

## ***Spirituality, Sustainability and Style***

**A joint webinar event and dialogue session of the Pontifical Council for Culture and COMECE on the *New European Bauhaus* initiative**

**Thursday 15 April 2021, 17:00 – 19:10 CEST**

The recent launch of the *New European Bauhaus* by the European Commission marks a step forward in how the European Union intends to connect the European Green Deal with living spaces. The initiative calls for contributions of all Europeans to co-create a sustainable, inclusive and aesthetic future through innovation, creativity and interdisciplinarity of approaches. The idea is to overcome a purely technical approach to the European Green Deal and transform it into a cultural and social movement. The webinar "*Spirituality, Sustainability and Style*", organised by the Pontifical Council for Culture and COMECE, aims to contribute to the *New European Bauhaus* initiative and to create a platform for dialogue, by offering a key of interpretation in the light of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*. The webinar will gather architects, policymakers and theologians and allow all participants to exchange on the links between beauty, social inclusion, sustainability and spirituality in urban and living spaces.

What are links between the *New European Bauhaus* initiative and the message of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*? Where to find best practices to shape more inclusive and sustainable living spaces in Europe? How to ensure true innovative solutions for current and future challenges in our way of living and building? These and other questions will be at the centre of the webinar on **Thursday 15 April 2021, from 17:00 to 19:10 CEST**.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/32HFxpXmaPC7dZG87>

## **PROGRAMME**

### **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

**17:00 – 17:10**

H. Em. Card. Jean-Claude Hollerich SJ, President of COMECE and Member of the Pontifical Council for Culture

### **INITIAL REFLECTION**

**17:10 – 17:50**

#### ***The New Bauhaus Initiative and the encyclical letter “Laudato Si’” of Pope Francis***

P. Alberto Fabio Ambrosio op, Professor of Theology and History of Religions at the Luxemburg School of Religion and Society

Anna Minta, Professor of History and Architecture at the Catholic Private University of Linz

Xavier Troussard, Head of Unit *New European Bauhaus* at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

### **BEST PRACTICES AND DISCUSSION**

**17.50 – 19.00**

#### ***Function and Meaning - Caring for climate and nature, for people and community***

Philip Bess, Professor and Architect at the University of Notre Dame, USA

Anna Heringer, Architect and winner of the 2020 OBEL AWARD, Germany

Demas Nwoko, Artist and Architect, Nigeria

Maryvonne Prévot, Professor of Urbanism at Lille University, France

### **CONCLUSIONS**

**19.00 – 19.10**

H. E. Mgr. Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture

### **Moderator**

Dr. Ellen Rowley, Professor for History of Art and Architecture at University College Dublin