



## EU POLICIES AND ROTARY SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY IN SERVICE OF HEALTH

*A focus on the biomolecular laboratory-model of Calcinate (Bergamo)*

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 **LOMBARDY REGION DELEGATION TO THE EU**  
2, PLACE DU CHAMP DE MARS, BRUSSELS

# EVENT AGENDA

## 18:00 Opening and institutional greetings

Chair: Giuseppe Navarini | Past Governor, Rotary International District 2042

- Attilio Fontana | President, Lombardy Region
- Rainer Wieland | Vice-President European Parliament

## 18:15 Working session: introduction

Chair: Francesco Locati | Director General, ASST Bergamo Est

## 18:20 Rotary's engagement to answer major challenges for healthcare

- Michel C. Coomans | Rotary International, Prime Representative to the EU

## 18:30 EU Policies Overview: challenges and responses

- Agnes Mathieu-Mendes | Head of Unit, European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)
- Jean-Baptiste Perrin | Policy Officer, European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority HERA

## 19:00 The laboratory-model of Calcinate (Bergamo)

*Video presentation with interventions by:*

- Alberto Cammarota | Strategy consultant, Covmatic Task Force Project Leader
- Annapaola Callegaro | Medical Director of Laboratory Medicine Unit at ASST Bergamo Est
- Rea Valaperta | Biologist, ASST Bergamo Est
- Alice Melocchi | Researcher, Università degli Studi di Milano and CSO, Multiply Labs

*The future of diagnostics: human-robot collaboration challenges for healthcare*

- Josef Nierling | CEO, Porsche Consulting Italy

## 19:30 Protecting public health in Europe: Rotary's contribution to EU Policies success

*From the candidature of the Calcinate Laboratory to the European Prize for Humanitarian Innovation (InnovAid) to a new Rotarian initiative to support EU policies for public health protection.*

- Alberto Barzanò | District International Service Committee Chair, Rotary International District 2042

## 19:40 Q&A

## 20:00 Networking reception

# THE SPEAKERS

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**GIUSEPPE NAVARINI** has been serving as District Governor of Rotary International District 2042 (North-Western Lombardy) from July 2019 to July 2020. At the time of the outbreak of the pandemic he promoted a Rotarian initiative aimed to support the most urgent needs of the Regional healthcare system in Lombardy during the pandemic. Currently CEO of Manival (a company active in the import-export sector of Japanese and Korean industrial equipment for the Italian market), he has been previously Marketing Director of an important Italian-Japanese company in the mechanical instrumentation sector and later Member of the Board of Directors and Senior Advisor for internationalization in the mechanical sector in a number of European companies (WECO GmbH in Germany, Dematech Polska Sp.z.o.o in Poland, Wamatec Hungary Kft in Hungary, Yuasa Machinery Limited in UK).

**RAINER WIELAND** studied law in Tübingen and Heidelberg. Since 1992 he has been a founding partner of a law firm in Stuttgart. He was active in local politics from 1984, first as a member of the Municipal Council of the City of Gerlingen and later of the District Council of Ludwigsburg, he is a member of the Regional Assembly of the Verband Region Stuttgart since 1994. Chairman of the non-partisan Europa-Union Baden-Württemberg from 2001 to 2013 and member of the ZDF Television Council as a representative of the Europa-Union from 2006 to 2016, since 2011 he has been President of the non-partisan Europa-Union Germany and member of the non-partisan Europa-Union Parliamentary Group in the European Parliament. From 2008 to 2011 he was also Vice President of the European Movement International. Since 1997, he has been serving as a CDU MEP, member of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats). Most recently, in May 2019, he was re-elected to the European Parliament in the first place on the CDU list for the State of Baden-Württemberg. Since 2009 he has been Vice-President of the European Parliament. He is also Representative of the President of Parliament for Africa and the ACP Group (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) and a full member of the Parliamentary Joint Assembly of the Agreement between the States of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean and the European Union (ACP-EU).

**ATTILIO FONTANA** graduated in law in 1975 at the State University of Milan. He is a criminal lawyer and owner of a law firm in Varese since 1980. During his professional career he was conciliator of Induno Olona and Honorary Deputy Magistrate in Gavirate. From 2009 to 2017 he was a member of the Board of Directors and Deputy Vice President of Fiera Milano (the Trade Fair of Milan). His political activity began with the Lega Nord Party. From 1995 to 1999 he was mayor of the municipality of Induno Olona; he then became Regional Councillor of Lombardy and President of the Regional Council from 2000 to 2005. Re-elected councillor in 2005, he was also confirmed as President of the Regional Council until 2006, when he ran for mayor of Varese. He was elected in the first round in 2006 and confirmed in 2011, in these years he also held the position of President of ANCI Lombardia (the Association of the Lombardian Municipalities) from 2009 to 2014. In 2018 he was elected, for the center-right coalition, President of the Lombardy Region with 49.75% of the votes and confirmed in the regional elections of 12 and 13 February 2023, with 54.65% of the votes.



**FRANCESCO LOCATI** holds a degree in medicine, as well as, among the others, a specialization diploma in clinical pharmacology, another in hygiene and preventive medicine and a third in health management. He has been serving in the Regional Healthcare System since 1991. After covering during the years various managerial positions and most recently those of Medical Director in the Hospital of Treviglio (Bergamo), Social Director in the ASL (Local Sanitary Agency) of Bergamo and Sanitary Director of the ASL of Varese, since 2016 in the capacity of Director General of ASST (Sociosanitary Territorial Agency) Bergamo Est. He is author of around 200 scientific publications and 100 congress presentations.

