

A Sustainable Dialogue!

The XIII Unite! Dialogue event was designed and delivered with a concrete focus on sustainability and inclusion. The adopted criteria are the result of collective work that led to the development of a university-wide checklist, which was then translated into operational choices aimed at reducing the event's impact and promoting good practices.

Below is an overview of the commitments adopted in organizing and implementing the event.

Planning

To ensure the inclusion of sustainability criteria, a dedicated working team was established to guarantee compliance with the checklist and to share the necessary information with everyone involved in organizing the event.

The Unite! Alliance is committed to ensuring gender equality, including in leadership roles. During the opening panel and in the plenary sessions of the 13th Unite! Dialogue event, the contributions were predominantly delivered by male representatives. A greater balance was observed in the community meetings and in the workshops. This issue will be addressed in future plenary sessions with the aim of promoting more balanced representation of different profiles.

Mobility and accessibility of spaces

Information was provided on how to reach the event venues sustainably (Politecnico di Torino main campus) and the social event locations (Cinema Museum, Egyptian Museum, Royal Palace, Teatro Regio) sustainably, to facilitate travel and encourage low-impact choices. Practical guidance was also provided for moving around the Politecnico and reaching classrooms and dedicated spaces.

To support orientation and improve accessibility, guided routes with floor signage (step-floor) were also planned. All logistical and accessibility-related information were provided in English.

Resources and waste management

During the event, special attention was paid to proper waste management in accordance with the local separate waste collection system rules. Recycling bins were clearly labelled and placed in strategic locations to ensure they were easily visible and accessible to all participants.

NANDO AI sensors are installed in some of the bins provided at the event venues. These sensors provide guidance on how to correctly sort your waste during the event. Equipped bins can be found on the ground floor of the R rooms.

A detailed map of MANDO AI sensors has been made available on the Dialogue webpage.

Catering

In order to reduce food waste, registrations for the event were collected in advance in order to estimate the number of participants and adjust food quantities accordingly.

The menu was designed with dietary requirements indicated in the registration form in mind, with particular priority given to vegetarian options due to their lower environmental impact.

Reusable ceramic plates and glassware were used for serving food, thus avoiding the use of disposable materials.

Any unconsumed food was donated to the *Emporio Rata.Tu* in Cuornè, an anti-waste, solidarity-based space where people in need can shop using a points card.

A map of water refill stations for reusable bottles was provided to all participants before their arrival.

Set-ups and furnishings

Event set-ups were created by prioritizing the reuse of existing materials. Politecnico furnishings (totems and notice boards) and materials provided by the Unite! Alliance (roll-ups and banners without dates) were employed, designed to be reused at future events. Participants were invited to return their lanyards at the end of the Dialogue.

Merchandising

No gadgets or merchandise were distributed in order to limit resource consumption and the production of potentially unnecessary items.

In line with this objective, participants were given the option to return the lanyards used for badges at the end of the event. These lanyards were produced without event-specific details so that they can be reused on other occasions.

Communication strategy

The use of digital materials was prioritized to minimize the production of printed materials. Only a limited number of copies were printed, on certified paper sourced from sustainable materials.