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Promoting equality and combatting discrimination **Initiatives at the Council of Europe and in Italy**

High-level event of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe at the 5th meeting of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI)

The promotion of equality, the fight against discrimination and the protection of vulnerable groups belong to the key priorities of the Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe for the years 2020 to 2025. Italy has, for its part, confirmed its commitment to fighting all forms of discrimination in the priorities for its Presidency of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers.

To encourage progress in these policy areas, the Council of Europe has set up the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), which is composed of representatives of the 47 member states. During the first two years of its existence, the Committee developed ground-breaking standard-setting texts to promote comprehensive strategies against hate speech, uphold equality during the Covid-19 pandemic and implement multi-level policies and governance for intercultural integration.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has mandated the CDADI to work on other ambitious deliverables over the four years to come. This includes standards for the active political participation of national minority youth, for combating hate crime, equality for Roma and Traveller women and girls, artificial intelligence systems and their discrimination risks, the equality of rights of intersex persons, and on desegregation and inclusive education.

This Presidency event, which marks the beginning of the second biennium in the work of the CDADI, will highlight the work already finalised and the future priorities of the Committee. At the same time, it will point to achievements and initiatives under way in Italy in the fields of anti-discrimination, diversity and inclusion, in particular the inclusion of Roma and Travellers, intercultural integration of migrants and refugees, and combatting discrimination and intolerance on various grounds including religion or belief, sexual orientation or gender identity.



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17 March 2022, 14h30

Italian premises of the European Parliament, Via IV Novembre, 149, Roma
and online

PROGRAMME

Introduction and moderation Triantafillos Loukarelis

14h30 Opening statements

- **Elena Bonetti** Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family, Italy
- **Bjørn Berge** Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- **Benedetto della Vedova** Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- **Pina Picierno** Vicepresident of the European Parliament (*tbc*)
- **Liliana Segre** Chair of the Extraordinary Commission for the fight against intolerance, racism, anti-Semitism and incitement to hatred and violence of the Italian Parliament (*tbc*)

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- **Mr Krzysztof Żuk** Mayor of the City of Lublin, Poland
- **Maria Daniella Marouda** Chair of European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- **Fabrizio Petri** Special Envoy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for the Human Rights of LGBTIQ+ people in the world, Italy
- **Triantafillos Loukarelis** CDADI Chair and Director, National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Italy
- **Hallvard Gorseth** Head of the anti-discrimination Department and of the Roma and Travellers Team a.i., Council of Europe



15h20 Promoting equality and combatting discrimination in Italy

UNAR activities, national strategies and fight against hate speech

- **Agnese Canevari** UNAR – The National Strategy for LGBTI persons
- **Roberto Bortone** UNAR – The National Strategy for Equality, Integration and Participation of Roma and Sinti persons
- **Nadan Petrovic** UNAR – The National Strategy Against Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance
- **Paola Barretta** Carta di Roma association – the REASON (React Against Online hate Speech) Project

Experiences of associations for the advancement of human rights in Italy

- **Djiana Pavlovic** President of the Kethane Movement and winner of the CIDU Diritti Umani Prize 2021
- **Mehret Tewolde** Executive Director Italia Africa Business Week
- **Marco Giusta, Alessandro Battaglia** Torino Pride and coordinators of the Annual General Meeting of EPOA 2022

16.15 Conclusions