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"...don't dwell on short-lived expedients, don't illude yourselves with a momentary truce or with unstable compromises: look towards that ideal purpose, make a strenuous and generous effort to reach it..."

The De Gasperi Foundation was created in 1982 by Maria Romana, daughter of Alcide De Gasperi, and from the outset it became a political and cultural point of reference for those who identify with the original European spirit of De Gasperi.

The values adhered to and promoted by Alcide De Gasperi such as the importance of the human being, the defense of the democratic architecture, European integration, and giving attention to new generations are the beacons which continue to guide the work of the Foundation.

The Foundation possesses unpublished letters, documents and photographs from the private archives of De Gasperi. The Foundation's mission is to enhance the civic culture of the country to help the wellbeing of people and institutions, respecting De Gasperi's contribution to the democratic establishment of Europe, nationally and internationally.

Drawing inspiration from his idea that "politics means to achieve", the Foundation intends to be the flywheel of a solid and renewed civil commitment, starting from the young and privileged interlocutors who must undergo the challenges brought on by the modern societies and governance in a globalized world. "...the future will not be built with force, not even with the desire of conquest but by means of the patient application of the democratic method, the spirit of constructive consensus and the respect for freedom..."

The activities with which the Foundation achieves its own mission are promoted by an international Scientific Committee, composed of university professors, intellectuals and professionals. These activities descend through four thematic paths:

## **FDG SEMINAR**

Seminars, conventions, round table meetings to stimulate public debate on current economic and social themes.

## **FDG TOUR**

International projects and efforts to increase the value of the archival heritage and modern geopolitical research.

## **FDG BOOK**

Editorial activity, through the publication of seminar facts and scientific research.

## **FDG EDUCATION**

Educational projects and political training for the young with the objective to stabilize a new managing class, able to engage and meet today's challenges.