learning how to share the screen and set the microphone, speaker and video to the devices you are using may take a few moments which are best avoided during the event.

#### **Walking Tour**

Likely commencing at 2030 (details will be confirmed in the final program scheduled for release mid next week), the guided walking tour will begin from the Colosseum, progress along the via dei Fori Imperiali, pass through Piazza Venezia and conclude at the Pantheon where there are plenty of places for a drink, ice cream, dinner or continued sight-seeing in the center of Rome. The signup list will be distributed next week.



### **Sponsors**

We are deeply grateful for the support of our sponsor organizations. Our sponsors include RILO Digital Planning (RILO), Brainbox Al and Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES), Matterport, Axpo Italia, and Gaiago. Staygreen Venezia is a technical sponsor providing signature furniture and podiums for the stage. The support of these organizations is directly making possible various parts of this year's event. We are also excited to partner with All4Climate – Italy 2021 as twinning event which is a series of climate events associated with Pre-COP26 happening in Milan.

















For questions, don't hesitate to contact us at sustainableplaces@r2msolution.com.

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