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FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA



VIETNAM

ROUND TABLE WITH BINH DUONG SMART CITY & BECAMEX

Trieste, June 27th 2016

AGENDA

in cooperation with Unioncamere Emilia-Romagna - Desk Emilia-Romagna in Binh Duong

In partnership with UNIDO ITPO Italy



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Background

The Round-Table "Vietnam Binh Duong & Becamex" is organized under the Joint-Declaration signed between Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Region and UNIDO ITPO Rome (May 2015) aimed to support cooperation programs and technical assistance to the developing Countries. The initiative, organized in cooperation with Unioncamere Emilia-Romagna Desk in Binh Duong, intends to promote the cooperation between FVG and the Region of Binh Duong with the goal to establish economic partnerships with the private sector.

Focus Vietnam

Vietnam has made rapid economic progress since launching its first major economic reforms in 1986. It continues to develop from a low-cost labour economy to a higher value, high-quality enterprise marketplace. Vietnam is forecast to be one of the top 10 fastest growing economies in the next few decades. Vietnam is one of the most vibrant economies in Asia with a large market for capital goods and a growing domestic market for consumer goods. In term of economic growth Vietnam's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is USD 170.6 billion. Per capita purchasing power is around USD 3,600. GDP increased 5.98% in 2014. An average of 6% growth a year is forecast from 2015 to 2017. **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)** Vietnam is a member of the [World Trade Organization](#) and ASEAN. The Economic Community (AEC) was officially launched on 31 December 2015. Overall, the AEC will benefit EU companies operating in the region. The AEC agenda helps promote reform and raise economic growth in the region. Improved trade facilitation, regulatory reform and financial development will benefit all domestic and foreign firms. Italian firms producing and shipping within the region can benefit from intra-tariff reduction. There are also a bilateral FTAs with Japan, South Korea, Chile, and the [Eurasian Economic](#)

The province of BINH DUONG

Located in the Southeast Region of Vietnam, Binh Duong is an important investment destination **in the Southern Key Economic Zone**. In recent years, the province has experienced significant growth in its manufacturing sector. Due to the large number of major roads that run through the province, Binh Duong serves as an important transition point located between **Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC)** and other regions, such as the Truong Son mountain chain and provinces in the Mekong Delta. Binh Duong's economy continues to see strong economic growth, the province's GDP increased by 13 percent in 2014, and the region attracted US\$1.53 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI)– **the third highest level of FDI in the Country**. The newly developed infrastructure, the integrated approach and development of housing, services and industry, as well as the (high) tech profile and corresponding partners, provide all the necessary ingredients for successful Smart City development. Smart City development is not about pushing technology, but putting technology to work for the benefit of people. Ultimately, it is all about clustering smart people.

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Programme

Sunday 26th June 2016 - Trieste

17:00 **Arrival of the Vietnamese Delegation**

Venue: *Savoia Hotel Trieste*

Monday 27th June 2016 -

Moderator: Ms. Elisabetta Vignando Advisor UNIDO

10.00 – 11.30 **Welcome remarks and institutional representatives keynote speakers**

Ms. Debora Serracchiani, President of Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region

Ms. Diana Battaglia, Head, UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office Italy

H.E Excellency Cao Chinh Thien, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in Italy

Mr. Mai Hung Dung, Vice Chairman of People's Committee of Binh Duong Province

Mr. Tran Van Lieu – Chairman of Binh Duong Industrial Zones Authority

Ms. Maily Anna Maria Nguyen, Responsabile Desk ER Binh Duong - Vietnam Unioncamere Emilia-Romagna

Concluding Remarks and the way forward

Mr. Carlo Fortuna Director of the Department of International Relations of Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region

11:45 **Transfer to Port Authority of Trieste**

12.00 **Welcome buffet**

12.25- 13:30 **Welcome remarks and technical meeting with Mr. Zeno D'Agostino, Managing Director of Port Authority of Trieste**

Visit to the Port Authority

Venue: Port of Trieste

13:30 **Transfer to Savoia Hotel**

14.30 **Departure of delegates from Savoia Hotel**
