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## Speakers:

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| ❖ José G. F. de Barahona NUNCIO | <i>President Irrigants d'Europe</i>      |
| ❖ Francesco VINCENZI            | <i>Vice-President Irrigants d'Europe</i> |
| ❖ Andrés DEL CAMPO              | <i>Vice-President Irrigants d'Europe</i> |
| ❖ Eric FRETILLERE               | <i>Vice-President Irrigants d'Europe</i> |

*They will also be present for Italy with their own contribution*

Giuseppe **BLASI**, Head of Department European and international policies and rural development – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policy

*and Members of the European Parliament :*

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## Objectives and Aims:



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- **Bringing** the irrigated agricultural sector together at European level, restoring the legitimacy of the proper use of water resources in modern agriculture, enabling them to face the contradictions and challenges of globalisation;
- **Give a single voice** to irrigated agriculture before the European institutions;
- **Participate** in the governance of processes at all levels, starting at European level;
- **Collaborate** with the agricultural professional associations of the countries involved to share sector choices in advance and with Universities on research and innovation processes in irrigation and water resources management;
- **Carrying out** activities to promote and represent irrigation agriculture and water management in the agricultural sector at European and international level, representing its members before the European Union and its institutions and encouraging them to participate actively in the implementation of EU water policies;
- **Promote and initiate** cooperation in irrigation, water use and management in the agricultural sector between European bodies responsible for water management in agriculture;
- **Collect and provide** relevant information, views, guidelines, working and positioning documents, opinions, to its associates and to the European institutions;
- **Promote** activities that highlight the benefits and positive externalities of irrigation for the environment and society as a whole;
- **Encourage** and enable communication at all levels on the importance of irrigation farming;