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ITALIAN FOUNDRIES IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT: WHAT INDUSTRIAL POLICIES?

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13 June 2025

Borgo Rocca Sveva
via Covergnino 7, Soave
(Verona, Italy)

10:00 Private Assembly

12:00 Networking Lunch

14:00 Public Assembly

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EUROPEAN INDUSTRY BETWEEN CRISIS AND RELAUNCH: CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR A NEW BALANCE

The year 2025 has opened amid strong geopolitical instability. recent decisions by the new U.S. administration – including import tariffs and threats of military disengagement in Europe – are reshaping the global economic landscape, creating new challenges for the European manufacturing industry.

In response to growing international protectionism, the European Union has initiated strategic autonomy efforts, such as the Readiness 2030 plan for common defense and the Clean Industrial Deal, aimed at reconciling industry decarbonization with increased competitiveness.

However, to truly safeguard its industrial base, Europe must turn announcements into concrete actions: reducing energy costs, simplifying regulations, ensuring access to critical raw materials, and supporting business innovation are increasingly urgent needs to help European industry survive in an increasingly complex and unpredictable competitive environment.

In this scenario, Italian foundries must also face major structural challenges. The sector is vulnerable to issues typical of energy-intensive industries and has been experiencing a significant market slowdown for several months.

Despite a high level of technological innovation and strong ties to strategic "Made in Italy" supply chains, companies in the sector now operate under great uncertainty, which threatens investments, employment, and production capacity.

Europe must navigate political and commercial storms to find a new path to sustainable growth and support its industry. Will it be strong enough to succeed?

We will explore this question at the public conference "Italian foundries in the European context: what industrial policies?", scheduled in Soave as part of the Assofond 2025 General Assembly.

SPEAKERS AND PROGRAM

09:30 WELCOME COFFEE AND PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

10:00 PRIVATE ASSEMBLY (FOR ASSOFOOND MEMBER FOUNDRIES ONLY)

12:00 NETWORKING LUNCH (OPEN TO ALL)

14:00 PUBLIC ASSEMBLY: "ITALIAN FOUNDRIES IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT: WHAT INDUSTRIAL POLICIES?"

Italian foundries in the new international context
Fabio Zanardi (President, Assofond)

A strategic industry for Europe: the voice of foundries in the future of EU industrial policies
Chiara Danieli (President, EFF - European Foundry Federation)

Raw materials and protectionism: new uncertainties for European industry
Gianclaudio Torlizzi (T-Commodity)

Energy and competitiveness: how to overcome cost challenges to relaunch European industry
Massimo Beccarello (Università degli Studi Milano-Bicocca)

Round table discussion
Hon. Paolo Borchia, member of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy will engage in dialogue with the speakers

16:30 CLOSING, WINERY TOUR AND APERITIF

HOW TO GET THERE

Borgo Rocca Sveva is located in Soave (VR), via Covergnino 7, just a few kilometers from the Soave-S. Bonifacio exit on the A4 motorway

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On arrival, parking assistance will be provided.



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