



2026 INDIA DIALOGUE

HOW CAN INDIA AND ITALY LEVERAGE THE GROWING INDIA-EU PARTNERSHIP

25 September 2026 - 9:00

Sala del Carroccio, Piazza del Campidoglio, Rome

09:00 - 09:30: Registration/Networking

09:30 - 10:00: Opening Remarks

Daniele Frigeri, President of CeSPI ETS

Vani Rao, Ambassador of India to Italy and San Marino

Mauro Battocchi, Director General for Growth and Export Promotion, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Fabio Sokolowicz, Diplomatic Advisor to the Mayor of Rome

10:00-11:00 First Panel: The EU-India Free Trade Agreement: Opportunities between India, the EU and Italy
Speakers:

Paola Pampaloni, former Director/Deputy Managing Director, Asia and Pacific Department, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Alfredo Conte, Deputy Director General, DGUE, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Beniamino Irdi, CEO, Highground

Garima Mohan, Senior Fellow in the Indo-Pacific program, German Marshall Fund

Moderator: **Tiziano Marino**, Observatory on India, CeSPI

11:20-13:10 Second Panel: India-Italy/EU potential for security and defence cooperation

Speakers:

Andrea Mergelletti, President of CeSI

Piero Fassino, MP, Vice President of the Parliamentary Defense Committee

Fernando Giancotti, former President of the Centre for Higher Defence Studies (CASD)

Rahul Roy Chaudhury, Senior Fellow for South and Central Asian Defence, Strategy and Diplomacy
The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

Moderator: **Sergio Lugaresi**, Coordinator Observatory on India, CeSPI

Light lunch will be served on conclusion



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