

## Board of the Centre

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### SEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Administrative questions

### Introduction

1. In accordance with the priorities set out in the Centre's Programme & Budget for 2018-19 and 2020-21, FIS has expanded its previous Master Plan into a wider Strategic Plan, covering the period 2018-2021, taking into account the Centre's three-tier competitiveness strategy, as well as all stakeholders' inputs. The first draft of such document has been finalized and made available for discussion.
2. One of the pillars of this Strategic Plan is the concept of 360° sustainability, which includes:
  - ensuring operations with the highest value for money ratio;
  - contributing to the *differentiating the income base* strategic issue of the Centre.

### Infrastructure projects

3. On April 4, 2019 the Centre has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the City of Turin, in which it was agreed to allocate funds to maintain and renovate some of the buildings. The Ministry's contribution will amount to 3 million euros, while the Centre will allocate up to €800,000 from its dedicated Campus Improvement Fund. With these funds, the Centre intends to refurbish 2 of its 19 pavilions, dealing with the most urgent occupational health & safety issues and creating a modern "Learning Lab", with open, modular areas, to meet new educational needs.
4. At the same time, the City has made available a contribution of €180,000, over a period of 3 years, for the costs for the extraordinary maintenance of the whole campus.

### Health and safety

5. The Occupational Safety and Health Audit conducted in 2017, highlighted several risks related to the premises, essentially deriving from its gradual obsolescence. The most urgent risks have been mitigated through a series of extraordinary maintenance operations, carried out in 2018 and in 2019 (e.g. asbestos sealing and removal, railings reinforcement, flooring replacement, etc.).

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## Security

### 6. With regard to security:

- In 2018, an Audit of the UN Security Management System in Italy was conducted under the overall lead of the Director of the Headquarters Security and Safety Services Division (DHSSS), to assess whether the UN Security Management System was adequately managed by the agencies based in Italy.
- The Centre has gradually implemented all the actions needed to ensure the full compliance, including but not limited to:
  - Updating and integrating the Security Operational Procedures
  - Updating the Emergency and Evacuation plan
  - Updating the Business Continuity Manual
  - Implementing the mass notification system
  - Training of security staff according to the outcomes of an internal / external audit
  - Training of internal staff about advanced security screening procedures

## Greening of the campus as part of a wider sustainability effort

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- In collaboration with the UNFCCC, neutralizing unavoidable emissions and making the Centre climate neutral by procuring carbon offsets.
  - Promoting the highest standards in terms of eco-awareness and eco-sustainability also by implementing initiatives such as:
    - Drastic about plastic (eliminating plastic from the campus)
    - M'illumino di meno (waste reduction and energy saving)
    - Waste is a resource (waste reduction)
    - Zero Hunger starts with Zero Food Waste (food waste reduction)
    - Water Day (saving water)
    - Green Day (promote sustainability, biodiversity, green commuting etc.)
    - Clothes swap (waste reduction, circular economy).
  - Smart mobility for a smart community: In addition to the 20 bicycles available on campus, two recharging stations have been installed to encourage suppliers and staff to use electric vehicles.
- ### 8. “Purchasing values”:
- promoting a 360 degrees sustainability culture and awareness across our network of partners and suppliers, with explicit reference to such issues in all tendering and contractual documents.
- ### 9. “It's worth a dream”:
- promoting the working inclusion of young people with disabilities in the services provided to the campus by some partners.

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