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AGENDA

Day 1 – May 9th, 2023, Thursday

08:00 Registration desk opens

08:55 Conference opening and introductory remarks: Mr **Derek Michalski**, Chief Executive Officer, and Ms **Katya Levyk**, Conference Producer, **The Voice of Renewables**

9:00 – 10:00 **Panel discussion I: Renewable energy development policy – ushering Italy into fully decarbonised future**

According to [Elettricità Futura](#), the leading Association representing the electricity sector in Italy, the electricity generation mix will achieve an 84% share of renewables by 2030 in Italy. This will be possible by installing 85 GW of new renewable power by 2030 and the [Italian Government is working to integrate such target in the National Energy and Climate Plan](#), to be updated by June 2023. This would also enable 360 billion euros of economic benefits, in terms of added value for the supply chain and related industries, and growth in national consumption, as well as 540,000 new jobs in the electricity sector and its value-chain in 2030, which will be additional to the current 120,000.

In 2022, 3 GW of new renewables have been installed compared to 1 GW per year in the previous few years.

Will renewables' deployment in 2023 further increase compared to 2022? How the permitting hurdles can be overcome? Did the energy crisis change public opinion towards renewable projects? These and other issues will be discussed by the leaders of the industry.

Moderator: Mr **Edoardo Storti**, Head of European Affairs and Studies, **Elettricità Futura**

Speakers: Mr **Gianluca Boccanera**, Managing Director Italy, **NextEnergy Capital**

Ms **Eleonora Petrarca**, Head of Business Development, **Enel Green Power**

Mr **Domenico Marinelli**, Head of Project Development, **EDPR**

Mr **Paolo Sammartino**, Chief Operating Officer, **Renexia**

10:00 – 10:30 Networking Break

10:30 – 11:30 **Panel discussion II: Renewable energy potential in Italy: major opportunities and challenges**

Italy has significant renewable energy potential due to its location and natural resources. Italy has made significant progress in expanding its renewable energy capacity and achieved almost 60 GW of cumulated capacity, with a particular focus on solar and wind power. Local stakeholder opposition, regional administration hurdles, and cultural authority objections pose significant challenges to fully unblock this potential.

The panel will look at the ways of warranting further deployment of renewable energy, while discussing the greatest obstacles to achieving the ambitious 2030 NECP's targets.

Moderator: Mr **Piero Viganò**, Partner, **Gitti and Partners**

Speakers: Mr **Karolis Kiguolis**, Co-Owner, **Linea Ignis**

Mr **Rodolfo Bigolin**, Chief Executive Officer, **Innovo Group**

Mr **Riccardo Rossi**, Head of Southern Europe Origination, **Centrica Energy Marketing & Trading**

Mr **Alberto Bernabini**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, **Qint'x / Agnes**

11:30 – 12:00 Networking break

12:00 – 13:00 **Panel discussion III: Onshore wind development in Italy**

The growth of onshore wind development in Italy has been facing some challenges, including limited land availability, regulatory hurdles, and local opposition to new projects. To address these challenges, the Italian government has implemented policies to streamline the permitting process and encourage community participation in project development.

Are these policies effective? Does the current call for energy security and natural gas phase-out facilitate wind development? These and other questions will be examined by the experts of the industry.

Moderator: Ms **Francesca Morra**, Partner, **Herbert Smith Freehills**

Speakers: Mr **Alessandro Migliorini**, Head of Italy, **European Energy**

Mr **Giuseppe Mastropieri**, Chief Executive Officer, **GreenGo**

Mr **Gianluca Cipolletta**, Head of Development and JDA Italy, **Renantis**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 **Panel discussion IV: Going big on solar – large scale solar**

Due to its location, Italy is strategically positioned to harness solar energy, making it one of the leading European countries in this regard. Italy's solar industry has been boosted by a feed-in tariff system in 2010s and gained the moment in 2022 after years of its modest increase. Last year Italy installed nearly 2.48 GW of solar capacity that was led by residential segment with 1.1 GW and followed by C&I and utility scale segments with 678 MW and 571 MW, most of which were less than 1 MW in size.

However, to achieve 51 GW of cumulative PV capacity by 2030 Italy needs to nearly triple its 2022 numbers. This panel will discuss how to safeguard further development of solar energy speeding up its pace.

Moderator: Mr **Carlo Montella**, Managing partner, **Green Horse Advisory**

Speakers: Mr **Nicola Di Agostino**, Portfolio Director, **Lime Energia (iCON Infrastructure)**

Mr **Alberto Nodari**, Senior Business Development Manager, **Lightsource bp**

Mr **Alessio Pinzone**, Senior Director Energy, **RINA Prime Value Services**

19:00 Evening networking dinner (requires separate registration)

Restaurant: TBA

Day 2 – May 10th, 2023, Wednesday

08:00 Registration Desk Opens

08:55 – 09:00 Conference second day opening - Ms **Katya Levyk**, Conference Producer, **The Voice of Renewables**

09:00 – 10:00 **Panel discussion I: Developing offshore wind – potential, bottlenecks and lessons learned**

Italy has significant potential for developing offshore wind energy due to its long coastline and high wind speeds. However, the development of offshore wind in Italy has been slower than in other European countries due to several challenges. The lack of a clear regulatory framework for offshore wind development, high initial costs and logistics complexity are only some of them.

