

# TEPSA PRE-PRESIDENCY CONFERENCE

## Priorities and Challenges of the Italian Presidency 2014

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*The Italian EU Presidency follows the 2014 Elections of the European Parliament and chairs the new appointments to the top positions of EU main institutions. Therefore, this Pre-Presidency Conference represents an opportunity to address some key but still unresolved issues in the EU integration process - from leadership to economic governance, from defence to immigration policies - already at the core of last year's debates and initiatives inside the EU.*

**Draft Programme**

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## MONDAY, 24 MARCH

10.30 – 13.00 **TEPSA BOARD MEETING** (*TEPSA BOARD members only*)

13.00 – 14.00 REGISTRATION AND BUFFET LUNCH

14.00 – 15.15 **OPENING SESSION**

**Chair** **Ferdinando Nelli Feroci**, President, IAI, Rome

➤ **INTRODUCTION**

**Jaap de Zwaan**, Secretary General, TEPSA, and Professor of European Union Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam and The Hague University of Applied Sciences

**Lucio Battistotti**, Director, European Commission, Representation in Italy, Rome

**Thomas Suermann**, Project Manager, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne

➤ **TEPSA PRIORITIES**

**Fabrizio Tassinari**, Senior Researcher and Head of Unit for Foreign Policy and EU Studies, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen

➤ **THE ITALIAN PRIORITIES**

*Speech by the Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Lapo Pistelli***

15.15 – 16.30 **FIRST SESSION**

*TOWARDS A BETTER ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE: HOW TO IMPROVE THE EUROZONE STABILITY AND RESILIENCE AND HOW TO STIMULATE GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT*

**Chair** **Paolo Guerrieri**, Member of the Italian Senate, and Professor of International Economics, University of Rome 'Sapienza'

- **Fabrizio Saccomanni**, former Minister of Economy, Rome

- **Gustavo Piga**, Professor of Economics, Rome (*tbc*)

- **Iain Begg**, Member of TEPSA Board, and Professorial Research Fellow, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 18.00 **SECOND SESSION**

*EUROPEAN COMMON FOREIGN, SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY IN THE POST DECEMBER 2013 EUROPEAN COUNCIL: SOME PRACTICAL STEPS AHEAD*

**Chair** **Vincenzo Camporini**, Vice President, IAI, Rome

- **Sandro De Bernardin**, Director General for Political and Security Affairs, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome

- **Hanna Ojanen**, Member of TEPSA Board, and Jean Monnet Professor, University of Tampere

- **Antonio Missiroli**, Director, EU-ISS, Paris

## TUESDAY, 25 MARCH

9.00 – 10.30 **THIRD SESSION**  
*TOWARDS A MORE EFFECTIVE EU IMMIGRATION POLICY*

**Chair** **Flavio Brugnoli**, Director, Centro Studi sul Federalismo (CSF), Turin

- **Laurent Muschel**, Director for Migration and Asylum, DG Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels
- **Ferruccio Pastore**, Director, FIERI, Turin
- **Jörg Monar**, TEPSA, and Rector, College of Europe, Bruges

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **FOURTH SESSION**  
*WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM THE NEW EU LEADERSHIP: TASKS AHEAD AND THE NEED FOR A GREATER INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND LEGITIMACY*

**Chair** **Gunilla Herolf**, Member of TEPSA Board, and Vice President, Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences, Stockholm

- **Roberto Gualtieri**, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels
- **Brigid Laffan**, Director and Professor, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI), Florence
- **Andrew Duff**, TEPSA, and Member of the European Parliament, Brussels

12.30 – 13.30 **CLOSING SESSION**  
*TOWARDS A POLITICAL UNION? SCENARIOS AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE*

**Chair** **Gianni Bonvicini**, Executive Vice President, IAI, Rome

- **Sandro Gozi**, Undersecretary of State to the Italian Prime Minister's office
- **Antonio Tajani**, Vice-President, European Commission, Brussels (*tbc*)
- **Michele Valensise**, Secretary General, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*tbc*)
- **Wolfgang Wessels**, Chairperson of the TEPSA Board, and Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, University of Cologne

13.30 – 14.30 Buffet lunch

14.30 – 16.30 **TEPSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY** (*TEPSA members only*)

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