

**THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO SUMMER SCHOOL 2026 SPLIT,
CROATIA**

*** ON THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Fostering Solidarity in Economy and Communication: In the Spirit of Saint
Francis of Assisi**

Online component: September 2 – 4, 2026.

In-person component (Split, Croatia): September 6 – 13, 2026.

Organizers and partner institutions:

- The Economy of Francesco (EoF) Croatian HUB
- Catholic University of Croatia (Theology Department in cooperation with the University Department of Communication Science), Zagreb
- Docat Center Split
- The Economy of Francesco Foundation (Assisi)
- Angelicum: Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome

VIRTUAL (ONLINE) COMPONENT

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

9:00 – 9:45 Marijana Kompes, Bruno Petrušić

Opening & Introduction

9:45 - 10:30 Lluís Oviedo, OFM (Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome)

Saint Francis as anti-economy

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:15 Alessandra Viscovi (Senior Lecturer ALTIS Graduate School of Sustainable Management)

The vocation of a leader in today's business world: opportunities for leaders to make a difference by creating more solidary organizations

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:45 **Lucie Evers** (Social Entrepreneur, Consultant, Belgium)

What solidarity really is

14:45 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:00 **Matea Vidulić** (Catholic University of Croatia, University Department of Communication Science)

Introduction to Intercultural Communication in the Spirit of Francis of Assisi

Thursday, September 3, 2026

9:00– 10:30 **John Dalla Costa** (Assisi, Italy)

Integral Development

10:30 – 10:45 Break

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12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:00 **Dawn Carpenter** (Georgetown University, USA)

Democratizing Longevity: Harnessing the Economic Power of Anchor Institutions to Create Community Wealth

14:00-14:15 Break

14:15 – 15:00 **Dawn Carpenter** (Georgetown University, USA)

Panel discussion and Q & A about the themes of the lecture

15:00 – 15:45 ***Travel and Stay in Split: Practical Information***

Friday, September 4, 2026

9:00 - 10:30 **Lawrence Chong** (Consulus, Group CEO, Singapore)

Creative Change Economy – uniting faith-based assets for a shared future

10:30 – 10:45 Break

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12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:45 **Paolo Santori** (Tilburg University)

The Economy of Francesco (EoF) Fraternity index

14:45-15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:00 **Martin Carbajo-Núñez, OFM** (Universities Antonianum and Alfonsiana, Rome)

The Economy of Francesco, Artificial Intelligence and Communication: Building a solidary world inspired by Francis of Assisi

IN-PERSON PROGRAM OF THE ERASMUS+ BIP SUMMER SCHOOL IN SPLIT, CROATIA

Sunday, September 6, 2026

17:00 – 18:00 Registration - Live participant introduction – Summer School information - Formation of working groups

18:00 – 18:15 Break

18:15 – 18:45 Opening program of the Summer School – Institutional greetings

18:45 – 19:45 *Fratelli Tutti Festival: A Journey Through Our Cultures*

Coordinated by: Matea Vidulić

20:00 Dinner

Monday, September 7, 2026

7:30 – 8:15 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 **Marijana Kompes** (Catholic University of Croatia, Theology Department / Faculty of Law)

From “Me” to “We”: Why Solidarity Matters? Insights from Catholic Social Teaching and the Economy of Francesco

9:15 – 9:30 Break

9:30 – 10:15 **Marijana Kompes** (Catholic University of Croatia, Theology Department / Faculty of Law)

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10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 **Kristijan Sedak** (Catholic University of Croatia, University Department of Communication Science)

Leadership – inspiring and leading towards a common goal through solidarity

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12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 **Bruno Petrušić**

My personal development tree

15:30 – 15:45 Break

15:45 – 16:15 Group work (preparation of final presentation)

16:15 – 17:00 Group work (preparation of final presentation)

17:00 – 17:15 Break

17:15 – 19:00 Individual work on written paper

19:00 – 20:00 Dinner

20:00 – 21:00 Individual work on written paper

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

7:30 – 8:15 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 **Melanie Rieback** (Nonprofit ventures - CEO, Amsterdam)

Contemplative entrepreneurship

9:15 – 9:30 Break

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Contemplative entrepreneurship

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 **Bruno Petrušić** (Docat Centar Split)

Culture of encounter and solidarity

11:15 – 11:30 Break

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12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 **Melanie Rieback** (Nonprofit ventures - CEO, Amsterdam)

Non-Extractive Finance

15:15 – 15:30 Break

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16:15 – 17:00 Group work (preparation of final presentation)

17:00 – 17:15 Break

17:15 – 19:00 Individual work on written paper

19:00 – 20:00 Dinner

20:00 – 21:00 Individual work on written paper

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

FIELD TRIP TO MEDUGORJE

Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:30 – 9:00 Breakfast

9:30 – 10:15 **Darko Rapić** (Faculty of Catholic theology University of Split)

Solidarity and migrations

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 **Darko Rapić** (Faculty of Catholic theology University of Split)

Solidarity and Migrations

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:15 **Petra Palić** (Catholic University of Croatia, University Department of Sociology)

Social Economy and Social Entrepreneurship

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 **Petra Palić** (Catholic University of Croatia, University Department of Sociology)

Social Economy and Social Entrepreneurship

15:15 – 15:30 Break

15:45 – 16:15 Group work (preparation of final presentation)

16:15 – 17:00 Group work (preparation of final presentation)

17:00 – 17:15 Break

17:15 – 19:00 Individual work on written paper

19:00 – 20:00 Dinner

20:00 – 21:00 Individual work on written paper

Friday, September 11, 2026

7:30 – 8:15 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 **Domagoj Runje, OFM** (Faculty of Catholic theology University of Split)

How did st. Francis of Assisi preached (communicated the Bible)

9:15 – 9:30 Break

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10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 **Ivan Bodrožić** (Faculty of Catholic theology University of Split)

Renunciation as the Foundation of St. Francis's Spirituality

11:15 – 11:30 Break

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12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 **Kinga Kusiak Witek** (Akademia Tarnowska)

Solidarity and Education

15:15 – 15:30 Break

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Solidarity and Education

17:00 **Sightseeing of Split with expert guidance**

19:00 – 20:00 Dinner

20:00 – 21:00 Individual work on written paper

Saturday, September 12, 2026

7:30 – 8:15 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 **Roland F. Szilas** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

Fostering solidarity through business models

9:15 – 9:30 Break

9:30 – 10:15 **Luigino Bruni** (Lumsa University, Rome)

Solidarity and the Economy of Francesco – in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 **Roland F. Szilas** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

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11:30 – 12:15 **Lucie Evers** (Social Entrepreneur, Consultant, Belgium)

“To you alone, Most High, do they belong”

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 Final presentations

15:30 – 15:45 Break

15:45 – 16:15 Final presentations

16:15 – 17:00 Final presentations

17:00 – 17:15 Break

17:15 – 17:30 End of Summer School: Distribution of participation certificates

18:00 Joint farewell dinner

Sunday, September 13, 2026

7:00 Breakfast

9:00 Holy Mass

Departure