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**Press Release**

The decisive phase of the Solar Decathlon Middle East 2018 is approaching, and it will see Team Sapienza involved in numerous events of broad media coverage before the departure to Dubai

***The Italian finalist team that will take part in the university Olympics of sustainable architecture is preparing to face the last decisive phase of the competition, inaugurating its official launch with an eventful agenda before the departure***

**October 03, 2018 – ReStart4Smart**, the Smart Solar House prototype designed by the **Team from Sapienza University of Rome** competing in the **Solar Decathlon Middle East 2018**, started yesterday its journey across the sea from the port of La Spezia headed to Dubai where its arrival is scheduled for the next October 19.

From **October 29 to November 12** Team Sapienza will be engaged in the hard assembly phase of the Solar House at the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park where the competition will take place.

From **November 14 (opening ceremony) to November 28 (closing and awards ceremony)** Sapienza's Smart Solar House will be exhibited to the public along with the other competing houses and will be evaluated by an international jury on the basis of **10 contests** (hence the name of the competition Solar Decathlon): architecture, engineering and construction, energy management, energy efficiency, comfort conditions, house functioning, sustainable transportation, sustainability, communication and innovation. [Competition Program](#)

In conjunction with the Solar Decathlon, in Dubai, important international events will take place, such as the Big Five and the Dubai Design Week, with joint activities with the Solar Decathlon Middle East, which to date has already recorded the application of more than **500,000 visitors expected**, coming from all over the world.

Before leaving for Dubai, Team Sapienza will be the protagonist of an eventful agenda that will let the large public learn more about the students of the Team, dive firsthand into the project of House of the Future ReStart4Smart and share the sustainability and innovation values at the core of the Solar Decathlon and the mission of the Team.

The first important appointment is planned for the next October 10, at 3pm, for the **Meeting in the Aula Magna of Sapienza Faculty of Architecture Valle Giulia**, at the presence of MIUR Deputy Minister Lorenzo Fioramonti, Sapienza Rector Eugenio Gaudio, Head of Faculty Anna Maria Giovenale, and other distinguished guests. The works will be opened by Prof. Marco Casini, Faculty Advisor and Project Manager of Team Sapienza SDME, with the speech **"Smart positive energy buildings"**, during which the project ReStart4Smart will be presented as a case of best practice. During the meeting, the last official video of the Team will be projected for the first time before going on screen in Dubai.

The second appointment will be held in the long-awaited [Maker Faire Rome 2018](#), which will take place from 12th to 14th October at Fiera di Roma (Fiumicino, RM), that will host the **16sqm stand** of Team Sapienza SDME. A fundamental occasion to know and experience firsthand the innovative technologies of Internet of Things, Home Automation and energy efficiency used and developed in the project ReStart4Smart. The event will establish a milestone in the history of the communication activities pursued so far, since it will represent the official launch of Team Sapienza in view of the opening of the competition. ENI, Partner of Team Sapienza SDME, will participate to the event and will host the intervention by Prof. Marco Casini **“SolarDecathlon Univ. La Sapienza – Sustainable Housing Model”** scheduled from 3:00 pm to 3:25 pm on October 13th, at their own stand located in Hall 6.

**Valle Giulia Meeting** – [Flyer](#) – [Program](#)

**Maker Faire 2018** – [Program](#) – [Map](#) – [Team Sapienza Stand](#) – [Talk](#)





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