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**Press Release**

### **Great success for ReStart4Smart crowdfunding campaign**

Team Sapienza “ReStart4Smart” crowdfunding campaign on Eppela platform has been successfully concluded! The project was financed with an amount of EUR 10.435 exceeding the minimum amount of EUR 10.000 that the team had set at the beginning of the campaign; among the donors also its partner Nastro Azzurro for an amount of EUR 5.000.

It is a great success that rewards Team Sapienza design work. Sponsors and donors, with their contribution, have offered a concrete support to the excellence and ingenuity of young talents, promoting energy efficiency, renewable sources, sustainable and innovative construction. The funds raised will be used to contribute to the construction and transportation of the Solar House prototype to Dubai in October 2018. In particular, each contribution will be devoted to the purchase of materials, furniture, equipment, tools for the measurement of energy performance and internal environmental comfort of the house.

The Solar Decathlon Middle East 2018 edition organized in Dubai will represent a hard challenge for the students to confront with, having to face the local hard climate conditions characterized by extremely high temperature and humidity values. For the first time, the Team from Sapienza University composed of 50 students coming from the Faculties of Architecture, Engineering and Communication will be the one to represent Italy in this engaging challenge, that will involve further 21 athenaeums from 16 different countries in the world. The purpose is to design and build by October 2018 the best full-scale prototype of the house of the future: green, smart and completely powered by solar energy. With the project ReStart4Smart Team Sapienza aims to face the new challenges of modern society that need a different way of designing, building and managing the buildings we live in, through a new approach to architecture that is able to exploit all the possibilities offered by a mindful environmental design: a zero-energy house, built from ecological and recyclable materials, comfortable, safe and perfectly integrated with the climate and culture of its own places.

Team Sapienza with its project ReStart4Smart is now involved in the Deliverable 3 that requires, by September 19th, the submission of a second official video and a 1:25 scale architectural model of the Solar House that will be displayed in Dubai at the end of October during the World Green Economy Summit and Wetex. Also, in October the construction activities will start at the Center in Pomezia.