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Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in Rome

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Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock made her first official visit to Italy on 10 January. While in Rome, she among other things participated in a webinar discussion on ““A green revival for a political Europe. A conversation with Annalena Baerbock” by the Istituto Affari Internazionali.

Europe is the fulcrum of German foreign policy – this is the theme under which Foreign Minister Baerbock has placed her series

of first official visits across Europe. Italy’s Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio invited Foreign Minister Baerbock to visit Rome when they met during the meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers in Liverpool. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Luigi Di Maio, met the German counterpart Annalena Baerbock at Villa Madama in Rome. The meeting focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between Italy and Germany and on the main issues of the European Union and the international agenda.

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Foreign Minister Baerbock wishes to even better harness the great potential of German-Italian relations, not only at the level of politics, but in all areas where people are committed to German-Italian affairs and thereby to Europe.

In the long run, it is not merely relations between Rome and Berlin that count.

“It is just as important for people in our countries to feel that Europe benefits them personally, in terms of peace, economic opportunities, freedom and security – including for future generations. As the new German Government we have set out ambitious goals for a more sovereign, more ecological and more just Europe. Not least Italy will play a key role in ensuring that these goals can be reached one day. From the climate-neutral transformation of our economy to solidarity in the pandemic and the creation of a European asylum system which guarantees humanity and order at our external borders – in Rome we have like-minded allies who are shouldering responsibility in Europe alongside us” – declared Foreign Minister Baerbock in an interview.

The joint efforts in the EU, NATO and the OSCE to de-escalate the crisis at the Ukrainian border has been

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a key issue during the talks with Luigi di Maio. The German Foreign Minister welcomed the opportunity to learn about Italians' experience with their very successful vaccine rollout and to hear from young people about how they see the chances of economic and ecological renewal after the recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock "This is the right moment for an Action program between the two countries".

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