

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD INVESTS IN THE YOUNG GENERATION

PREMIO ALBERTO GIOVANNINI

€1 MLN FOR INNOVATION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

MILAN, November 4, 2021 – Webuild will invest €1 million in international internships and three-year doctoral bursaries under the “Premio Alberto Giovannini. Innovazione e Digitalizzazione nelle Infrastrutture”, named after the economist and Webuild chairman who passed away in 2019. It will support students, graduates and researchers at Italian universities in an effort to promote innovation and employment in the infrastructure sector among young people who can contribute to the implementation of Italy’s recovery plan.

Webuild will launch the *Premio Giovannini* at an event to be hosted at *Corriere della Sera* premises in Milan on November 8. It will be an occasion for guests from the public sector, banks and universities to discuss the role of infrastructure in supporting long-term growth in Italy with the contribution of younger generations who are of even greater importance from a long-term point of view at this unique moment in time.

Webuild Chief Executive Pietro Salini will speak at the event, as well as Francesco Giavazzi, an economic adviser to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and friend of Giovannini, Webuild General Manager Massimo Ferrari, CONSOB Commissioner Carmine Di Noia, and art historian and widow, Patrizia Cavazzini Giovannini.

The event will also pay respects to Giovannini. A public figure committed to young people, he was an Italian economist with an international career at universities such as MIT in Boston and public institutions. The *Premio Giovannini* celebrates not only his life but also the ethical values and professionalism that he represented throughout his career, values that can guide young people as they enter the work force.

The *Premio Giovannini* will be offered to students and graduates who produce the best theses on innovation and digitalization in infrastructure. During the next five years there will be 40 internships on construction sites run by the Group in Italy and abroad. In addition, financial support will be given to four doctoral research students for three years.

The event will be broadcast via live streaming on the websites: www.webuildgroup.com and www.corriere.it.

The *Premio Giovannini* is part of a wider programme of initiatives being pursued by the Group in Italy and abroad to contribute to the training of young people in the infrastructure sector. It includes collaboration with 18 Italian and foreign universities, STEM scholarships for women, and the creation of the UniWebLab for research and innovation at the University of Genoa. Employees under 35 years of age represent 43% of Webuild’s direct employees.

Webuild, the new group born in 2020 from Salini Impregilo, is a leading global player in the construction of large, complex projects for sustainable mobility, clean hydro energy, clean water, green buildings, supporting clients in achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). The Group is the expression of 115 years of engineering experience applied in 50 countries, on five continents, with 70,000 direct and indirect employees, from over 100 nationalities. Recognized for five years by Engineering News-Record (ENR) as the world leader in water infrastructure (such as dams, hydraulic tunnels, water and wastewater management, and water treatment and desalination plants), it ranks since 2018 among the top 10 in the environment sector. It also leads the sustainable mobility sector (especially metro and rail lines, in addition to roads and bridges). A signatory of the United Nations Global Compact, the Group’s expertise is displayed in projects such as the M4 metro line in Milan, Grand Paris Express, Cityringen in Copenhagen, Sydney Metro Northwest, Red Line North Underground in Doha, Line 3 of the Riyadh Metro and the high-speed railways, in Italy. Other projects include the new Genoa Bridge and the new Gerald Desmond Bridge in Long Beach, California, the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Snowy



2.0 hydroelectric power station in Australia, the Rogun hydroelectric dam in Tajikistan, the Anacostia River and Northeast Boundary tunnels in Washington, D.C. and the Al Bayt 2022 World Cup stadium in Qatar. In 2020, the Group's total order backlog reached €41.7 billion, with 89% of the backlog of construction orders involving projects supporting the SDGs set by the United Nations. Webuild, subject to direction and coordination by Salini Costruttori SpA, is headquartered in Italy and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana: WBD; Reuters: WBD.MI; Bloomberg: WBD:IM).



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