



## **The Centro di Gravità born from a brilliant vision by Giulietto Chiesa**

The Centro di Gravità [Centre of Gravity] was founded in the summer of 2019 (first meeting 01-02/02/2020) from a brilliant intuition by Giulietto Chiesa: overcoming antiquated methodologies in order to venture into an exploration of something completely new in the political landscape, and not just in Italy.

Embarking on an exploration means giving up on the old certainties, setting aside consolidated analyses and ideologies that have already been tested by history and, above all, it means setting out with new companions because the experiments already attempted in the past have been unsuccessful.

This has long been the historical role of intellectuals but, in addition, our goal is to reach a long-term political proposal because, if you want to work in politics, it is not enough to just identify problems; you must be able to propose solutions.

Giulietto and almost all of us have already tried (some of us even many times) to espouse an ideology, and to share political practices but, if we find ourselves here, it means that these experiments have not been satisfactory.

We find ourselves today in front of a rotting political landscape, obsolete, with no ideas to bounce off positions taken against suggestions, without ever addressing the issues contained in proposals.

The reason seems simple to us: to change your view of the world you have to abandon old habits.

The Indians say: "The worst place to observe the sky is from the bottom of a well". Movements (and even more so political parties) are frozen in the bottom of their wells made up of intellectual habits, stale analysis and hypocritical language.

We can demonstrate that the first step in order to imagine a new and profoundly different society is abandoning this redundant way of politicking which can only fail because it does not produce any seeds of real change.

In these two years of dialogue between us, we have learned to confront each other, to abandon mistrust, and not to feel embarrassed to defend ideas that others may consider improbable. Thus new ideas have come up to which, before, none of us had access.

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The Centro di Gravità has the goal of drawing forth new scenarios and proposing solutions to the problems in our society after having analysed

them in depth. We do not want to limit ourselves to opposing the current way of doing politics; we want to understand why it established itself and what the new model is for society with which we want to replace the existing one.

This is politics for us and, in this sense, we have political (and not party) ambitions.

We know very well that in order to govern we need to make compromises, but this only makes sense when the forces at play are balanced in strength and consensus.

Today this precondition does not exist, and accepting the agenda of an adversary is tantamount to admitting defeat.

We realize the urgency that the degeneration in our democratic fabric puts before us, and to which we must react quickly. Nevertheless we have a very ambitious idea: working towards a complete vision of society.

We have already seen the wreckage left behind by opposition political initiatives that dissolved once they took power because they had never prepared for management beyond opposition. The first step on this path is to proudly proclaim our cultural differences from which all advances in understanding reality that have been achieved so far have arisen.

On the basis of these considerations we believe we can provide an important contribution to outline a medium/long term political strategy, leaving it up to any individual initiatives to take part in acting to build a force that operates in the immediate Italian context.