



Press Release

SACE launches the second edition of the ESG Dialogues for Systemic Impact

SACE continues its commitment to fostering sustainability discussions by convening leaders from Italian economics, industry, and institutions for an exclusive event, building on the success of the previous year. This closed-door meeting provides a platform for meaningful dialogue on pressing sustainability issues, featuring insights from global experts.

The focal point of this year's edition has been biodiversity, addressing a critical global concern, particularly significant for Italy, boasting the highest biodiversity in Europe. The event featured a keynote speech by Tony Juniper, a prominent advocate and world expert in biodiversity.

Rome, 2 February 2024 – SACE, the insurance-financial group dedicated to fostering companies' growth, organized a high-profile stakeholder meeting titled 'ESG Dialogues for Systemic Impact.' This exclusive closed-door gathering brought together influential figures from the world of Italian economics, industry, and institutions. The primary focus of the event was to foster a meaningful dialogue on sustainability issues, delve into the pivotal role of companies as agents of long-term societal well-being, and actively contribute to shaping SACE's enduring sustainability objectives.

This was the second edition of the 'ESG Dialogues for Systemic Impact' by SACE and this year's event placed a specific focus on biodiversity, identified as one of the most critical global emergencies by the World Economic Forum for the upcoming decade. This emphasis holds particular significance for Italy, a country that elevated the safeguarding of the environment, biodiversity, and ecosystems to constitutional status in 2022. With one of the richest biodiversities globally, Italy, as per the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA), leads Europe in the number of animal and plant species, along with diverse endemic habitats.

In a notable addition to this year's edition of the ESG Dialogues, the event featured Tony Juniper as the keynote speaker. Mr. Juniper is a distinguished campaigner and internationally acclaimed biodiversity expert who also serves as the Chair of Natural England—an instrumental government organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the natural environment in England. In addition, he is also a Fellow of the Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) at the University of Cambridge.

Furthermore, the meeting aimed to consolidate SACE's strategic initiatives outlined in the INSIEME2025 Business Plan. This commitment highlights SACE's dedication to actively engage with its stakeholders in shaping sustainable growth paths for businesses. By harnessing its comprehensive portfolio of insurance and financial solutions, along with a wealth of relationships and expertise, SACE is determined in its mission to safeguard the well-being of communities.

SACE is an Italian insurance-financial group controlled directly by the Italian Ministry of the Economy and Finance. Its mission is to support businesses and the national economy through a wide range of instruments and solutions to improve competitiveness in Italy and worldwide. For over forty-five years, the SACE Group has been the partner of reference for Italian enterprises looking to export and grow on international markets. The Group also works with the banking sector, providing financial guarantees to ensure companies have access to credit to support their liquidity and investments in business competitiveness and sustainability, as part of Italy's Green New Deal for the domestic market. The Group is present worldwide with 13 offices in target countries for Italian products, with the aim of building relationships with leading local counterparts and facilitating business with Italian companies through dedicated financial instruments. With a portfolio of insured transactions and guaranteed investments worth EUR 164 billion, SACE, together with all the Group companies - SACE FCT, which operates in factoring, SACE BT, active in the Credit, Surety Bonds and Other Asset Damage classes, and SACE SRV, specialising in data collection and information asset management activities - works alongside more than 40 thousand companies, mainly SMEs, supporting their growth in Italy and in about 200 countries worldwide.

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