

REYL Intesa Sanpaolo and Villars Institute partner to promote a nature-positive, net-zero economy

Geneva/Villars, 4 July 2024. **REYL Intesa Sanpaolo and Villars Institute have agreed to join forces on initiatives that will accelerate the transition to a nature-positive, net-zero economy through intergenerational learning and collaboration.**

The partnership will focus on expanding the reach of the Villars Institute's Fellowship Program by empowering youth engagement in secondary schools and building a global community of future change-makers. It will promote innovative learning programs and activities, including entrepreneurial projects and mentoring, and consider interdisciplinary solutions in the push towards a net-zero, nature positive future. The partnership will have a particular focus on communities at the forefront of biodiversity loss and climate change.

The Villars Institute, located in the Swiss Alps, was established in 2022 as a nonprofit foundation to accelerate the transition to a net-zero, nature positive economy by advancing Systems Leadership through interdisciplinary, intergenerational, and entrepreneurial collaboration. It is also a curator of educational, cultural, and artistic activities that promote biodiversity, planetary health, and sustainable development.

Lee Howell, Executive Director of Villars Institute, comments: "The partnership between Villars Institute and REYL Intesa Sanpaolo is a great example of intergenerational collaboration aimed at empowering young people to address global challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss. What is also exciting is that we are engaging talented students in parts of the world that are not only closest to these problems, but also closer to their solutions."

Jon Duncan, Chief Impact Officer at REYL Intesa Sanpaolo, adds: "It is a real honour to partner with a renowned institution such as Villars Institute. We share the same systemic vision of the world, where challenges are considered as interdisciplinary, requiring intergenerational solutions. I am greatly looking forward to our partnership, in the hope of inspiring other organisations to support the work of Villars."

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