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on green hydrogen

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Dear valuable guests,

We as ITKAM - Italian Chamber of Commerce for Germany are pleased to welcome you to our **German-Italian Energy Forum 2023**.

Since 2013, **ITKAM** has been organizing **annual economic forums** aimed at deepening **cooperation between Germany and Italy**. These forums are the platform to foster **exchanges** between two realities profoundly united by economic and political interests and to develop **new strategies to respond to market demands**. Previous editions of ITKAM forums have brought together recognized experts and professionals to **propose innovative and concrete solutions** to the new and urgent economic issues. Hence the decision to dedicate the 2023 edition of our Forum to **green hydrogen** as energy source.

The green hydrogen sector is in the early stage of its growth but has already shown a **variety of areas of application**: it can be used as a fuel for ships, trains and heavy-duty vehicles as well as an energy source for energy-intensive industries. However, growth opportunities in this sector require a choral effort. First, the **role of research** is crucial to make the production system increasingly efficient and sustainable. Second, the initiative of individual companies is not enough: innovating the energy sector requires public funds, investment by SMEs and multinational groups, and **cooperation among states**.

Due to the **complementarity and unique characteristics** of their industries, Italy and Germany are **ideal partners for cooperation** in energy transition with the focus on green hydrogen. Italy has natural resources such as wind and sun and can become a hydrogen hub due to its geostrategic location. Germany, on the other hand, has infrastructural advantages and can become a pioneer in green hydrogen technology.

We strongly believe that the German-Italian Energy Forum 2023 is **a catalyst for fostering cooperation and forging partnerships in the field of green hydrogen**. By leveraging the strengths of both countries, we can accelerate the energy transition and contribute to a more sustainable and **resilient future**. We express our gratitude to all the participants, speakers, sponsors, and organizers who have made this event a real opportunity. Let us continue our collaborative efforts and work towards a greener and more prosperous future together.

Thank you.

Prof. Ing. Emanuele Gatti
President of ITKAM - Italian Chamber of Commerce for Germany



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14.00 - 14.30 Opening remarks

- Klaus-Stefan Ruoff, *Vice President, Industrie- und Handelskammer Frankfurt*
- Andrea Esteban Samà, *Consul General of Italy in Frankfurt am Main*
- Emanuele Gatti, *President, ITKAM - Italienische Handelskammer für Deutschland e.V.*



Klaus-Stefan Ruoff, Deputy President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK) Frankfurt am Main and Managing Partner at Gebrüder Horne Rohrleitungen und technischer Bedarf GmbH.

Andrea Esteban Samà, Consul General of Italy in Frankfurt am Main since 2019. He began his diplomatic career in 2001 as second secretary of the European Department of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome. This was followed by various assignments in his country's embassies in Seoul, Berlin and Brussels.



Prof. Ing. Emanuele Gatti, President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce for Germany; Professor in the Department for Health Sciences and Biomedicine at Danube University in Krems (Austria) and Honorary Professor at the University of Applied Sciences in Dessau (Germany).

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Keynote Speeches

- Piero Ercoli, *SVP Decarbonisation Projects, Snam*
- Timm Kehler, *CEO, Zukunft Gas*
- Tim Evison, *SVP Sustainability & Clean Hydrogen, Messer SE & Co. KGaA*



Piero Ercoli, SVP Decarbonization Projects unit at Snam since July 2022 with responsibility over hydrogen and CCS. Before Snam, he worked 16 years for Eni where he held roles of increasing relevance including Head of LNG portfolio and Head of Biofuel and Power and Emission Trading.

Dr. Timm Kehler, Chairman and CEO of Germany's leading gas advocacy group Zukunft Gas since 2013, President at NGVA Europe since September 2020. Before joining erdgas mobil, Kehler held various management positions at the BMW Group over a time period of 12 years.



Tim Evison, member of the Group's Senior Advisory Board of the Messer Group and responsible for the development of the clean hydrogen business, is also a member of EIGA's Regulatory and Environmental Council.



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Regional Panel: EMILIA-ROMAGNA Challenges and opportunities in regional projects focused on green hydrogen solutions

- Gianandrea Esposito, *Expert, Invest in Emilia-Romagna, ART-ER, Emilia-Romagna Region*
- Attilio Raimondi, *Responsible for the implementation of the regional energy plan, Emilia-Romagna Region*
- Alberto Sogni, *Senior Expert, Clust-ER Greentech, Emilia-Romagna Region*



Gianandrea Esposito, Senior Expert in investment promotion in the "Invest in Emilia-Romagna" team - the regional contact point for foreign companies - dealing with analysis and representation of the regional system and pre-post investment services.

Attilio Raimondi, expert in the Area for Energy and Green Economy, is responsible for the implementation of the Regional Energy Plan by cooperating with the other regional department and the municipalities.



Alberto Sogni, Co-founder and Senior Expert at Greentech Clust-ER of the Emilia-Romagna region; European and Industrial Proposal Manager at RSE SpA - Ricerca sul Sistema Energetico.



