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Associazione Italiana Prefetti

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ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PREFETTI (AIP)

The transformation of the Italian association of State representatives

The professional association that brings together Italian Prefects and the senior executives of the Civil Administration of the Interior has reformed its statute and changed its name: the “Associazione Nazionale dei Funzionari dell’Amministrazione civile dell’Interno” (ANFACI) becomes the “Associazione Italiana Prefetti” (AIP), the Italian Association of Prefects. This transformation makes the association more democratic, more open and more oriented towards Europe, in full continuity with its history and mission. Here are the main changes.

- **A name open to Europe.** In the new name, the adjective “national” gives way to “Italian”. This is a deliberate choice: “Italian Association of Prefects” is immediately understandable internationally and reflects the association’s European vocation — starting with its membership of AERTE, the European Association of State Territorial Representatives.
- **Broader representation.** The association expressly represents both Prefects (the prefectural corps) and the senior executives of the Civil Administration of the Interior: the officials who, in Italy, embody the State at territorial level.
- **More democratic governance.** A General Assembly of all members is established, which did not exist before. The bodies are now leaner: General Assembly, National Council, Secretary General, Board of Guarantors (probiviri) and Board of Auditors.
- **Direct and electronic elections.** The National Council and the Secretary General are elected directly by all members, by electronic vote. Meetings of the bodies and elections are normally held online.
- **Dialogue with trade unions.** The leaders of the profession’s trade unions join the National Council as ex-officio members, in order to coordinate initiatives of common interest, while fully preserving trade-union autonomy.
- **An organised territorial presence.** The association is structured into four large areas — central administration, North, Centre and South — each coordinated by an Operational Secretary.
- **Stronger communication.** The statute gives a central role to external communication: giving voice to the profession, promoting a correct public understanding of the prefectural function, and maintaining relations with institutions and the media.

With this reform, the Italian Association of Prefects reaffirms its commitment to European dialogue and to cooperation among State representatives, in the spirit that inspires AERTE.