

# ITALIAN-GERMAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

ITALY, GERMANY AND EUROPE IN TIMES  
OF GEOECONOMIC DISORDER



ROME, 25 - 26 SEPT 2025



25.09.25  
THURSDAY

**19.30 | WORKING DINNER AT VILLA ALMONE**

Via Cristoforo Colombo, 1

*Introduction to the Dialogue*

**Thomas Bagger**, German Ambassador to Italy and San Marino

*Greetings from the organizers*

**Michele Valensise**, President, IAI

**Stefan Mair**, Director, SWP

**Wolf Krug**, Director, Institute for European and Transatlantic Dialogue, HSS

*Keynote Speech*

**Giancarlo Giorgetti**, Minister of Economy and Finance

## POLICY DIALOGUE AT PALAZZO BALDASSINI

Sala Perin del Vaga , Via delle Coppelle, 35

### 09.30 – 10.00 | WELCOME

#### *Introductory Remarks*

**Michele Valensise**, President, IAI

**Stefan Mair**, Director, SWP

**Silke Schmitt**, Country Director, HSS Italy/ Vatican

#### *Opening Remarks*

**Nicola Verola**, Director General for Europe and International Trade Policy, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Christoph Wolfrum**, Director General for European Affairs, German Federal Foreign Office (online)

### 10.00 – 11.30 | PANEL I

#### **Redefining European Competitiveness**

##### *Inputs:*

**Lasse Boehm**, Head of Economic Governance and EMU Scrutiny Unit, European Parliament

**Paolo Quercia**, Research Director, Italian Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy

**Frederik Lange**, Macroeconomic Policy Advisor, BDI

**Enrico Petrocelli**, Head of International Institutional Relations, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti

##### *Comments:*

**Jörg Sorg**, Senior Vice President International Sales, Diehl Defence

**Gabriele Gambarara**, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors, Elettronica

##### *Open Discussion*

Chair: **Paweł Tokarski**, Senior Associate, SWP

**11.30 – 11:45 | Coffee Break**

**11.45 – 13.15 | PANEL II**

## **Securing Ukraine's Future: Reconstruction and Security Guarantees**

*Inputs:*

**Pietro Serino**, former Chief of Staff, Italian Army

**Tim Prange**, Head of the Ukraine Division, German Federal Foreign Office

**Stephan Opitz**, Member of Management Committee, KfW Development Bank

*Comments:*

**Susan Stewart**, Senior Fellow, SWP

**Angelo Pansini**, Chief of Staff and General Manager, MBDA

*Open Discussion*

Chair: **Federico Castiglioni**, Researcher, IAI

*Closing Remarks:*

**Nicoletta Pirozzi**, Head of the EU, Politics and Institutions Programme, IAI

**Stefan Mair**, Director, SWP

**Andrea Rotter**, Head of Division Foreign and Security Policy, HSS

**13.15 – 14.30 | Lunch (on-site)**