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# THE WIND OF ENERGY TRANSITION:

## DEEP DIVE INTO EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL WIND ENERGY PERSPECTIVES

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[WEC Italy](#) (the Italian National Committee of the World Energy Council), in collaboration with [ERG](#) and [E2i Energie Speciali](#) and under the patronage of [ANEV](#) and [Elettricità Futura](#), hosted the closed-door seminar "The Wind of Energy Transition", a multi-stakeholder dialogue between institutions, organizations and national and international companies active in the European wind sector, in order to exchange experiences and information on policies, regulations, wind farm development programs, best practices and innovative business models.

Representatives from **IRENA, Wind Europe, Enerdata, Ministries of UK, Estonia and Italy and the European Commission**, together with the Italian associations and companies **Elettricità Futura, Anev, GSE, Erg, E2i, Enel and Cesi**, took part into the debate.

According to data from the International Renewable Energy Agency - **IRENA**, by 2040 renewable energy will satisfy 40% of global electricity demand. This, combined with greater electrification and energy efficiency measures, would make it possible to reduce over 90% of the CO2 emissions related to the energy sector. Among renewable sources, wind power, onshore and offshore, would generate over a third of the total electricity needs, becoming the main source of electricity generation. In Europe, instead, wind power will hold the record starting from 2030, becoming the first source of the electric mix in the region, with offshore installations and re-powering that will represent the major areas of growth.

**World Energy Council** presented the findings from the European survey "Report on Spatial Planning Principles and Technical Restrictions for Wind Park Developments" on policies, regulations and standards for wind development in 11 countries (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Spain and Sweden) which provides an up-to-date picture of the regulations relating to the territorial planning of wind farms, technical requirements / restrictions for the construction of wind generators and possible schemes for compensation and involvement of local communities.

WEC Italy's chairman, **Marco Margheri**, in the opening of the seminar said: "With this seminar, WEC Italy continues contributing to the development of the international debate on the energy transition. The Association has just launched the WEC Italy's Ambassadorship program which will identify, also on the issue of the energy mixes and renewable sources evolution, companies-Ambassadors with which

strengthening in-depth thematic paths such as the one of today. The richness and diversity of the Italian energy system gathered in WEC allows us to deepen in our debates all the aspects and opportunities of the energy supply chains”.

**Lucia Bormida** Chief Public Affairs and Communication Officer of ERG S.p.A. commented: “Data emerging from this seminar once again confirm the strategic role of wind energy to achieve the national and European decarbonization goals by 2030. Key elements are a faster authorization process and the renewal of the existing wind farms. In line with this perspective, ERG has included in its 2018-2022 Business Plan important investments in wind power, with new capacity in France, Germany and the UK together with repowering activities of its assets in Italy. We are in fact convinced that renewables are a no regret solution to tackle the path of energy transition. A fundamental path to fight against climate change”.

**Giovanni Sebastiani**, Chief Financial Officer of E2i Energie Speciali Srl stated: “E2i was one of the promoters of the Sustainable Wind Renewal Charter in Italy and the first operator to start 3 new repowered plants in 2019 in Abruzzo and Basilicata and to launch 3 further repowering projects that will be started by 2021. E2i also hopes that the authorization procedures for integral reconstruction projects can be simplified and speeded up in the future ”.

The seminar was also an opportunity for the leading associations of the Italian wind energy sector **Anev** and **Elettricità Futura** to reaffirm the importance, in view of the targets outlined in the proposals of "Integrated National Plan for Energy and Climate" presented by the UE countries, to enhance a natural, renewable and available source as wind energy. As reported in the "Charter for Sustainable Wind Power Renewal" proposed by the two Associations, in fact, by promoting repowering activities, it will be possible to give a further boost to the development of renewable energies, preserving and at the same time increasing the advantages for the territorial communities.

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