

Resilient Territories: Governing Water, Designing Adaptation

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KEY INFORMATION

Date	2 October 2026
Time	09:30 – 11:00
Room	Sala Itaca
Format	Workshop
Language(s)	Italian

SUMMARY

The workshop will explore how territories can adapt to the impacts of climate change on water resources and the wider territory, focusing on the path from adaptation planning to concrete interventions on the ground. It will bring together the different dimensions of this process: knowledge and monitoring, investment planning, water resource management and territorial protection, and infrastructure design and delivery. The discussion will focus on the conditions needed to strengthen coordination across these areas and bridge the gap between adaptation strategies and their concrete implementation.

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
09:35	Sergio Iasi, President	Officine Maccaferri	Speaker
09:40	Laura D'Aprile, Head of the Department for Sustainable Development	Ministry of Environment and Energy Security	Speaker
09:50	Fabio Russo, Professor of Hydraulic, Maritime and Hydrological Engineering	Sapienza University of Rome	Panelist
09:50	Marco Casini, Secretary General	Central Apennines River Basin District Authority	Panelist
09:50	Gaia Checcucci, Secretary General	Northern Apennines River Basin District Authority	Panelist
09:50	Massimo Gargano, Director General	Anbi - National Association of Land and Water Management and Irrigation Consortia	Panelist

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09:50	Mario Martinelli, Director of Geotechnical Department	SPERI	Panelist
09:50	Paolo Bianchini, CEO Italy	Officine Maccaferri	Panelist
09:50	Andrea Granelli, CEO	Kanso	Moderator

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Climate change is reshaping the relationship between water and territories, making it increasingly important to translate knowledge, strategies and planning tools into intervention priorities and concrete action. In this context, a key challenge is to strengthen coordination across the different stages of territorial adaptation: knowledge and monitoring, planning and investment programming, water resource management and territorial protection, and infrastructure design and delivery.

Drawing on its long-standing experience in civil and environmental engineering and territorial protection, Maccaferri aims to promote dialogue across these different areas and to contribute with its perspective as an international engineering solutions provider.

OBJECTIVES

- 1- Explore the path from planning to the concrete implementation of interventions for water management and territorial protection in response to the impacts of climate change.
- 2- Bring together the perspectives of the different actors involved across the various stages of this process, from knowledge and planning to water management, infrastructure design and delivery.
- 3- Identify the conditions needed to strengthen coordination across these different dimensions and bridge the gap between adaptation strategies and their concrete implementation.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Policymakers and public institutions; organisations involved in water resource and territorial management; academia and research institutions; technical experts and professionals; engineering and design firms and infrastructure sector operators.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The workshop is expected to stimulate a high-level debate among the different actors involved in water management and territorial adaptation, bringing together perspectives from academia and research, public institutions, planning and management bodies, and the engineering and infrastructure sectors. The discussion is expected to help identify key challenges, priorities and enabling conditions for translating adaptation strategies into concrete interventions on the ground.