

# Greening the Future

**Synergizing Energy and Climate Technology:  
Collaborative Innovations between Italy and Norway**

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**Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim**

The next phase of the energy transition demands committed implementation of new technologies. Norwegian and Italian governments are both promoting networks of offshore wind farms, solar systems, and hydrogen facilities, interconnected via extensive cables and pipelines, linking multiple countries together. This seminar explores the unique advantages and challenges of Norway and Italy, and how the North Sea and Central Mediterranean can leverage their natural resources and strategic locations to become major hubs for the green economy.

## **10:15 Opening remarks**

Rector NTNU, Ms Anne Borg

Prorector Politecnico di Milano, Ms Isabella Nova

Moderator, Alessandro Speciale, Country Chief Bloomberg

## **10:30 Accelerating the Energy Transition – A Value Chain Perspective**

Given their energy infrastructure both Norway and Italy are well positioned to lead the energy transition across green technologies including offshore wind, hydrogen, carbon capture, utilization, and storage. The discussion will focus on the potential of cooperation from a value chain perspective, and how research and innovation can accelerate the energy transition.

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**Mr Asgeir Tomasgard**

Professor

11:30

### **Green Maritime - Removing Barriers to Green Solutions**

Operational capabilities have an important role to play in the energy transition. The ability to safely move energy and related byproducts will remain critical for years to come. What are the trends we see today, and how is the industry working together to find solutions that may accelerate the transition?

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CEO

12:35

### **Entry of President Mattarella and HRH Crown Prince**

12:35-13:05

### **Concluding panel discussion**

#### **North Sea and Central Mediterranean – Perfect Hubs for Green Industries?**

Together with a long history of technological expertise, Italy and Norway are well-positioned to become hubs for green industries. In this concluding session, representatives from previous panels will discuss how the North Sea and the Central Mediterranean together can leverage their natural resources and strategic locations to become major hubs and create sustainable value chains in the green economy.

The moderator will initiate the discussion with a brief recapitulation of the main takeaways from the previous discussions.

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**Mr Lapo Pistelli**  
Director Public Affairs

13:05

### **Concluding remarks**

HRH Crown Prince Haakon

President Sergio Mattarella