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Ombudsmen in Europe: Rights, Territories, Autonomies

The Role of Ombudsmen in the Multilevel European Union

Thursday, 20 November 2025 – 09:00 to 12:00
Representation Office of the European Region Tyrol–South Tyrol–Trentino in Brussels
Rue de Pascale 45-47, Brussels

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AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30 | Participant Registration
09:30 – 10:00 | Institutional Greetings

Speakers:

- **Federica Favi** – Ambassador of Italy to Belgium
- **Herbert Dorfmann** – Member of the European Parliament
- **Paolo Inselvini** - Member of the European Parliament and member of the PETI Committee
- **Veronika Meyer** – Ombudswomen of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/South Tyrol
- **Guido Giusti** – Vice-President of the National Coordination of Italian Ombudsmen and Ombudsman of the Emilia-Romagna Region

11:00 | Session I – Ombudsman in Europe: convergences and perspectives

A dialogue on the role of regional and national Ombudsmen in the European context, between citizens' rights, administrative transparency, and democratic participation.

Speakers:

- **Maria Stylianou-Lottides** – Ombudswoman of Cyprus, Member of the IOI Board for the European Region and First Vice President of the Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen (AOM)
- **Jürg Trachsel** – Ombudsman of the Canton of Zurich (CH)
- **Xavier Cañada Bonaetxea** – Ombudsman of Andorra
- **Marco Enrico** – Ombudsman of the Region of Sardinia
- **Fabrizio Schettini** – Ombudsman of the Region Umbria
- **Anna Pianura** – Director of the Office of the Ombudsman of the Autonomous Province of Trento

Moderator **Umberto Di Primio** – Ombudsman of the Region of Abruzzo

11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee break and networking

11: 11:15 – 11:45 | Session II – Autonomies, multilingualism, and rights

Examples of rights protection in a multilingual and multicultural context

Speakers:

- **Veronika Meyer** – Ombudswoman of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano
- **Marlene Hardt** – Ombudswoman of the German-speaking Community of Belgium
- **Santiago Serrano** – Mediator of the Department of Seine-Saint-Denis, France
- **David Bondia** - Ombudsman of the City of Barcelona, Spain
- **Priska Garbin** – Head of the Anti-Discrimination Center of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/South Tyrol

Moderator: **Adele Squillaci** – Ombudswoman of the Aosta Valley Region

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM | Conclusions and operational proposals

Speakers:

- **Marino Fardelli** – President of the National Coordination of Italian Ombudsmen and Ombudsman of the Lazio Region

12:00 PM | Transfer to the ENO meeting venue

Note: Simultaneous translation will be available in Italian, German and English.

Event Objectives (Summary):

1. **Strengthen the role of the Italian Ombudsman and the National Coordination** in the European context, highlighting best practices from autonomous regions and European institutions.
2. **Promote dialogue between Italian and European regional Ombudsmen,** showcasing experiences in rights protection at the regional and local level.
3. **Present opportunities for collaboration with the European Ombudsman** on issues such as administrative transparency, digital rights protection, and access to public services.

The event is organized in collaboration with the Office of the Ombudswoman of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/South Tyrol.