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Sustainability of debt management in the post-pandemic era: The Italian Treasury hosts the 2nd international conference of the Public Debt Management Network

The second edition of the *Public Debt Management Conference*, organised by the *Public Debt Management (PDM) Network* ended today in Rome. The first edition of the Conference took place in Paris, at the OECD headquarters in 2019. Hosted year by the Italian Treasury, the international conference was attended by around 250 participants from all continents.

Public debt managers, representatives of international institutions, experts from the academic and research domain as well as the authors of the 18 works selected as the outcome of a *call for papers* launched by the Public Debt Network last year, participated to the debate.

Speakers included the Director-General of the Italian Treasury, Alessandro Rivera, the Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD, Yoshiki Takeuchi, the Practice Manager of the World Bank, Anderson Silva, and the Director of the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Carmine Di Noia.

Key issues discussed included the management of public debt with a specific focus on its sustainability, also from an environmental perspective, its impact on economic growth, and its relations with the development of capital markets. Moreover, a number of country case studies on the liquidity of the secondary government bond market, the development of local currency bond markets and the effects of the adoption of unconventional measures to cope with the pandemic were presented at the event.

The Conference Proceedings will be edited and published in due course. In the meantime, a number of contributions will be available for consultation on the website of the Italian Department of the Treasury.

The Public Debt Management (PDM) Network is an initiative fostered by the OECD, the Italian Treasury and the World Bank, aimed at sharing knowledge and information on public debt management. It encourages and facilitates the diffusion of organised and permanent information on debt management related matters among all players who are actively concerned with public debt management, all over the world. The PDM Network therefore promotes international dialogue among public debt managers, as well as other institutions, scholars, practitioners and the general public. For more information: www.publicdebtnet.org/pdm/home.