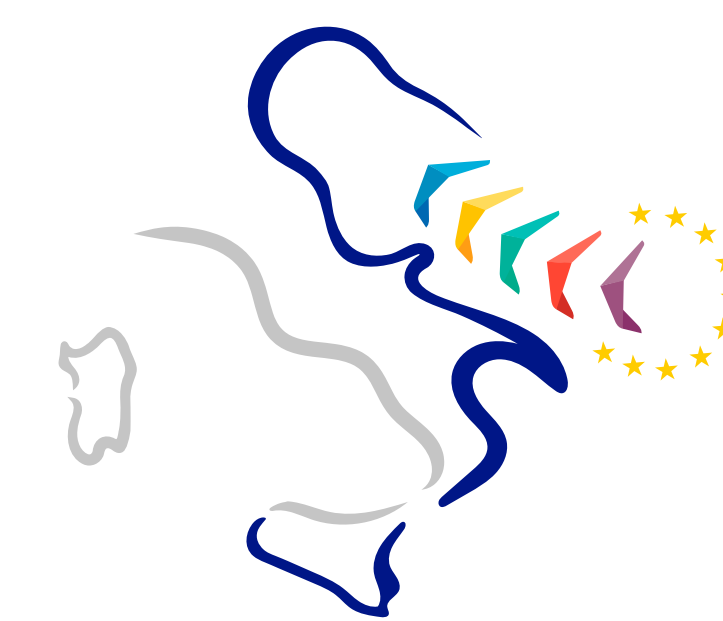


# Launching Event of the Italian **EUSAIR** Presidency **2026-2027**

—  
28 July 2026  
Rome  
Horti Sallustiani



**EUSAIR**  
EU Strategy for the  
Adriatic and Ionian Region  
Italian Presidency 2026-2027



## ***Agenda***

**9:30 - 9:50**

### ***REGISTRATION***

The discussion will be facilitated by  
**Annamaria Esposito**, Deputy Foreign Editor  
at RaiNews24.

**10:00**

### ***OPENING SESSION***

Institutional welcome address by **Giuseppe  
Tripoli** Secretary –General Unioncamere

- **Tommaso Foti**, Minister for European Affairs, the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), and Cohesion Policies
- **Raffaele Fitto**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission and European Commissioner for Regional and Cohesion Policy, Regional Development, Cities and Reforms

- **Antonio Tajani**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**11:15**

### ***ITALY'S WEALTH: THE ROLE OF COHESION POLICY AND MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE***

- **Massimiliano Fedriga**, President of the Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia
- **Francesca Pantaloni**, Regional Minister for Accounting and Finance Marche Region

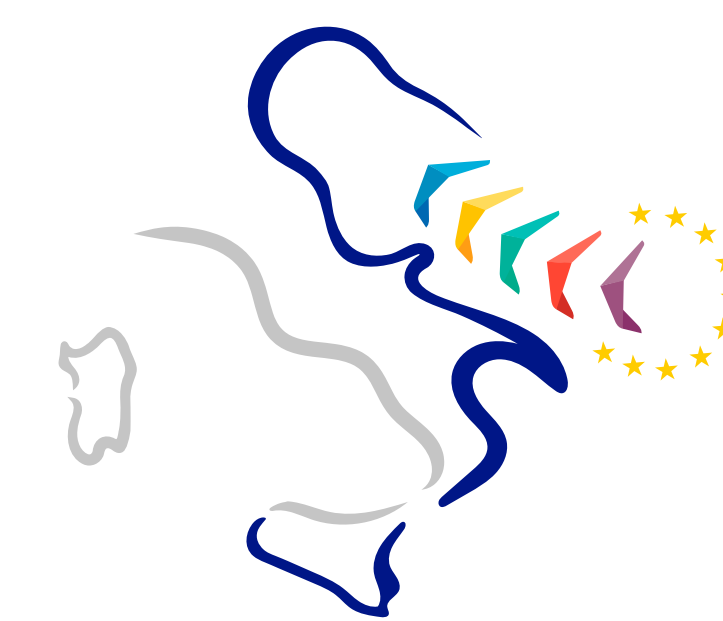
**11:45**

### ***COFFEE BREAK***



# Launching Event of the Italian **EUSAIR** Presidency **2026-2027**

—  
28 July 2026  
Rome  
Horti Sallustiani



**EUSAIR**  
EU Strategy for the  
Adriatic and Ionian Region  
Italian Presidency 2026-2027



**12:00**

## *THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EUSAIR STRATEGY: PRIORITIES, INSTRUMENTS AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES*

- Carlo Ciccioli, Member of the European Parliament
- Giovanni Castellaneta, Secretary General of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII)
- Elisa Cocco, European Commission DG REGIO -Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy

**12:30**

## *EUSAIR: STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION BETWEEN CONTINUITY AND THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY*

- Zuica Zmejkovska, Ministry for European Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia and National Coordinator of EU Funds-outgoing EUSAIR Presidency
- Michele Palma, Head of the Department for Cohesion Policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and Main Coordinator of the Italian EUSAIR Presidency
- Nicola Verola, Director General for Europe and International Trade Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**13:00**

*LIGHT LUNCH*