# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS IN THE NEW ERA OF SUSTAINABILITY AND DIGITALIZATION

### TRANSFORMING YOUNGERS' ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRITS INTO A SOLID ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE FOR RENEWAL

In a disruptive and unpredictable setting, young entrepreneurs can represent a strong and precious resource of resilience, capable of favoring not only the recovery of global manufacturing, but also the reshaping of its conventions and culture.

### TWO KEY QUESTIONS ADDRESSED

- How can young entrepreneurs thrive by using their innate characteristics such as willingness to change, curiosity and competences on digitalization and sustainability?
- How can they transform such forces in an institutionalized and organizational culture capable of impacting the long-term resilience of manufacturing?





## CONTEXT

A more-than-ever "balkanized" international scenario

New and disruptive technologies arise

Sustainability is a key success factor of resilience and transformation of manufacturing

Strong and unprecedented fiscal policies: American Rescue Plan, Next-Generation EU

The stance towards digitalization

The stance towards sustainability

Disruptive willingness towards change and action of younger generations:

- growth and stabilization of start-ups
- renewal and nourishment of inherited existing companies / generational change





# **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **ENTERPRISE**

- 1. Interdisciplinarity ("hard" and "soft") is the key for a consistent and enduring entrepreneurial culture, along with upskilling/reskilling
- 2. Importance of mission/vision, market strategy and "storytelling" in innovation and sustainability

3. Conceiving sustainability and technology as linked

### **ECOSYSTEM**

- 4. Positive contamination between start-ups and mature companies is necessary to bridge the weaknesses of one with the strengths of the other
- 5. Empowering new channels of communication and networking for young entrepreneurs to favor common actions of collaboration on new investments/start-ups, along with "servitization"

#### **ADVOCACY**

6. Favoring the involvement of entrepreneurial organizations to facilitate solidity of young enterprises

7. Bridging a dialogue with international and national public policy actors that aims at reducing excessive interventionism and favors meaningful positive public-private collaborations and access to foreign markets



