

## **FABRIZIO ZAVAGLI OF SIAE IS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF FASTTRACK**

SIAE – Società Italiana degli Autori ed Editori announces that Fabrizio Zavagli, Head of Documentation Office of SIAE's music division, has been appointed as new President of FastTrack, the Digital Copyright Network, which develops technical solutions for Collective Management Organizations.

Founded in 2000 by BMI (USA), GEMA (Germany), SACEM; (France), SGAE (Spain) and SIAE (Italy), FastTrack was born out of the need – imposed by the strong and relentless increase of the digital delivery tools and by the fast expanding music repertoire - to create and provide technical solutions in order to facilitate the international exchange of works information in the music, media and entertainment industry. The sharing of information, global standard and data quality solutions have enabled more timely, accurate and efficient compensation to rights owners. Today FastTrack has 13 shareholders. The company develops and manages the CIS-Net platform for CISAC (International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers), the global confederation with 239 member collective management organizations in 123 countries.

“The appointment of Fabrizio to head of FastTrack is an international endorsement of which we are very proud because it highlights the leadership role that SIAE is playing in this sector, even from a technological point of view – says Filippo Sugar, President of SIAE. - FastTrack is an efficient collaborative platform leveraging international expertise around technology and documentation to deliver collective and open solutions for the benefit of the whole Music Industry. Thanks to its know-how, FastTrack represents an opportunity to help solving some of the most important challenges raised by the development of global music online usages. I'm sure that Fabrizio, thanks to his expertise and skills, will be able to develop and improve the FastTrack solutions for the benefit of the whole music industry”.

Since the beginning, Fabrizio Zavagli represented SIAE as a member of the group of experts contributing to the design and operation of FastTrack systems, also managing integration projects such as "Service Oriented Architecture"; for several years he has been representing SIAE in the FastTrack Executive Committee. Fabrizio also has key roles in CISAC, where he represents SIAE in the ISC Information Services Committee.

"FastTrack works in close synergy with CISAC in order to define common business rules for the CMOs network, improve the quality of the data and the exchange of information on works, rationalize investments for the implementation of standard processes - explains the new President of FastTrack, Fabrizio Zavagli. - The company has developed the CIS-Net portal on behalf of CISAC, providing access to CISAC member societies to manage the database of all the works and authors. To date, more than 120 companies from more than 100 countries access to FastTrack / CIS-Net systems, consulting archives containing over 106 million works ".

FastTrack also developed, on behalf of CISAC, a tool for management of the ISO standard code ISWC (International Standard Musical Work Code), which allows the identification of musical works.

For the future, "the goal is to continue providing innovative and quality services, taking technological developments and new market scenarios without forgetting the basic needs of the industry and the strengths of FastTrack - adds Fabrizio Zavagli. - The dynamism, the alliance and the joint commitment of the companies are in fact important values that have always allowed to draw on the knowledge and experience of the best professionals in the world in this sector and thus achieve the setting up of tools that have quickly become market standards ".