

Assofermet: Riccardo Benso confirmed president

Cinzia Vezzosi called to the vice presidency for the next three years. Three of the four unions have also been renewed

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Riccardo Benso (Albasider) has been confirmed at the helm of **Assofermet** for the next three years. Decided this was the general meeting of the association that took place today and chose **Cinzia Vezzosi** (Zetamet) as the new vice-president.

For Assofermet who recalls being “for more than 70 years is the national association of reference of enterprises in **the distribution and trade metalsteel** in Italy”. The next three years “will see among many commitments to continue to address the **ongoing epochal crisis**, adapting to changes and **further improving** future activity, to always meet the new needs of the associated companies”.

Riccardo Benso, immediately after confirmation, tells siderweb that “the first thing I commit to doing is to **give continuity to what has been done up to now**, beginning with the constant attempt to make **revise the protective measures** that Brussels does not want to maintain.”

In this regard, the president of Assofermet says that “we would like **a more dynamic approach**, in Europe and Italy, to a subject that **compared to three years ago**, when these measures were established, it recorded a **profound change in the conditions**, so much so that it should be simple common sense to **require to revise them**.”

Because today, Riccardo Benso insists, “**the crisis is not related to steel prices** , but to the difficulties, often insurmountable, related to **supply** and with which we have to compare also because of those measures”.

Great attention, promises the president of Assofermet, “we will reserve it to the “**laying on the ground**” of the **investments** envisaged by the government in its plans to support the economy and entrepreneurship”, without never neglect the issues of **environmental sustainability**, which certainly needs **support to the steel industry**, but without forgetting the **needs of the users** who must be put in the condition of being able to carry out their work with serenity.”

And in this regard, Riccardo Benso explains that “among our commitments there is also the **constant search for partners** with whom to collaborate correctly and among them I hope that it can there also **Federacciai**, to develop **shared strategies for the good of the whole sector**”.

Cinzia Vezzosi, for her part, speaks of “**an honour that was not discounted**, I think it is very important today for an association like Assofermet to have a position in the EU reflected in the membership and vice president. I think that the latest developments have been perceived the value of having **an important presence in Europe** also for its associated Italian companies. Europe will always have greater weight in our everyday life and in the activities that have to do with the **ecological transition**.”

Vezzosi, who, among other things, holds the position of **President of Euric** the European Federation of Recovery and Recycling, occupies a position that also allows Assofermet to be **close to the comparison tables on important issues** ranging from the **Recovery Fund** , to any duties on the **export of scrap** , on which the discussion is open.

“Over the last six years in Assofermet there has been a **great deal of work** that I believe has rewarded. I believe that we still need some steps to take in the dimension of **associative communication** and in enhancing the presence in interlocations with institutions. Elements that I believe can **bring even closer the base of companies to the top echelons of the association**”.

Also renewed the positions in the four sections that make up the association: **Paolo Sangoi** (Sangoi) is the new president of Assofermet **Acciai** , with **Davide Ferrari** (Siderferrari) confirmed to the vice presidency.

For Assofermet **Rottami**, president **Francesco Beltrami**(Loschi Mauro) was elected, while **Laila Matta**(Trans Commodities Italia) was confirmed to the vice presidency.

Sabrina Canese (Canese Dante) and **Michele Tacchini** (Malfatti & Tacchini) were confirmed in the roles of president and vice-president of **Assofermet Ferramenta** .

For Assofermet **Non-ferrous Metals**, on the other hand, the election was postponed until Thursday 20 May, after the holding of the

extraordinary assembly for the approval of the new association's statute.

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