Keynote speech
12.45 **FROM INNOVATION TO DEPLOYMENT: BUILDING THE ECOSYSTEM FOR ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY**

Stefania Vigna, Head of Innovation Intelligence, Intesa Sanpaolo Innovation Center

13.00 **Lunch break**

SESSION 6 | LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

14.00 **Live demonstrations & presentations: Innovative aerial services in Bari smart city**

Moderator:
Uri Bornstein, Senior consultant, DTA
Operators:
- **Drone Detection Using Optical and Acoustic Systems,** Quaesta AI
- **U-Space Services Enabling Innovative Aerial Services,** D-Flight
- **Port Infrastructure Monitoring,** TechnoSky
- **TOMCAT – Digital Ecosystem for General Aviation,** TopView
- **Port of Bari Digital Twin and Change Detection for Construction Site Monitoring,** Exprivia
- **UAS Sound Impacts and Last-Mile Delivery Optimization Algorithms in Smart Cities,** University of Salento

SESSION 7 | SUPPORTING THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

Panel
15.45 **Test, Validate, Grow: Supporting Aerospace Innovation Through EDIH and Beyond**

Moderator:
Mario Erario, Project Manager, DTA
Panelists:
Alberto Mennella, Innovation Manager, TopView
Antonio Altana, Project Manager, STAM
Maurizio Sodano, CTO, Engage
Luigi Brucculeri, Head Research and Business Development, D-Flight

Panel
16.30 **Deploying Innovative Aerial Services in Puglia**

Moderator:
Genta Rexha, Professor, Polytechnic University of Tirana
Panelists:
Vincenzo D'Avino, IAS Development, DTA
Antonio Cardillo, Disaster Manager, Civil protection - Molise Region
Emanuela Guerriero, Professor, University of Salento
Mario Marinelli, Professor, Polytechnic University of Bari
Gianluca Palumbo, Head of AR/VR Team DFDA, Exprivia

17.30 **Concluding remarks**

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DAY 1

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR IAS DEPLOYMENT

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09.00 Registration & networking

09.30 Welcome and greetings

Presenter:
Michele De Feudis, La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno
Speakers: Giuseppe Acierno, President, DTA
Eugenio Di Sciascio, Apulia Regional Ministry for Economic Development and Employment
Representative of the Mayor of Bari

SESSION 1 | INNOVATIVE AERIAL SERVICES: INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIES AND PLANS

Keynote speech **10.00** EUROPEAN DRONE STRATEGY
Matteo Ricci, Vice-Chair Committee on Transport and Tourism, Member of the European Parliament

Keynote speech **10.10** REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE AND PLANS FOR THE DRONE SECTOR GROWTH
Eugenio Di Sciascio, Apulia Regional Ministry for Economic Development and Employment

Keynote speech **10.20** NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY
Marco Silanos, Director of Regulation and Research for Innovative Mobility, ENAC

Panel **10.30** European, USA and Japan AAM plans: are they moving together?
Moderator:
Andrew Hately, U-Space ConOps development, EUROCONTROL
Panelists: Stefan Ronig, Section Manager UAS, EASA
Noriyuki Hirayama, Project manager REAMO, NEDO
Paul Strande, Deputy Executive Director, Advanced Aviation Technologies, FAA
Adriano Acanfora, Technology and Strategy Program Officer, SESAR JU
Alberto Iovino, Head of Innovative Air Mobility Management, ENAV
Marco Silanos, Director of Regulation and Research for Innovative Mobility, ENAC

Keynote speech **11.40** POLICIES FOR AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH
Paolo Casalino, Director General for Industrial Policy, Industrial Conversion and Crisis Management, Innovation, SMEs and Made in Italy, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy

Keynote speech **11.50** LEONARDO STRATEGIES FOR THE DRONE SECTOR
Fabio Pauluzzo, SVP Uncrewed Aerial Systems Line of Business, Leonardo Aeronautics

Panel **12.00** Strategies and Policies for Valuable and Sustainable IAS Deployment
Moderator: Anita Schneider, Secretary General, Alliance for New Mobility Europe (AME)
Panelists: Enrico Spinelli, Business Applications Engineer, ESA
Mauro Cardone, Head of the Navigation Sector, ASI
Gabriele Capomasi, Partner, PwC Strategy& Italy
Michele Ruta, Vice-Rector, Polytechnique University of Bari
Jorge Mota Madrid, U-Space Expert, ENAIRE