**MICHEL C. COOMANS**, with a scientific background (Mathematics and Physics - Free University of Brussels) supplemented by Management, he spent more than 10 years in the IT field with manufacturers in Europe and the United States, from systems designer to subsidiary manager. Within the European Commission, he occupied for 21 years several functions related to Research, Human Resources, Foreign Trade and Industrial Policies. In particular, he was responsible for the development of SME networks and the Agro-Food Industries sector. Since 2010, he has led various think-tanks on Europe and co-founded an initiative combining food, art and design (Food Art Design). Past-President of the Rotary Club of Brussels, he is currently the Representative of the President of Rotary International to the European Union in Brussels.

**AGNES MATHIEU-MENDES** joined the European Commission in 2006 to work on the Better Regulation agenda of the Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry. Later she became Deputy Head of the Unit dealing with the quality, safety and innovation of medicinal products in the Directorate General on Health and Food Safety in the European Commission. Her responsibilities included the implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive, the Clinical Trials Regulation, Good Manufacturing Practices, Good Distribution Practices and mutual recognition agreements on GMP with third countries. She has been working for many years in the pharmaceutical field notably with the authorisation process of medicinal products or the orphan medicinal products. At HaDEA she is currently Head of Unit A.2 (EU4Health/Single Market Programme – Food).

**JEAN-BAPTISTE PERRIN** joined the European Commission in 2020 to work as a Legislative Officer in the Directorate General for Health. He is currently working as a Legislative Officer in HERA. Previously PhD researcher in Anses (National Agency for Health Security) in France and winner of the Bellevue program, coordinated by the Bosch Foundation, he has been serving also in the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture in Germany and in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry in France.

**ALBERTO CAMMAROTA** holds a MBA from MIP Politecnico of Milan. He has been international exchange at Santa Clara University (USA). Consultant at BCG, Porsche Consulting and PwC Alumnus, he gained a strong experience in Digital Transformation and Innovation Strategy in international settings, proven ability in innovative product management and leadership roles in multicultural teams. Co-Promoter and Task Force Project Leader of Covmatic, the Open Innovation Project enabling exponential capacity in COVID PCR testing thanks to robotics (Forbes mention and MIP Politecnico di Milano “Best Alumni Impact Award” Winner 2022).



# THE SPEAKERS

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**ANNAPAOLA CALLEGARO** is the Medical Director of Laboratory Medicine Unit at ASST Bergamo Est. She specialized in Biotechnological application at the State University of Milan. Her activity is focusing on diagnosis and research in the field of infectious diseases, consultancy for clinical virology, evaluation of new diagnostics and innovative techniques (RT PCR, DNA sequencing, Next generation Sequencing-NGS). Author and coauthor of 86 publications in peer reviewed journals, she is also a tutor with class of Diagnostics Microbiology and teaching assistant in the course of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, at the State University of Milan.

**REA VALAPERTA** is a Biologist, Responsible of the Molecular Laboratory at the Hospital of Calcinato (ASST Bergamo Est). She holds a specialization diploma in Clinical Chemistry at the State University of Milan. Her activity is currently focusing on diagnosis and research in the field of genetics and infectious diseases. academic roles. The company was selected in the 2016 summer batch of Y Combinator and targets the fabrication of personalized medicines thanks to the implementation of robotics in pharmaceuticals. After a successful seed round, Multiply Labs has recently closed its Series A, also creating a consortium with Cytiva, Thermo-Fisher and UCSF focused on automation of cell-therapy manufacturing. Combining academia with an entrepreneurial career, in December 2018, Alice was also nominated among the Inspiring 50 Italy, the most inspiring Italian women in technology.

**JOSEF NIERLING**, CEO of the Italian office of Porsche Consulting since 2014, is focused on strategies for competitiveness: innovation, sustainability, global value chains and growing markets, such as China. His vision is frequently quoted in the main national newspapers and scientific magazines on global trends impacting the Italian economy and on strategic transformation of Italian companies. With an Italian-German origin, he holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a PhD in Management Engineering. He began his career in 1997 at the Fraunhofer Institute in Berlin and, before arriving at Porsche Consulting in 2006, he was for several years CFO assistant at Robert Bosch. At Bosch he supported the start-up of the Common Rail product and afterwards he served as Financial Controller for two main Business Units in Italy.

**ALBERTO BARZANÒ** is full Researcher and Member of the Department of History of the Catholic University in Milan. He has been formerly President of I.Re.F. (Regional Lombardian Institute for the Training of Civil Servants) in Milan from 1993 to 2003 and of CEFASS (Centre Européen de Formation dans les Affaires Sociales et de Santé Publique) in Milan, from 2003 to 2008. He also served as Board Member of EIPA (European Institute of Public Administration) in Maastricht, representing Italy, from 2003 to 2008. Former Member of the Scientific Committee of ISAP (Institute for the Science of Public Administration) in Milan and Senior Advisor in Strategic Communication and EU Affairs in Brussels, he is Past President of the Rotary Club Bergamo Ovest and has been serving as District International Service Committee Chair in Rotary International District 2042 (Lombardy) since 2019. He is currently a Member of the German-Italian Centre for the European Dialogue of Villa Vigoni (Menaggio). In 2016 he has been awarded the "Renato Stilliti" Award as a meritorious citizen by the President of the Province of Bergamo Matteo Rossi and the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany by Federal President Joachim Gauck.

