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**Agrilevante inaugurated: agricultural technology on stage in Bari**

***The agricultural machinery and equipment exhibition gets off to a great start. Good attendance and a packed calendar of meetings on key topics for agriculture in Southern Italy and the new frontiers of the circular economy and bioenergy.***

A large audience, made up of economic operators, farmers, agro-mechanical technicians and also students from agricultural and technical-professional institutes, enlivened the first day of Agrilevante, the international exhibition of machinery and technologies for Mediterranean agriculture. Inaugurated this morning in the presence of the Undersecretary of the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry Patrizio Giacomo La Pietra, ICE President Matteo Zoppas, Nuova Fiera del Levante President Gaetano Frulli, Puglia Region Agriculture Councillor Donato Pentassuglia, Bari City Council Economic Development Councillor Carla Palone, and FederUnacoma President and General Manager Mariateresa Maschio and Simona Rapastella, the show features thousands of models of machinery and equipment for all types of agricultural production. It also includes a large section dedicated to animal husbandry, where more than 400 horses, cattle, sheep and farmyard animals of the best breeds are on show. The opening of the event also marked the start of the activities of the official foreign delegations, representing 27 countries, organised by the ICE Agency in cooperation with FederUnacoma and hosted for business-to-business meetings in a special pavilion of the exhibition centre.

Many technical and economic meetings took place during the opening day of the event, such as those on sustainable agriculture/Horizon Seeds Ecosnodo project, promoted by the University of Bari; one on the traceability of cereal production, promoted by the University of Basilicata; and one on agri-food and forestry biosystems organised by the Universities of Foggia and Bologna. Bioenergy and the bioeconomy were the focus of two in-depth discussions organised by Itabia and RuralBioUp respectively, while the Italian-Eastern Chamber of Commerce organised a meeting on the protection of trademarks and patents. Conferences on animal husbandry 4.0, organised by Ruralset, Mansueto SRL and FederUnacoma; on cross-compliance in the CAP 23/27, promoted by NewBusinessMedia; and on the NRRP Tender and Innovation Fund, by FederAcma, characterised the afternoon.

Space will also be given to the wine and oil sectors, with the presentation of the EnoliExpo exhibition, scheduled to take place at the Bari exhibition centre from 7 to 9 March 2024. "Agronomy will be just one of the components of EnoliExpo, the only trade fair in Italy which - explain the organisers of the event - presents the entire vineyard/wine and olives/olive oil production chain, from cultivation in the field to processing in the cellar and in the oil mill, through to marketing.

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