

# Federmeccanica: Recovery of Taranto Steelworks (ex-Ilva) as a Global Model for Industrial Sovereignty and Green Steel

*Simone Bettini, President of Federmeccanica, advocates for a "Proactive Nationalization" strategy to secure Europe's mechanical supply chain*

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(formerly Ilva) has transcended local concerns regarding environmental remediation and employment. According to Simone Bettini, President of Federmeccanica, the recovery of the Apulian steel hub has the potential to become a definitive international benchmark for raw material management and cutting-edge industrial policy.

In an increasingly fragmented geopolitical landscape, where access to steel and critical raw materials determines a nation's competitive edge, Federmeccanica's position is clear: state intervention and site restructuring must not be

viewed as a nostalgic return to the past, but as a visionary, proactive strategy.

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A New Paradigm: Innovation and Supply Security For Bettini, the "Taranto Model" paves the way for a new form of public participation driven by technological innovation. Key pillars of this strategy include:

Green Steel & Decarbonization: Positioning environmental sustainability as the primary driver of economic recovery.□

Supply Chain Resilience: Shielding the industry from the volatility of global markets and geopolitical tensions.□

Quality Control: Ensuring that the excellence of raw materials remains under a national system that guarantees manufacturing standards.□

Leading the European Debate on Industrial Sovereignty Federmeccanica's analysis places Italy at the center of the European debate on industrial sovereignty. Should the ex-Ilva recovery succeed under these parameters, Italy would offer a global masterclass in transforming a historic crisis into a cornerstone of national and regional stability. "We are not just talking about factories," Bettini concluded. "We are talking about how a country decides to govern its industrial future."

About Federmeccanica Federmeccanica is the Italian Federation of Metalworking Industries. It represents the interests of the Italian mechanical and engineering sector, a cornerstone of the national economy, advocating for innovation, competitiveness, and sustainable industrial growth at both national and international levels.

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