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# Research and innovation for sustainable growth: the case of Bergamo and Brescia ecosystems

17.00-17.10 Opening and welcome

**Raffaele Cattaneo**, Undersecretary for International and European Relationships, Lombardy Region Government

17.10-17.25 Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027

**Massimiliano Esposito**, Head of Unit at Directorate - General Research and Innovation - European Commission

17.25-17.35 The specialisation of Bergamo and Brescia Regions

**Michele Malvestiti**, Head of EU liaison office - Confindustria Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Lecco e Sondrio

17.35-17.50 R&I strategy of the Universities of Bergamo and Brescia

**Alessandro Padovani**, Deputy-Rector for Research - University of Brescia  
**Mariafrancesca Sicilia**, Deputy-Rector for Research - University of Bergamo

17.50-18.30 Presentation of research projects and capabilities of the Universities of Bergamo and Brescia:

- Sustainable manufacturing ecosystems **Elza Bontempi** (University of Brescia), **Massimiliano Granieri** (University of Brescia), **Fabiana Pirola** (University of Bergamo)
- Valorisation of territorial assets **Federica Burini** (University of Bergamo), **Gianni Gilioli** (University of Brescia)

18.30-19.00 Roundtable: European perspectives and opportunities for inter-regional cooperation based on smart specialisation

**Massimo Busuoli** (UniLion, Chair), **Ewa Chomicz** (ERRIN, Policy and Engagement Manager), **Wim De Kinderen** (Vanguard Initiative, Director), **Maurizio Tira** (EUA, Board Member)

Moderator: **Giacomo Copani** (Head of Research and Third Mission Office, University of Bergamo)

19.00 Conclusions and networking reception

**Event Moderator: Giuseppe Costa, Director of European Relations - Brussels Delegation to the EU, Lombardy Region Government**

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