

SPORT, CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AND RESTAURANTS

Sport and Children's Village, we won't stop! This year the Meeting reserves 4,800 m2 for sport and 3,700 m2 for spaces for children and teenagers. The historic collaboration with the Italian Sports Center has been confirmed, the big news is the presence of **Derthona Basket**, which will bring its champions and set up a grandstand with a thousand seats. At the Villaggio Ragazzi, on the other hand, we will have exhibitions on friendship in art and history but also intriguing reinterpretations of figures dear to children such as Peter Pan. In catering, however, the novelty is the **PizzAut's pizzas**, an experience to be discovered with autistic children and volunteers, but also **Taberna Spagnola, Pollo & Friends** and lots of regional catering.



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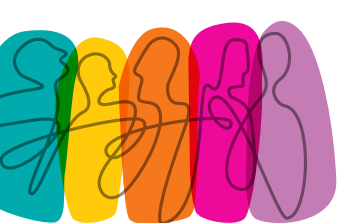
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This year's title takes us back to the **very origins of the Meeting**: the initiative to create a place for meeting and dialogue between people on the Adriatic coast during the summer was born from a friendship. **A large network of friendships is the genesis** of this sharing of knowledge and experiences that we see happening again every August in Rimini.



Human existence is an inexhaustible friendship means that our very being, **our nature "is" a relationship** that deeply marks every moment of our lives. A friendship that asks to be recognized as the origin of every action and relationship, the source of a **creativity** that in turn makes us protagonists of ever new friendships.

We therefore want to rediscover **the various declinations of this friendship** in personal, cultural, social, economic and

political life, starting from education, research and **discovery of the true and beautiful**, in a growing reciprocity which is the distinctive trait of friendship itself. In many meetings and exhibitions we will be able to share how and how much the idea we have of our relationships affects our way of working, thinking and designing. Many witnesses will show us, with their experience, how a friendship lived even among just a few people, **can become a place of hope and reconstruction within the conflicts** of our societies and in the wars that dramatically mark our historical moment.

Thus each of us, who will participate in the Meeting, will be able to make a decisive contribution to making it once again, this year, a testimony of a **friendship that wants to expand** until it becomes friendship between peoples and between cultures.

Bernhard Scholz
President of the Foundation
Meeting per l'amicizia fra i popoli ETS



DISCOVERING THE #MEETING23

For the first time at the Meeting, in collaboration with the Burri Foundation of Città di Castello, **Alberto Burri**, a man that brings a veritable explosion of matter to the party, will burst forth with a major exhibition, including one of his works of significant importance and proportions. From an idea of singer-songwriter **Giovanni Caccamo** and with the fundamental support of the **Vatican Museums**, an exhibition that will involve some eminent contemporary artists on the "keywords" of the youth world. Between pavilions A1 and A5 we will have **six exhibitions in a single itinerary**, which will take us from energy (and its use), to the environment (with an exhibition inspired by the Canticle of the Creatures), to work, the development of cities and experiences with young people such as **Kayròs, Portofranco** and **Piazza dei Mestieri**. We will also address the 40th anniversary of **Eugenio Corti's** The Red Horse, the 150th anniversary of **Péguy** and the story of the Trappist nuns of **Azer**, in the heart of Syria.

The issue of younger generations and the challenge of education will be discussed every day in conferences, through the new digital languages, or by meeting great educators such as **don Luigi Giussani, don Lorenzo Milani** and **don Pino Puglisi**, as well as dealing with the issue of family, demography and birth rate. Various meetings will be dedicated to literature, on the anniversaries of **Alessandro Manzoni**

and **Giovanni Testori**, but also on the theme of friendship in **Tolkien's** work. The Meeting will also address **today's dramatic scenarios**, from war to the affirmation of autocracies, and in many cases to the crisis of democracy, up to the contribution of international cooperation for peace. **Other featured topics**: artificial intelligence and the metaverse, hospitality in its various forms, science and nuclear fusion, the work - with the in-depth studies of the Fondazione per la Sussidiarietà - as well as **testimonies** from all over the world. The popular Brazilian singer **Monica Salmaso** will open her Italian tour at the Galli Theater, where two leading exponents of the Italian theater will also be protagonists: **Valter Malosti**, director and interpreter of **Maddalena - From Giotto to Bacon** by **Giovanni Testori** and **Alessandro Preziosi**, protagonist, together with the boys of the UFO Association, of **Moby Dick - A perpetual craving for remote things**, taken from the masterpiece by Herman Melville. Six concerts on the pool stage are scheduled at the Fair, an appointment with the songs of **Adriana Mascagni**, two with the Spirto Gentil series dedicated to **Beethoven** and **Pergolesi** and the final of the third edition of the **Meeting Music Contest** which will also offer an open creative writing workshop to all and led by **Morgan**, here as president of the jury.



VOLUNTEER MEETINGS YOU CAN GET ON BOARD TOO!

Volunteers are the **heart of the Meeting**, a true miracle that has been renewed for more than forty years, there can be no Meeting without them. **Students, university students, adults** from Italy and abroad participate every year in the preparation, implementation and dismantling of the Meeting.

If you too want to be the protagonist of this extraordinary experience of **gratuitousness and friendship**, find out how to register on the Meeting's website. **We are waiting for you!**