

# From Viral Emergency to the Cultural Vaccine

## A MESSAGE FROM AQUILEIA

City Hall of Udine | Sala Aiace | October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021



The 2021 Forum is characterized by a *leitmotiv* crossing and connecting all the panels: culture as a “salvific vaccine” for mankind.

In the words of a great poet:

**Consider ye the seed from which ye sprang;  
Ye were not made to live like unto brutes,  
But for pursuit of virtue and of knowledge.**

*(Dante Alighieri – Divine Comedy, Inferno – Canto XXVI, v. 119)*

The unpredictability of the period we are living in has profoundly affected not only the cultural life of each of us, but also the way we make and experience culture. We had to take this into account while preparing a cultural project so deeply conditioned by it. In fact, our **Cultural Diplomacy** continues to rely on contacts and relationships that are difficult to maintain exclusively through the web. This is an obstacle with consequences that are difficult to predict today. However, the viral pandemic that has hit the planet is only the most recent of the upheavals that have characterized the last fifty years.

It all started with **internet**, which represented the beginning of **globalization of information**; the collapse of **ideological walls** followed, leading to the **globalization of markets**. Finally, **COVID19** has shown us overnight that “**one is not worth one**”, but **one can infect all of humanity**.

Every initiative of ours has necessarily to take into account this social and cultural tsunami. Consequently, the conviction comes forth that culture should support us in overcoming this difficult planetary transition, today more than ever. Culture has a soothing role, almost like a salvific vaccine after so many contaminations that marked the history of these border lands. No cultural actor can carry out such an immeasurable commitment alone, in conceited autonomy.

Doing it together will have an incalculable value.

Like an **irreplaceable vaccine**.

### Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Arrival in Udine of the European delegations participating in the Forum*

**8.00 p.m.**

*Welcome reception, Ambassador Palace Hotel Restaurant, via Carducci, 46 – Udine*

### Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**9.00 a.m.**

*Meeting point  
at Loggia del Lionello  
City Hall of Udine  
Registration*

**9.30 a.m.**

*Opening remarks to the Forum  
Paolo Petiziol*

**9.45 a.m.**

*Institutional greetings*

#### PANEL 1

**10.30 – 11.10 a.m.**

***From Ideological  
to Sanitary Barriers***

*A resurgence of borders*

#### PANEL 2

**11.15 – 11.55**

***COVID19: A Social  
and Cultural Tsunami***

*Act three of a global disruption*

#### PANEL 3

**12.00 – 12.45 p.m.**

***Aachen or Visegrad?***

*European concerns*

**12.00 p.m.**

***Media opportunity:***

*meeting with the Press*

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**1.00 p.m.**

*Break and buffet lunch*

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#### PANEL 4

**3.00 – 3.45**

***GECT GO/EZTS = GO!***

***2025 = Collio/Brda***

*Virtuous examples  
of European transformation*

**4.00 – 4.30 p.m.**

*Final remarks*

**7.00 p.m.**

*Concert of Friuli Venezia Giulia  
Symphony Orchestra*

**8.15 p.m.**

*Reception in honor of our Esteemed Guests  
at the invitation of the President  
Mr. Paolo Petiziol*

### Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**ORE 10.00 a.m.**

*In occasion of the*

***“GO! 2025 Nova***

***Gorica+Gorizia***

***European Capital of Culture”***

*Touristic-cultural tour of the institutional  
delegations to the cultural and natural  
wonders of the Soča River.*

*From war front to exemplary  
model of European integration.*

*Return in the late afternoon*

*See you again in 2022!*

*The President*

*Paolo Petiziol*