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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.

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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*)

CONFERENCE RAPPORTEURS:

Emiliano Alessandri, Program Officer, Office of the Secretary General, OSCE Secretariat, Vienna

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