



# AN ITALIAN-GERMAN DIALOGUE ON STEEL DECARBONISATION AND COMPETITIVENESS

**Rome, 27 November 2025**  
**18.30-20.00**

Residence of the German Ambassador  
Villa Almone - Via Cristoforo Colombo, 1  
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## PROGRAMME

18:15 *Registration of participants*

18:30 *Welcome Remarks*

**THOMAS BAGGER**

Ambassador of Germany in Italy

18:35 *Presentation of in-depth Study on Steel Decarbonisation*

**PIER PAOLO RAIMONDI**

Senior Researcher, Energy, Climate & Resources Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali-IAI

**ALESSIO SANGIORGIO**

Junior Researcher, Energy, Climate & Resources Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali-IAI

18:50 *Panel Discussion*

**MARTINA GIKADI**

Head of Division European Industrial Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

**PAOLO QUERCIA**

Head of the Research and Analysis Centre, Department of Business Policies, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy

**CARMEN OSTWALD**

Secretary General, Low-Emission Steel Standard-LESS

**MAURIZIO FUSATO**

Head of Ecological and Energy Transition Unit, Feralpi Group

*Chair* **MARGHERITA BIANCHI**

Head, Energy, Climate & Resources Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali-IAI

19:50 *Closing Remarks*

**NATHALIE TOCCI**

Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali-IAI

20:00 *Light dinner*

