



# "The Information Economy: Productivity Gains and the Digital Divide"

Catania, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2002  
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## PROGRAMME

- 9:30-10:00 Opening addresses:  
**Pasquale Pistorio** (President and CEO of the STMicroelectronics)  
**Lucio Stanca** (Italian Ministry of Innovation and Technologies)  
**Carlo De Benedetti** (President of the Fondazione RODOLFO DEBENEDETTI)
- 10:00-11:00 *The Spread of ICT and Productivity Growth: Is Europe Really Lagging Behind in the New Economy?*  
**Eric Bartelsman** (Free University, Amsterdam), **Andrea Bassanini** (OECD, Paris),  
**John Haltiwanger** (University of Maryland), **Ronald S. Jarmin** (U.S. Bureau of the Census),  
**Stefano Scarpetta** (OECD, Paris) and **Thorsten Schank** (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt und Berufsforschung, Nürnberg)
- Chairman: **Tito Boeri** (Fondazione RDB and Bocconi University, Milan)
- 11:00-11:45 Discussants:  
**Paul Geroski** (London Business School) and **Alan B. Krueger** (Princeton University)
- 11:45-12:45 General discussion
- 12:45-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-15:00 *The Three Digital Divides*  
**Bruno Amable** (CEPREMAP, Paris), **Philippe Askenazy** (CNRS and CEPREMAP, Paris),  
**Daniel Cohen** (Delta, Paris), **Andrea Goldstein** (OECD, Paris) and **David O'Connor** (OECD Paris)
- Chairman: **Pietro Garibaldi** (Fondazione RDB and Bocconi University, Milan)
- 15:00-15:45 Discussants: **John Martin** (OECD, Paris) and **Jan Svejnar** (William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan)
- 15:45-16:45 General discussion
- 16:45-17:00 Coffee break
- 17:00-17:45 *What did we learn?*  
**Gøsta Esping-Andersen** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)  
**Robert J. Gordon** (Northwestern University)  
**Renato Soru** (Tiscali S.p.A.)
- Chairman: **Richard Layard** (London School of Economics)

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