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# 1<sup>st</sup> Conference of the project “101257132 — 2025-IT-GINGER” Governance and INnovation for Generating Education and Regularity in EU agricultural funds

## « OPENING CONFERENCE: INTRODUCTION TO GINGER - HARNESSING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO PROTECT EU FUNDS»

**Rome, 26 May 2026**

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### 09.00 REGISTRATION AND OPENING OF THE MEETING

**Moderator** **Eleonora COVA**, GINGER Staff member, Expert in European Project Planning

### 09:30 Opening addresses

**Tommaso FOTI**, Minister for European Affairs, the NRRP and Cohesion Policy

**Andrea ROCCHI**, President of Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA)

**Bruno BOTTA**, Rector of UnitelmaSapienza University of Rome

**Fabrizio D'ASCENZO**, President of National Institute for Insurance against Accidents at Work (INAIL)

### SESSION 1: GINGER PROJECT AND NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

#### 10:00 GINGER: objectives, structure and strategic value for EU agricultural fund integrity

**Francesca IANDOLO**, Professor in Management (Sapienza University of Rome)

**Maria Virginia SIROLI**, GINGER Staff member, Expert in European Project Planning

#### 10:30 Managing and controlling EU agricultural funds: operational challenges and the shift towards digital tools

**Silvia DI GIAMBERARDINO**, Silvia Di Giamberardino, Head of the Antifraud and Risk Compliance Unit (AGEA)

#### 11:00 The role of the Italian AFCOS and the progress of the National Anti-Fraud Strategy (NAFS)

**Cruciano CRUCIANI**, Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat of the Italian Anti-fraud coordination service (AFCOS)



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**11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**SESSION 2: EU FRAMEWORK AND INVESTIGATIVE TRENDS**

**12:00 Fraud patterns and investigative trends in EU agricultural funds: evidence from the field  
EU-level expert in CAP anti-fraud policy- OLAF (tbc)**

**12:30 The EU policy response to agricultural fraud: priorities, instruments and the role of digital  
innovation  
EU-level expert in CAP anti-fraud policy - DG AGRI (tbc)**

**13:00 Q&A AND CONCLUDING REMARKS**