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Regional Panel: PUGLIA

Challenges and opportunities in regional projects focused on green hydrogen solutions

- Francesco Corvace, *Head of Service, Energy and Renewable Alternative Sources Division, Puglia Region*
- Theresa Mulloy, *Program Manager, International Business Promotion and Inward Investment, Puglia Sviluppo S.p.A.*
- Leonardo Mazza, *Head of Business Development Hydrogen Department Edison Next, Puglia Region*



Francesco Corvace, is involved in the management of regional programmes for the improvement of electricity distribution and transmission networks and for supporting and increasing the production and use of renewable energy. Francesco oversees the authorisation procedures for the installation of renewable energy power plants in Puglia and was recently appointed member of the Steering Committee for the Interreg - EU "Unlock" Project on the Hydrogen Economy.

Theresa Mulloy is Program Manager for International Business Promotion & Inward Investment at Puglia Sviluppo S.p.A., in-house financial company of the Apulia Region, which manages funding programmes and financial incentives for business start-ups and investment projects. Theresa heads the team working on international business and inward investment promotion initiatives on behalf of the regional government.



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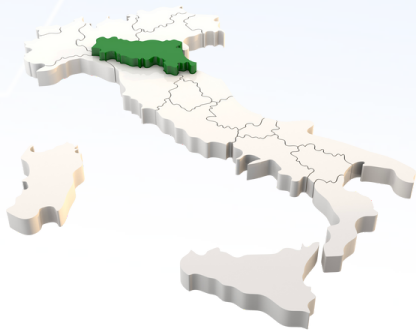


Leonardo Mazza is Business Development and Mergers & Acquisitions Senior Manager with 20+ years experience in the energy industry. Mr. Mazza holds a Degree in Management Engineering (focus on Technology and Production) and a Master in Business Administration (focus in Finance). He currently works for Edison Next-Hydrogen Department as Head of Business Development for Large Industrials with the responsibility to define and implement Edison Group business development strategy in the hydrogen sector in its various industrial and commercial applications along the entire value chain.

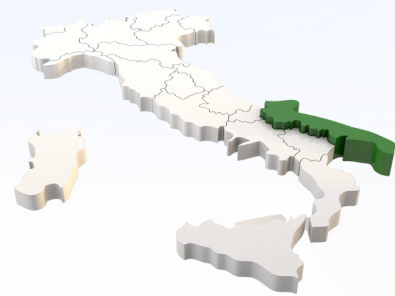
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Coffee Break

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16.45-18.00

Panel Discussion: strategies and solutions towards innovative technologies supporting the energy transition

- Christoph Sievering, *Head of Global Carbon Management, Covestro AG*
- Sleman Saliba, *Global Product Manager Energy Management and Optimization, ABB*
- Mathias Schreiber, *Head of Integrated Management System & Head of Corporate Governance, ESF Elbe-Stahlwerke Feralpi GmbH*
- Giordano Gozzi, *President, Resoh Solutions Srls*
- Cristina Martorana, *Specialist in Administrative and Environmental Law, Legance*
- Christian Mainero, *Energy Transition Specialist, Hera SpA*

18.00-19.00

Aperitivo & networking

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60325 Frankfurt am Main

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Christoph Sievering, responsible for global energy and climate policies as well as for site transformation towards climate neutrality at Bayer MaterialScience/Covestro, he is also active in national and international trade associations and other institutions. Green hydrogen and its derivatives are part of Covestro's "circular economy" strategy, which has committed to completely transition to carbon-neutral alternative raw materials and renewable energy, and develop more processes to recycle plastic.

Sleman Saliban, Global Product Manager Energy Management and Optimization at ABB Power Generation since October 2015, Lecturer for Mathematics in Economics. ABB's broad scope encompasses the full hydrogen value chain from production, transportation, storage to distribution and end-uses while bringing a huge expertise in the areas of automation, electrification and optimization for hydrogen plants



Mathias Schreiber is responsible for adherence to compliance regulations as well as the systematic delegation of duties at the entire site organization and implementation of audits and certifications. Feralpi Stahl is continuously investing in the newest technology to protect the environment. Current Initiatives: Green Steel, Zero Waste

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Giordano Gozzi, started working in the hydrogen field in 1996 with the development of a hydrogen compressor for a small Italian enterprise. Since the early years he headed the R&D and dedicated most of his time to customising products in different countries in Europe, America and Asia. Among the different projects he designed and managed are upgraded biogas refuelling stations, hydrogen compressors and hydrogen refuelling stations and bio-methane and hydrogen grid-injection plants. He is now a hydrogen start-upper and consultant.



Cristina Martorana, lawyer with deep experience in Italian and European administrative law particularly in the regulated fields of energy and infrastructure, in 2022 was listed in "The Best Lawyers in Italy" for the "Energy law" category and is ranked among the Leading Individuals in the Energy sector by Chambers and Partners and she is also mentioned as a Leading Individual in The Legal 500. She is also author of articles in both national and international specialised magazines.



Christian Maniero, electrical engineer specializing in energy transition, working in the Ecological Transition team of the Hera Group, contributed to the project proposal for the Modena Hydrogen Valley aiming to create an ecosystem for the production of green hydrogen in abandoned industrial areas, powered by renewable resources.



MODERATION



Lis Blume is a communications and change expert, with 10+ years of experience in three countries. Today, she is enabling the energy transition as a moderator of events and panels, and as Communications Lead at the Hydrogen Network of Lower-Saxony (Germany).

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