

# BEYOND SUSTAINABILITY: IMPACTFUL SERVICE COMPANIES

**EVENT & THINK TANK** 

**PROGRAM** 



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# EVENT VENUE

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#### **ABOUT THE EVENT**

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has become a top priority for business around the world. Firms often look at CSR using an institutional and an economic lens with the purpose of meeting shareholders' expectations. In the last year, Dr Alessandro Inversini and Dr Giovanni-Battista Derchi have been engaging in a funded project examining how organizations in travel and leisure industries can make use of social media communication to improve the managing of their social and environmental issues.

First, findings from this research provide empirical evidence of structural delays across travel and leisure companies in implementing CSR strategies and highlight key management difficulties in incorporating environmental and social issues in business and organizational processes. Second, social media is found to represent a strategic tool used by organizations to create direct and engaging dialogues with a selected set of stakeholders and therefore be able to unlock (at least in part) CSR management and improvements. Last, results lead to a broader reflection on how travel and leisure organizations may foster their CSR strategy and communication as travel and leisure firms are in a unique position to establish meaningful dialogue with stakeholders and generate positive impact on society.

All these arguments and reflections have resulted into the design of an interactive event to share knowledge and improve our understanding about the role of CSR in service (and more specifically, travel and leisure) within the wider community to act as regeneration cornerstone.



# **PROGRAM**

#### **BEYOND SUSTAINABILITY: IMPACTFUL SERVICE COMPANIES**

10:00-10:05 Welcome and Introduction

Dr Alessandro Inversini (EHL) Dr Giovanni-Battista Derchi (EHL)

10:05-10:15 Corporate Social Responsibility in

Services

Dr Giovanni-Battista Derchi (EHL)

10:15-10:25 What Hinders Successful CSR

Communication on Social Media

Dr Alessandro Inversini (EHL)

Ms Anna Hew (Yova Impact Investing)

10:25-10:50 The Future of CSR in Travel

Mr Nicola Simionato (Travel Google.com)

10:50-11:00 Coffee break

#### THINK TANK PANEL: (RE)ACTIVATE SUSTAINABILITY

11:00-11:20 Think Tank Introduction

Prof. Laura Zoni (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore & SDA Bocconi School of Management)

11:20-12:00 Panel

Discussants:

- Mr Nicola Simionato (Travel Google.com)
- Dr Giovanni-Battista Derchi (EHL)
- Dr Carlos Martin-Rios (EHL)

#### Moderator

 Prof. Laura Zoni (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore & SDA Bocconi School of Management)

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