13.00 Lunch break

SESSION 2 | LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

14.00 Live demonstrations & presentations: Innovative aerial services in Bari smart city

Moderator:
Uri Bornstein, Senior consultant, DTA
Operators:
- **Precision Delivery Using UAS in the Port,** Raflatech
- **Rapid UAS Surveys in Emergency Situations,** Impianti
- **UAS-Based Aerial Work for Solar Panel Installation,** DL Droni and GND Costruzioni Elettriche
- **Healthcare Delivery in Gallipoli,** DTA, ASL Lecce, Sanità Service and Unmanned4You
- **DI-PEGASUS: Driving Innovative Solutions for the Future of Air Mobility,** EuroUSC and RINA

SESSION 3 | INNOVATIVE AERIAL SERVICES: DEPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

Keynote speech **16.00** DESIGNING AND SETTING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
Yuriria Morales-Mangone, Global Partnerships Representative, Economic Development New Mexico

Panel **16.10** IAS deployment initiatives
Moderator: Paola Olivares, Director of Drones and AAM Observatory – Polytechnique University of Milan
Panelists: Takanari Arai, Manager, Aviation & Airport Systems Division, NEC Corporation
Fernando Moreu, Professor, Director of Smart Management of Infrastructure Laboratory, University of New Mexico
Michael Witting Schipper, Project Manager, Hamburg Aviation
Wassim Derguech, Chief Operating Officer, Future Mobility Ireland
Alessia Servillo, Innovation and Development Manager, Autostrade dello Stato
Jose Javier Rodriguez Hernandez, Subdirector Head of Drone Operations Study Group, Madrid City Council

Keynote speech **17.20** IAM EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND THE AIRMOB APPROACH TO SOLVE IT
Aurora De Bortoli Vizioli, Project Manager AIRMOB, DeepBlue

17.30 Closing remarks and goodbye

DAY 2

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

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09.00 Resume and Opening of the Day

SESSION 4 | INTERNATIONAL STRENGTH

Keynote speech **09.30** HOW EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES ARE RESHAPING CONFLICT AND NATIONAL SECURITY
Gen. S.A. Pasquale Preziosa, President of the Eurispes Observatory on Security

Keynote speech **09.40** ACADEMIC STRATEGY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
Michael Jackson, President New Mexico Tech

Keynote speech **09.50** INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH RESEARCH IN THE AEROSPACE SECTOR
Giuseppe Grassi, Vice Rector for Strategic Planning and Administrative Innovation, University of Salento

SESSION 5 | TESTING, CERTIFICATION AND TEST CENTERS

Keynote speech **10.00** REGULATION AND UAS TESTING
Stefan Ronig, UAS Section Manager, EASA

Keynote speech **10.15** AVIOAERO STRATEGIES FOR THE DRONE SECTOR
Giulio Zamboni, Marketing, Strategy and Business Development Leader, AVIO AERO

Keynote speech **10.25** CIRA RESEARCH STRATEGY FOR ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY AND DRONES
Marcello Amato, Director Aeronautic Division and Transversal research and Chair of Future Sky, CIRA

Panel **10.35** SAIL III and IV Operations Market-Driven Solutions
Moderator: Roberto Barone, Business Development Manager, EUROUSC
Panelists: Praveen Raju, Global Policy Leader, WING
Junichi Sugihara, Senior Manager, PwC Consulting LLC,
Robert Weist, Research & Development Manager, Morpheus Logistik
Simone Lo Russo, CEO, Impianti

Keynote speech **11.35** GROTTAGLIE AIRPORT TEST BED RESEARCH AND FLIGHT TEST INFRASTRUCTURE
Antonio Zilli, Program Manager, DTA

Panel **11.30** Test Centers as Knowledge, Experience and Technology Hubs
Moderator: Alessandro Cardi, Senior consultant, DTA
Panelists: Antonio Zilli, Program Manager, DTA
Bartosz Dziugieł, Lead Research Specialist, Lukasiewicz Research Network - Institute of Aviation
Pierfrancesco Dellino, Rector's Delegate for Research Infrastructures, University of Bari
Giovanni Barraco, Head of the Advanced and Innovative Air Mobility Office, ENAC
Henk Hesselink, Project Manager, Netherlands Aerospace Centre