



Ministero degli Affari Esteri
e della Cooperazione Internazionale

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