

Side by side with Italy following pandemic

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Italy stands on the threshold of a new era of digital transformation, given the opportunities offered by 5G networks and Artificial Intelligence, Abraham Liu said today at an online debate organised by Start Magazine.

“Italy was hit early and hard - and is now leading Europe’s efforts out of the pandemic,” commented Mr Liu, Huawei’s Chief Representative to the European Institutions.

“More than ever, Huawei is committed to its presence in Italy and to Italy’s digital transformation. 5G and AI are key to shaping Italy’s economic viability. Huawei stands by Italy. We look forward to the continuation of our joint success story,” Abraham Liu added.

Bouncing back the Italian way

Participants in the online seminar, "[Bouncing Back the Italian Way: Digital and Economy in the 'New Normal'](#)", included representatives of the Italian Government, the European Parliament, Confindustria and the University Tor Vergata in Rome. They discussed how the world would emerge from the coronavirus pandemic and how national and European institutions - as well as digital technologies - could support the economic recovery.

As one of the first European countries hit hard by - and now emerging from - the Covid-19 crisis, Italy has been a major focus of attention. As the biggest beneficiary of the proposed EU Recovery Fund, it is also particularly well placed to benefit from an accelerated ICT transition.

Abraham Liu said: "Huawei is in favour of a strong and united Europe. That's why we welcome the initiative of the EUR 750 billion proposed EU Recovery Fund, which is of particular relevance to Italy. We have a 16-year consolidated presence in Italy, where we currently count 900 employees across several sites."

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