What lessons may be learned from the experience of Nordic countries? How the challenges have been overcome by operative Italian offshore wind projects? This panel will examine the roadmap to massive offshore wind deployment in Italy.

Moderator: Mr **Lorenzo Tringali**, Lawyer, **Legance**

Speakers: Mr **Michele Schiavone**, Mr Michele Schiavone, Project CEO for Floating Offshore Wind Portfolio in Italy, **Copenhagen Offshore Partners**

Mr **Alberto Dalla Rosa**, Chief Executive Officer, **Avapa Energy/AvenHexicon**

Mr **Francesco Balestrino**, Offshore Development Country Lead Italy, **RWE Renewables**

Mr **Arthur Dussillol**, Partner, **Green Giraffe**

10:00 – 10:30 Networking Break

10:30 – 11:30 **Panel discussion II: Agrivoltaics – from competition to mutually beneficial alliance**

Overall, agrivoltaics represents a shift away from the traditional view of agriculture and solar PV as competing land uses, towards a more integrated and mutually beneficial system. By combining the two systems, farmers can increase productivity and sustainability, while reducing their environmental impact and contributing to the transition towards a more sustainable energy system.

While agrivoltaics presents an exciting opportunity for sustainable energy and agriculture development in Italy, there are significant challenges to its implementation that will require innovative solutions and collaboration between various stakeholders. There is a need for further research to optimize the design and operation of agrivoltaic systems. Factors such as crop selection, panel orientation, and shading levels can significantly impact the performance of agrivoltaic systems and require further study to achieve optimal results.

This panel will investigate the potential of agri-PV systems to offer numerous benefits, but also challenges to its development in Italy and in the region.

Moderator: Ms **Alessandra Scognamiglio**, Coordinator Task force Sustainable Agrivoltaics, **ENEA**; Chair Photovoltaics | Forms | Landscapes; Chair **Associazione Italiana Agrivoltaico Sostenibile (AIAS)**; Chair **International Design Competition "Agrivoltaics for Noah's Ark"**

Speakers: Mr **Cristiano Spillati**, Managing Director, **Limes Renewable Energy**
Mr **Leonardo Montesi**, Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, **TEP Renewables**
Mr **Marco Ronchi**, Head of Wind and Solar Business Development, **A2A**
Mr **Giancarlo Ghidesi**, Chief Operating Officer, **REM Tec**
Mr **Sascha Krause-Tuenker**, Chief Financial Officer, **Next2Sun**

11:30 – 12:00 Networking Break

12:00 – 13:00 **Panel discussion III: The next big thing - hydrogen**

Italy has set ambitious targets for the deployment of hydrogen technologies, including green hydrogen. In 2020, the Italian government announced a National Hydrogen Strategy that includes a target of deploying 5 GW of electrolyzers by 2030 and producing 10% of the country's hydrogen from renewable sources by 2025.

Overall, while still in its early stages, the development of green hydrogen in Italy is gaining momentum, with the government and private sector investing in research, development, and deployment of this promising energy technology.

What are the perspectives of green hydrogen in Italy? Will the country be able to become Mediterranean hydrogen hub? This panel will investigate the fastest ways of ensuring those ambitious plans.

Moderator: TBC

Speakers: Mr **Gabriele Zini**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, **Avapa Energy**
Mr **Stefano Salerno**, Country Head Italy, **Hive Energy**

13:00 – 13:30 Networking Break

13:30 – 14:30 **Panel discussion IV: Financing Italian renewable energy projects.**

Depending on the maturity and volatility of the market, financing renewable energy projects can indeed take many routes. The Italian government has implemented several policies and initiatives to support the development of renewable energy, while private investors participate in renewable energy projects through venture capital funds or banks offering loans, which may have favorable interest rates and terms. This panel will inspect the existing investment landscape and propose the optimal avenues for project finance to be taken by both domestic and international investors.

Moderator: Mr **Pierpaolo Mastromarini**, Partner, **Bird & Bird**

Speakers: Mr **Enrico Lucciola**, Head of Political Risks, Head of Corporate & Project Finance Green New Deal, **SACE**
Mr **Mauro Colantonio**, Director of Power & Infrastructure Finance Italy, **Unicredit**
Mr **Luca Matrone**, Managing Director, Head of Energy Industry, Global Corporate Department, IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division, **Intesa Sanpaolo**
Mr **Alessandro Savini**, Senior Executive Consultant, **Trailstone Renewables**

14:30 Farewell lunch and end of the conference

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