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## **NO LESS THAN THREE MINISTERS FROM THE NEW PRODI GOVERNMENT WILL BE PRESENT AT THE FESTIVAL OF ECONOMICS**

**They will be participating in the programme for 2 June**

**(f.s.) - Linda Lanzillotta, Paolo De Castro and Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa, three ministers who a short time ago were sworn in before the President of the Republic for the new Prodi government, will be at the Trento Festival of Economics on 2 June, the day set aside to celebrate the Republic. The three new ministers had already been contacted by the organisers of the Festival of Economics in the last few months and have confirmed their presence in Trento for the international fair. Thus the Economics Minister, Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Paolo De Castro and Minister responsible for Regional Affairs, Linda Lanzillotta, will all be in Trento on the same day and will participate as speakers at three different events.**

The Economics Minister, Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa, once Chairman of CONSOB, Deputy Director of the Bank of Italy and once part of top management of the European Bank, will be the speaker at the "Witnesses of Time" event, programmed for 2 June. The meeting, entitled "Economics and Politics in Europe: the experience of a professional economist" is included within the programme of the Festival of Economics at 20.30 and chaired by Ferruccio De Bortoli, Chairman of the Sole 24-ore. In the afternoon of 2 June, at 4 p.m. the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Paolo De Castro, university lecturer in Bologna, Sassari and Washington, once at the head of Nomisma in Bologna, will discuss the subject "Should we subsidise agriculture?" in the "Dialogues" appointment. At noon, again on the day of the Republic, the Minister Linda Lanzillotta, responsible for Regional Affairs, will be a speaker at the "Forum", co-ordinated by Federico Rampini, on the subject "Innovation as a social product".

At the first Festival, precisely on the day set aside to celebrate the Republic, three ministers will thus be able to discuss and exchange opinions with the public on issues of



great interest; it will be an opportunity to examine more closely how our country will face the future, together with a number of famous international experts.

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