

Thank you Carlo for your kind invitation to be part of this important SIF Forum and to give me the opportunity to share my vision and my Sumus initiative for a better world!

As requested, I will go straight to the point with four key messages and at the end with one proposal!

We have polluted too much, have destroyed the biodiversity too much and we are fully responsible for the climate change. This is what the last IPCC Report (*Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report*) demonstrates for those who were still skeptical. The humans are «so clever» that we are the only «animals» on earth who are destroying day after day our environment! And we are reaching the point that many scientific experts predict that two-thirds of the human population will disappear before the end of this century!

So now that we are all aware, what do you do?

For me, as a mother, it is obvious. We have to fix this situation that we all have contributed to create.

We have to say clearly and loudly to the young generations that we will not let them alone facing this dark context.

This will be my first key message, a message of solidarity and hope to the young generations, as too many feel lost about their future.

How can we repair?

It is easy to criticize, to complain and to judge our political people, our institutions, or the big companies because they are not taking the right decisions or because they are too slow, even if it is true. This is our favorite “sport” in France, I presume it is the same in Italy, but this passive and negative attitude leads to rivalry and creates anger and sometimes violence.

We have no more time to lose in finding scapegoats, we can choose another way. Instead of feeling victim of systems, we can choose to become «actors of our future», in our personal and professional life. We can decide to co-create a new way of living, of producing, of working, all together - which means to be hand in hand with students, citizens, associations, companies, politicians. For that purpose, we need to change completely our mindset, to replace the culture of «or» by a culture of «and», to reconcile tradition and modernity, materialism and spirituality, mind and body, long and short term...we need to replace opposition and competition by cooperation, to replace ego by consciousness, fear by empathy...

This is what Sumus proposes: to review our mindset!

And this will be my second key message, a message of responsibly and co-creation! Alone we can't achieve much, but with a community of committed people, positive, open-minded and volunteers we can do the impossible and we will do!

So, for what future?

We are speaking of a more sustainable world but we need more than that, we need to regenerate the air, the water, the soil, the vegetables, the fruits, the biodiversity, the bodies, the minds, the organizations, the democracy... In fact, we have to start inventing the next civilization! Regeneration will lead us towards a civilization of health and will make us joyful!

How?

Leonardo da Vinci used to say «look at nature, it is your future! »

Nature is 4 billion years old, we have only 300.000 years of existence, which is nothing compared to the incredible intelligence that life has developed on earth. The human people should become much humbler than we are. We should understand that we are not «above» nature but within this powerful and wonderful ecosystem. We should respect and take into consideration plants, trees, animals, starting by ourselves with harmony between men and women...nature deals with energy efficiently, is recycling everything, is abundancy and biodiversity. Biomimicry should become our mainstream of innovation in the future in everything we do. This is what **Sumus** proposes! To co-create a new paradigm in harmony «with the living » - this will be **my third key message** - « to become nature and Life centric instead of being human centric or technology centric». This doesn't mean that we will live like centuries ago, no: it means that all the progresses we will made and all the decisions we will take have to serve life on earth, then they will have benefits for our environment and therefore for us too! We are facing a systemic crisis, sanitary, ecologic, economic, social, I will say a crisis of purpose. So, we need a systemic answer, this is also what **Sumus** proposes, to reinvent the way we eat, the way we cultivate, the way we cure, the way we educate, the way we work and so on... it's a question of inventing a new lifestyle!

Einstein said «no problem can be solved at the same level of consciousness that the level which created the problem». Therefore, and this will be **my fourth and last key message** « we have to open our mind, our soul, our heart and cultivate our consciousness, our wisdom!»

This is something I am personally doing for more than 8 years. I read books about ancient philosophy and recognized spiritual guides, I met inspirational people, rediscovered the wisdom of roots population, attended many seminars on internet or in presence... the last one was in Arles two weeks ago « *Agir pour le vivant*», which means acting for the living. It is a long personal journey but it is worthful as progressively life becomes, I will say, magical - you change progressively the comprehension of the world, you understand better the laws of universe, you change your values and then you change your behaviors! This is what happened to me! To give you a concrete example of my personal change, I am board member of big financial companies, three years ago I decided to dare, playing a role of a SDG activist in these boards. Now I ask systematically questions about the ESG criteria, it is obvious that financial groups are evolving in the right direction but I feel useful in pushing them internally to accelerate! Another example, I decided to create **Sumus** one year ago just after the first lockdown, which was something unbelievable for me 8 years ago!

So what is Sumus?

A philanthropic association, a community of people who have decided to become actor of their future, who are ready to evolve in their consciousness and values by following their own inner development and who are volunteers to co-create a new systemic paradigm in harmony with the living! **Sumus** means «we are » in Latin, **to replace individualism by us, for a new society which will replace the verb «to have» by the verb «to be»!**

One of the particularities of **Sumus** is to combine at the same time a universal think tank and local do tanks at city level for concrete results.

So what have we done in one year?

We have established strong partnerships with international prospective think tanks such as the **World Human Forum**, the **GMAP** and **Mileva**, which is a unique artificial intelligence quantitative tool to help us pilot our future actions.

We have decided to choose **Venice** as the pilot city, and we have launched **Sumus** in Venice 3 months ago in June.

Why Venice?

For so many reasons!

- after the covid Venice needs to reinvent itself and to attract new inhabitants
- the archipelago is obviously linked to nature, so being in harmony with the living has always been a necessity here
- all the ingredients of the future are already there (beauty, water, light, innovation in the arsenal, vegetables in San Erasmo, craft, tradition of education...)

- because it is a little world in itself and, thanks to its incredible international notoriety, when we will be able to show concrete results, we could inspire more quickly and more easily the rest of the world.

And last but not least for a more personal choice, because I love this city which gives me so much joy and to which I feel grateful. I would like to share it with everyone and to give it back to it! I am Venetian! We have started our action by making a docufilm about the current way of living of the Venetians, named «**Venezia il faro del mondo**», we have interviewed more than 60 people from all ages, all islands, all social levels, we have asked them about their dreams. **Sumus** is a platform to build with the Venetians a new page of history to this incredible city, to be able to replace one day the American dream which has influenced our current occidental civilization by a new Venetian dream which could influence a next civilization of creativity, joy and health. These are the next concrete steps of the **Sumus** development:

- in September we will train 25 Venetians to animate circles of philosophy for children and teenagers and it will be the starting point to think about the new way of educating people;

- in October we will launch an initiative about food and agriculture. The aim is to ensure the food autonomy of the archipelago and to regenerate soil and vegetables through permaculture;

- we have plenty of ideas for building new Venetian ecosystems: one about handcraftship, which could be a conscious response to overconsumption; one about innovative care center of holistic Health; one about a new European maritime biomimicry center, to give in open source all the treasures of water to startups, to invent new services and products inspired by nature. I don't have today the time to detail all of them, of course we will be more than happy to cooperate with **VeneSIA!** **I will end my speech with my proposal** which is to invite you to join the **Sumus** community. This moment is historical: we have a unique opportunity to co-create a better world in harmony with the living in a unique and incredible Archipelago for us and for the next generations, for the Venetians and for the rest of the world!

it is NOW or NEVER, it is HERE and it is SUMUS!

Let's do it together!

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