

Conference for the 25 Years of the Ancona Declaration: New Horizons and Prospects for the European Union

Ancona, Italy, Friday 27 June 2025

(Auditorium Orfeo Tamburi, Mole Vanvitelliana)

DRAFT AGENDA

9:00-9:30 hrs

Registration

Moderator: Marco Ansaldo, Journalist and Writer

9:30-10.00 hrs

Welcome Addresses

- **Francesco Acquaroli**, President of Marche Region
- **Daniele Silvetti**, Mayor of the City of Ancona

10.00-10.30 hrs

Session 1. 25th anniversary of the Adriatic Ionian Initiative

- **Giovanni Castellaneta**, AII Secretary General
- **Maria Tripodi**, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
- **Tommaso Foti**, Minister of European Affairs, Cohesion policies and PNRR (tbc)
- **Timcho Mucunski**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades of North Macedonia

10.30-11.15 hrs

Key-note speakers

- **Dubrovka Suica**, European Commissioner for the Mediterranean Region
- **Raffaele Fitto**, Executive Deputy President of the European Commission for Cohesion and Reforms (video-message)
- **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, European Commissioner for Transport and Sustainable Tourism (online)
- **Antonella Sberna**, Deputy President, European Parliament
- **Luca Beccari**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Political Affairs, International Economic Cooperation and Digital

Transition of the Republic of San Marino

- 11:15 -11:30 hrs **Coffee Break**
- 11:30-13:00 hrs **Session 2. Cohesion and Cooperation in the Adriatic and Ionian Region and the Western Balkans** (*moderated by Prof. Mario Baldassarri, ISTAO President*)
- **Thomas Botzios**, Head of the Adriatic and Balkan Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
 - **Representative of the Department of Territorial Cohesion Policies and the South**, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy (tbc)
 - **Representative of DG REGIO**, The European Commission
 - **Selected AII Senior Officials / EUSAIR National Coordinators**
 - **Sergio Garribba**, Coordinators of EUSAIR Pillar 2 – Connecting the Region – Energy
 - **Pierluigi Coppola**, Coordinators of EUSAIR Pillar 2 – Connecting the Region – Transport
 - **Representative of Interreg-ADRION**
 - **Vassilis Kessidis**, Consultant - Strategist
- 13:00-14:30 hrs **Light Lunch**
- 14:30-16:30 hrs **Session 3. Civil Society as a driving force of the European integration process**
- **Carlo Cicioli**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Lidija Pansegrau Hadrović**, AII/EUSAIR Senior Official, Youth involvement
 - **Gino Sabatini**, President of the Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce
 - **Igor Nedelkovski**, President of UniAdrion
 - **Luigi Albore Mascia**, President of the Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Cities
- 16:30-17:00 hrs **The future of the Ancona Declaration in a changing international environment**