

# ITALY – GERMANY BUSINESS FORUM

23 January 2026

*Rome, Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa*

## PROGRAM

08:30 – 09:30 **PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

09:30 – 10:00 **OPENING INSTITUTIONAL REMARKS**

*(Language: German and Italian with simultaneous interpretation)*

- **Antonio TAJANI**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
- **Katherina REICHE**, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany
- **Adolfo URSO**, Minister of Enterprises and Made in Italy of Italy
- **Johann WADEPHUL (TBC)**, Federal Foreign Minister of Germany

10:15 – 12:00 **SECTORAL PANELS (IN PARALLEL)**

*(Language: English)*

- Advanced Industry
- Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Energy
- Defense, Security, and Aerospace

12:00 – 14:00 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

**PLENARY SESSION**

*(Language: English)*

*Moderator: Isabella Bufacchi, Journalist reporting from Germany for Il Sole 24 Ore*

14:00 – 14:05 **Introduction**

- Italian Trade Agency, Matteo Zoppas, President

14.05 – 14.45

**PANEL I. STRENGTHENING THE ITALY-GERMANY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP IN A CHANGING GLOBAL LANDSCAPE**

- **Economic outlook**, Andrea Montanino, *Chief Economist and Sector Strategy and Impact Director at CDP*
- **Germany Trade & Invest**, Achim Hartig, *Managing Director*
- **CONFINDUSTRIA**, Stefan Pan, *Vice President, European Union*
- **Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI)**, Wolfgang Niedermark, *member of the executive board*
- **CONFAPI**, Christian Camisa, *President*
- **German-Italian Chamber of Commerce (AHK Italy)**, Roberto Parazzini, *Vice President*

14:45 – 15:30

**PANEL II. ENHANCING FINANCIAL INTEGRATION FOR A STRONGER ITALY-GERMANY PARTNERSHIP**

- **CDP**, Dario Scannapieco, *CEO*
- **KfW**, Lutz Christian Funke, *SG*
- **SACE**, Michele Pignotti, *CEO*
- **Allianz Trade**, *Speaker tbd*
- **SIMEST**, Vittorio De Pedys, *Presidente*

15:30 – 16:00

**HIGH-LEVEL SESSION**

*(Language: German and Italian with simultaneous interpretation)*

- **Giorgia MELONI**, President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic
- **Friedrich MERZ**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany