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Furio Honsell, born in Genoa (ITALY) in 1958, is full professor of Informatics at the University of Udine (ITALY) since 1990. There he served first as Head of the Mathematics and Computing Dept. and later as Dean of the Faculty of Natural, Physical and Mathematical Sciences. From 2001 to 2008 he was Rector of Udine University. Honsell has been President of the Science and Technology Park of Udine and vice-president of the National Association for the Promotion of European Research. Besides having written a large number of scientific publications Honsell has carried out also a very intense activity for popularisation of Science, also on the Italian National Television. In 2008 Honsell was elected Mayor of Udine (pop 100,000) with a centre-left coalition. In May 2013 he was re-elected for another five years term. In 2009, he joined the Covenant of Mayors 202020 and recently the Mayors Adapt for Climate and Energy. He is vice-president of the Italian W.H.O. “Healthy Cities” Network which promotes health and well-being for all citizens and member of the Political Vision Group of the WHO Healthy Cities Network. He is strongly committed to implementing policies for health and energy efficiency, combating climate change and inequities, as well as promoting co-operation and networking at European and international level. In 2015 he was elected President of the EU Covenant on Demographic Change. He is also President of “Giona”, the Italian national Association of "playful municipalities" which promote public toy libraries and games. He has recently been nominated Spokesperson on Climate and Energy Transition for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and member of the Political Board of the European Covenant of Mayors and of the Italian Health City Institute organisation. He has been visiting professor at Stanford University, École Normale Supérieure of Paris, Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa, Edinburgh University, and coordinator for many European scientific and cooperation projects with cultural institutions in Europe and India.

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