

ITALIAN-GERMAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

ITALY, GERMANY AND EUROPE IN TIMES
OF GEOECONOMIC DISORDER



ROME, 25-26 SEPT 2025



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)*