



## **ARAGON DECLARATION OF SUSTAINABILITY**

1. We want a society in which to live better, longer and in harmony; a more solidary society, fostering real freedom and condemning inequality; one that is better educated, more respectful and supports stronger ethical and moral values.
2. We want an intelligent society that encourages, recognizes and takes advantage of talent, wherever it is found, without any kind of discrimination, so as to generate knowledge and help us all to live better.
3. We want a society that truly understands the importance of respect for institutional values, with a reinstated confidence in institutions, both public and private, based on the exemplarity of those who lead them.
4. We want a society which encourages and drives institutional innovation, along with technological innovation, in the understanding that it is essential for both public and private institutions to keep up-to-date and adapt to present needs and circumstances.
5. We want a society that recognizes and understands the limits of the Planet we live in and that it is our duty to take care of.
6. We want a society that respects those who lived before and cares about those to come, protects biodiversity and natural resources and strives not to irreversibly distort the climate or the natural processes that are essential for life.
7. We are determined not to reduce everything to the Economy, or reduce the Economy to prices and markets. Because we do not want to be so narrow-minded as to confuse value and price, nor do we want the standard of living to be measured only in terms of levels of consumption.



8. We want to promote an Economy based on new institutional values, particularly talent, virtue and knowledge, which does not reward greed, predation or immorality, endeavouring to avoid waste, pollution and the emission of gases that damage our climate.

9. We want to promote a Circular Economy, or in fact Spiral Economy; that is, to foster new institutional values with which to drastically reduce waste, reuse and repair products giving them a second, third or umpteenth life, retrieve valuable materials to reintroduce them into the productive system, and regenerate and restore what becomes degraded.

10. We want a more dematerialized Economy that thrives on services and products designed to last.

11. We do not want incentives for more refuse and more pollution to be generated in an attempt to do business with waste and decontamination.

12. We want to promote and develop renewable energies by turning back to the Sun, because we must understand that all energy comes from the Sun. It is imperative that we stop burning fossil fuels and start to live from what we produce day by day.

13. We want an Economy that, just like nature, combines competence and cooperation in a practical and sensible way.

14. We do not want our only economic institution to be the market, which is only suitable for private goods. An efficient use of common assets, such as water, biodiversity, geodiversity or climate, as well as public assets, such as the landscape, requires specific institutions capable of establishing the appropriate incentives and rules.



15. We want a policy that searches for practical solutions to collective, social, economic and environmental problems and conflicts, beyond where private action, science and technology can reach.

16. We want a society of free citizens, equality and solidarity, not customers or consumers, or any other definition.

17. We believe in the power of education, research and science to integrate and reconcile society with the natural environment. Only knowledge and ethics must be unlimited because they induce creation and foster freedom and respect.

*This combination of aspirations in favor of human development and quality of life require, for its operability, our commitment and that of economic and social institutions and entities to secure global sustainability.*

*So that we are able to pass on an environmentally durable world to future generations, equally supportive, economically sufficient and willing to preserve the multicultural diversity and inheritance that has been built throughout human history.*

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