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Solid growth requires efficient infrastructure investments. The enhancement of trans-European and innovative networks in the fields of transport, energy and research are the pillars of a European Growth Compact to transform Europe into a knowledge-intensive, low-carbon, well connected and highly-competitive economy. Fostering such investments under constrained public finances requires new ways to channel long-term finance and private institutional investors into infrastructure projects.

8:30 – Registration

Interpreting Service : Italian and English

09:00 – 09:30

WELCOME ADDRESS

- ▶ **Antonio TAJANI, Vice President of the European Parliament**
- ▶ **Alfredo BASTIANELLI, Italian Ambassador to Belgium**
- ▶ **Maurizio LUPI, Italian Minister for Infrastructures and Transport**

09:30 – 10:15

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The role of the EIB to support investments in Europe: financing Infrastructures, RDI and SMEs in the context of the new challenges for restoring growth in EU.” Reshaping the regulatory framework in the financing of network infrastructure in Europe. The role of Long-Term Investors and National Promotional Banks.

- ▶ **Franco BASSANINI, Chairman , Cassa depositi e prestiti s.p.a. (CDP)**
- ▶ **Dario SCANNAPIECO, Vice President, European Investments Bank (EIB)**



TRANSPORT CONNECTING EUROPE: FROM THE PATCHWORK TO THE NETWORK

10:15 - 11:45

ROUND TABLE 1

The efficiency of different modes of transport and their interconnections’ quality directly affects trade flows and competitiveness of European companies. Since the 1990s, TEN-T policy has focused EU funds on supporting the development of key European infrastructure projects and there have been many important success stories. More recently, the EU tripled transport financing (€ 26 billions over the period 2014-2020) and tightly focused the funding along a core network of 9 major EU transport corridors (CEF-T). This is the most radical overhaul of EU transport infrastructure policy since its inception, aiming to complete or realize the key transport infrastructure and interconnections that underpin the Single Market, ensuring the free-flow of goods and people and EU competitiveness.

Keynote by :

Michael CRAMER, President of the Transport and Tourism Committee, EU Parliament

Debora SERRACCHIANI, President of Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region:

“Investing in the TEN-T network and new challenges for the EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region”

Moderator: Francesco Di Lodovico, The European House-Ambrosetti

Panelists:

- **Pat COX** former President of the European Parliament and European Coordinator Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor
- **Maurizio GENTILE**, CEO, Rete Ferroviaria Italiana S.p.A.
- **Libor LOCHMAN**, Executive Director, CER-Community of European Railway and Infrastructures Companies
- **Shelley FORRESTER**, Senior Financial Engineering Manager, INEA-Innovation and Network Executive Agency
- **Giuseppe ACIERNO**, CEO, Aeroporti di Puglia
- **Stephane OUAKI**, Infrastructure Investment Strategies, DG Transport, EU Commission
- **Isabelle RYCKBOST**, Secretary General, ESPO-European Sea Ports Organization
- **Frank GEERKENS**, Port of Antwerp Ambassador

11:45– Coffee Break



ENERGY POWERING EUROPE: A NEW COMMON POLICY FOR NEW CHALLENGES

12:00 - 13:30

ROUND TABLE 2

Reconciling long-term objectives of lower energy costs, supply security/ diversification and environmental sustainability will be a crucial challenge to pave the way for a renewed competitiveness and sustainable growth dynamics. Europe needs energy infrastructures focused on improving cross-border flows and unleashing value creation through power prices stability and competitiveness. The role of natural gas and related infrastructures for the success of the EU climate and energy security strategy should be fully recognized. The enormous potential available with the sustainable exploitation of unconventional energy sources cannot be ignored.

Keynote by:

Claudio DE VINCENTI, Deputy Italian Minister for Economic Development

Dominique RISTORI, Director General, DG Energy, EU Commission

Moderator: Sonja Van Rensen, Energy Post – Brussels

Panelists:

- Matteo DEL FANTE, CEO Terna
- Nicolás MERIGO', CEO Marguerite Fund
- Walter PEERAER, CEO Fluxys
- Marco ALVERA', Chief Midstream Officer, Eni
- Ana AGUADO, Secretary General of EDSO for Smart grids
- Patrizia RUTIGLIANO, Head of Public Affairs and Communication, SNAM Group
- Roberto ZANGRANDI, Head of Public Affairs, Enel
- Michael HOFFMANN, External Affairs Director, Trans Adriatic Pipeline AG

Networking lunch



RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES: ROLE AND VISION

14:30 - 17:30

ROUND TABLE 3

The investment in research infrastructures is key for Europe's future, constituting a vital asset for technological development and innovation and representing an essential engine to Europe's excellence, growth and competitiveness. The EU should assure the necessary funding for maintaining, operating and expanding research infrastructures, ensuring the level playing field for open access to research infrastructures is maintained and realizing the necessary coordination with the Member States.

Keynote by :

Fernando FERRONI, President, Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN)

Moderator: Edwin CARTLIDGE, Journalist

Panelists:

- Antonio ZOCCOLI, Executive Board Member INFN
- Janez PLAVEC, Head of NMR Centre (Lubiana), CERIC-ERIC Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium
- Octavi QUINTANA-TRIAS, Member of Executive Board ESFRI (European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) – EU Commission
- Sandro ROSSI, General Manager and Technical Director, National Centre for Oncological Hadrontherapy (CNAO)
- Nicolae-Victor ZAMFIR, Project Director, ELI-NP, Extreme Light Infrastructure
- Vincenzo GIORI, CEO of ASG-Superconductors S.p.A
- Yannick LEGRÉ, Director EGI.eu-European Grid Infrastructure
- Angelo TUCCILLO, Responsible of UTFUS-MAG Laboratory (Magnetic Fusion Physics), ENEA
- Gelsomina PAPPALARDO, Chief Scientist of the CNR-IMAA Atmospheric Observatory



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