



The Vigoni Lecture 2016 with President Laura Boldrini

Berlin, July 7th 2016 – Two-speed Europe must not be taboo anymore. Who does not want to make a qualitative leap towards deeper integration that can secure a future of peace and prosperity for us must not be ballast for those who want to continue along this path – this statement was maintained by Laura Boldrini, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy, who gave the fourth *Vigoni Lecture* to a qualified audience at Allianz Forum. The President took stock of the Union’s situation after Brexit and had a look at the immediate future. Her contribution was entitled: “More European integration: the way to go”.

The *Vigoni Lectures* take place alternately in Germany and Italy in a highly representative environment and consist of a speech given by an important political leader followed by a discussion about political and economic subjects regarding the European Union in general as well as the German-Italian relations in particular. Before Boldrini, Günther Oettinger, at that time European Commissioner for Energy, was *Vigoni Lecturer* in 2011, when the event was organized in collaboration with the Institute for European Politics (IEP) and held in the *Atrium* of *Deutsche Bank* in Berlin. Two years later the lecture took place at Palazzo Clerici in Milan, co-organized by the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), and was given by the manager Giuseppe Vita, who was introduced by the ambassador Sergio Romano. In 2014, it was in Berlin again, when Germany’s Federal Minister of Finance, Wolfgang Schäuble, spoke already at Allianz Forum.





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Press conference with Laura Boldrini