



## **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR ITALY – US COOPERATION ON ENERGY AND CIRCULARITY** *Second bilateral dialogue*

**30 OCTOBER 2024 - EMBASSY OF ITALY IN WASHINGTON - USA**  
10.00 am - 5.30 pm

Energy security and climate change have become a crucial focal point in transatlantic relations in recent years. The enduring impacts of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, along with the conflict in the Middle East, have highlighted the urgent necessity of transitioning to sustainable energy systems. It is now evident that this transition must be matched with robust efforts to ensure global security and economic stability. Whether bolstering security of supply or deploying innovative clean energy technologies, what will be the role of transatlantic cooperation in navigating these global challenges?

In this context and following the outstanding experience of the first edition, WEC Italy – the Italian National Committee of the World Energy Council - WEC US – the United State Member Committee of the World Energy Council - and Globe Italy - National Association for Climate – in collaboration with the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center, organize the Second bilateral dialogue on opportunities and challenges for Italy-US cooperation on energy and circularity, that will be held in Washington D.C., on October 2024, at the Embassy of Italy,

The Event aims to foster the dialogue between Italian industrial energy and circularity excellences and US institutional, think tank and industrial stakeholders and plumb opportunities for collaboration between the two Countries towards the energy transition.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

10.00 am - 5.30 pm, Embassy of Italy in Washington  
3000 Whitehaven Street NW, Washington, DC 20008 - USA

**10 am** **WELCOME ADDRESS**  
Embassy of Italy to the United States

**10.10 am** **OPENING REMARKS**  
NEIL WILMSHURST, Chairman, WEC USA  
MATTEO FAVERO, Chairman, Globe Italy  
MARCO MARGHERI, Chairman, WEC Italy

**10.20 am** **KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
GEOFF PYATT, Assistant Secretary Bureau of Energy Resources Assistant Secretary of State

**10.30 am** **NAVIGATING ENERGY AND CLIMATE TRANSITION: THE ROLE OF TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION IN FACING GLOBAL CHALLENGES**

***Moderated by***  
Global Energy Center, Atlantic Council

***Speakers***  
SAMANTHA GROSS, Director Energy Security and Climate Initiative, Brookings  
MARK W. MENEZES, President & CEO U.S. Energy Association  
JENNIFER T. GORDON, Director, Nuclear Energy Policy Initiative  
GRACELIN BASKARAN, Director, Critical Minerals Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies  
LEE BECK, nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center and senior director for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa at Clean Air Task Force (CATF)  
GREG DEGEN, Head of International Affairs, Commonwealth Fusion Systems

**11.45 am** **INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EXPERTISE FOSTERING TRANSITION**

***Moderated by***  
MARCO MARGHERI, Chairman, WEC Italy

***Opening dialogue with***  
FRANCESCO CORVARO, Italian Special Presidential Envoy for Climate  
STEFANO BESSEGHINI, Chairman Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment, ARERA

***Speakers***  
KARA SUCCOSO MANGONE, Head of the Sustainable Finance Group at Goldman Sachs  
PIER LORENZO DELL'ORCO, CEO di Italgas Reti  
SIMONE NISI, Institutional Affairs Director, Edison  
LAWRENCE JONES, Senior Vice President, International Programs, Edison Electric Institute  
SALVO VITALE, General Counsel, US Wind

***Closing remarks***  
MICHAEL HOWARD, Chair World Energy Council and CEO Emeritus Electric Power Research Institute

**1.00 pm** **LUNCH**

**2.00 pm** **THE FUTURE OF AMERICA'S ENERGY POLICY**

***Moderated by***  
MARCO MARGHERI and NEIL WILMSHURST

***One-to-one conversations with***  
VICTORIA COATES, Vice President, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, Heritage Foundation  
JOSH FREED, Senior Vice President for the Climate and Energy Program, Third Way  
XAN FISHMAN, Senior Director, Bipartisan Policy Center  
SHANNON BAKER-BRANSTETTER, Senior Director, Domestic Climate and Energy Policy, Center for American Progress

**3.30 pm OPTIMIZING ENERGY SECURITY AND RESILIENCE THROUGH RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITIES: LESSONS LEARNED FROM UKRAINE AND ITALY**

***Moderated by***

OLGA KHAKOVA, Deputy Director for European Energy Security, Global Energy Center, Atlantic Council

***Speakers***

IHOR BARANETSKYI, Minister-Counsellor for Economic Affairs, Embassy of Ukraine in the USA

KONSTANTYN CHYZHYK, Partner at Hilmont Partners, Former Deputy Minister of

Environmental protection of Ukraine

OLENA PAVLENKO, President, DiXi Group

SERGIO OLIVERO, Head of Business&Finance Innovation, Energy Center Politecnico di Torino

CARLO TACCONELLI, Ceo e Co-founder Engreen

**5.00 pm CONCLUSIONS**

*JOSHUA VOLZ, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, Middle East, Europe & Eurasia Department of Energy*

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