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### Across Social Impact Pathways

In a historical phase marked by continuous and profound transformations, **speaking of social impact means reflecting** not so much on a single objective, but **on the multiple pathways through which universities – through research – and the communities they engage with can contribute to the pursuit of the common good**. It is from this awareness that this *Research & Third Mission Newsbook, Across Social Impact Pathways*, takes shape.

Social impact cannot be confined to a single dimension, nor reduced to one specific area of intervention. On the contrary, it emerges through **diverse and complementary trajectories**: in engaged research on sustainability and governance; in the dialogue between universities, institutions and the productive system aimed at developing effective public policies; in safeguarding the quality of information; in sport as a practice that fosters a shared community culture; and in initiatives that directly involve local territories and younger generations. Like the pieces of a mosaic, these pathways intertwine, preserving their distinctiveness while contributing to a shared design.

The **contents collected** in this issue aim to reflect this **plurality of perspectives**, showing how the **Third Mission represents a transversal dimension alongside Education and Research** – one that permeates the life of our University and strengthens its public role. In this sense, the **focus on research excellence, also evidenced by the recent recognition through highly competitive funding schemes, coexists with a strong commitment to dialogue with society, enterprises and institutions**.

Taken together, the initiatives presented reaffirm Luiss's determination to interpret its role not only as a place for the production and dissemination of knowledge, but as a responsible actor within a broader ecosystem, where knowledge, values and relationships contribute to generating lasting impact.

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