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## Aide-Memoire

On 21 October 2019 Confindustria organized a workshop in Rome on the new EU Innovation Fund, with the participation of DG Climate Action - European Commission, the Ministries of Environment, Economic Development and Research & Innovation and more than 40 participants from both Confindustria member associations and companies.

- **Introductory remarks by Nicoletta Amodio, Head of Research & Innovation, Confindustria**

Nicoletta Amodio, Confindustria Head of Research & Innovation, dealt with the introductory remarks, presenting the scope of the workshop, the work carried on by Confindustria on the main EU research & innovation instruments and introduced the institutional guests.

- **Presentation by Christian Holzleitner, Head of Unit Land Use and Finance for Innovation, DG Climate Action, European Commission**

Christian Holzleitner from DG Clima explained the ratio behind the new EU Innovation Fund, which will replace the old NER300, and its functioning.

- **First reactions from national institutions**

Mauro Maurici, from the Ministry of Environment, the Land and the Sea explained the position of Italy vis-à-vis the negotiation taking place in Brussels with regards to the governance of the Fund. Riccardo Basosi, Italian Permanent Representative in Energy Committee of HORIZON 2020 and Ministry of Research & Innovation Delegate for the SET (Strategic Energy Technology) Plan and Mission Innovation Program Inter-Ministry Task-Force, explained the interactions with the other R&I tools, especially in the field of energy.

Marcello Capra, from the Ministry of Economic Development, highlighted the main competitiveness issues.

- **Q&A with participants**

Participants had the chance to ask the Commission for more details regarding the application procedures, the timelines and providing concrete examples of projects to be financed.

- **Concluding remarks by Massimo Beccarello, Deputy Director Industrial Affairs, Confindustria**

Massimo Beccarello, Confindustria Deputy Director Industrial Affairs, concluded the session by thanking all the panellists and granting a fruitful engagement of Confindustria on the EU Innovation Fund.