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MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

BEYOND TURMOIL, A POSITIVE AGENDA

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PROGRAMME
MED – MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES is the annual high-level initiative promoted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and ISPI (Italian Institute for International Political Studies) in Rome. The event aims at drafting a “positive agenda” for the Mediterranean by stimulating debate and promoting new ideas, rethinking traditional approaches and addressing shared challenges at both the regional and the international level.

Rome MED builds upon four pillars: Shared Prosperity, Shared Security, Migration, and Civil Society and Culture. Debates on these topics are intended to complement analyses of current challenges with new ideas and suggestions to scale-up economic cooperation, overcome regional rivalries and conflicts, and ensure that adequate incentives for sustainable development are set in motion.

Under the “Shared Prosperity” pillar, particular attention is devoted to the role that business leaders and civil society can play to foster prosperity and political stability in a region where new opportunities may be seized. In order to take full advantage of such opportunities, today’s threats and challenges need to be addressed. Discussions on “Shared Security” are focused on viable strategies to avoid further turmoil, fight terrorism and promote successful post-conflict transitions and institution-building, thus enhancing resilience in Mediterranean countries. Another important challenge hinges upon the management of surging migratory flows that pass through or settle in the region. The “Migration” pillar encourages discussion about migration-related topics, including: identifying safe and legal routes for asylum seekers; fostering social inclusion; and efficiently combining counter-trafficking policies with the respect of human rights.

The “Civil Society and Culture” pillar allows to put all these challenges into perspective by acknowledging that the Mediterranean region is a unique “melting pot” of cultures and religions, with important historical legacies, and a rich natural and cultural heritage. With a view to providing a useful tool to further stimulate debate on the four pillars during ROME MED and beyond, ISPI and MED scientific partners produced the MED Report “Looking ahead: charting new paths for the Mediterranean”.

ABOUT MED

MED – MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

ABOUT ISPI

ISPI
ITALIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES

The Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) is an independent, non-partisan think tank providing leading research and viable policy options to government officials, business executives and the public at large wishing to better understand international issues.

Founded in 1934 in Milan, ISPI has always adopted a pragmatic approach in analyzing geographical areas and topics of particular interest to Italy and Europe. ISPI is the only Italian Institute - and among the few in Europe - combining policy-oriented research with an equally significant commitment to education and training, to conferences and advice on international trends. In particular, the Institute is Italy’s main forum for debate on international affairs, and promotes international events including annual conferences (such as Rome MED), bilateral dialogue Forums with France, Germany, Switzerland and Russia, and closed-door meetings for selected audiences. In over 80 years, ISPI has built an extensive network of think tanks in Europe and across the world and since 2014 it is the think tank representing Italy in the Think20 (T20), an advisory body of the G20.
3+1 DAYS OF MEETINGS
20 PRELIMINARY MEETINGS
4 PILLARS
SHARED PROSPERITY
SHARED SECURITY
MIGRATION
MEDIA, CULTURE AND SOCIETY
45 HEADS OF STATE, MINISTERS
AND TOP REPRESENTATIVES
OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS
800 LEADERS IN BUSINESS,
POLITICS AND CULTURE
80 THINK TANKS AND
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
56 COUNTRIES
The 3rd edition of ROME MED Mediterranean Dialogues was preceded by meetings for selected audiences: 10 Towards MED events in 5 cities from June to December 2017, and 10 Pre-MED meetings in Rome just before ROME MED. They were intended to address some of the most pressing and topical challenges to the Mediterranean region by bringing together institutional actors, experts, civil servants, and top representatives of the international business community and the media.

Participants were offered the opportunity to discuss viable options to foster dialogue and enhance cooperation in a context of equitable and sustainable growth, address key topics such as business, energy, religion and sport and discuss the role of women, youth, think tanks, policy planners and the media.

All this contributed to turn Rome into a global hub for high-level dialogues drafting a positive agenda for the Mediterranean.
THURSDAY  NOVEMBER 30

14.00  FERNANDES ROOM

Welcoming Remarks
Giampiero MASSOLO, President, ISPI, Italy
Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, Eni, Italy
Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

KEYNOTE SPEECHES
Angelino ALFANO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Michel AOUN, President, Lebanon
At the presence of the President of the Italian Republic
Sergio MATTARELLA

15.30

PLENARY
BEYOND THE CRISES:
TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE?
Chair: Thomas GOMART, Director, IFRI, France
Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT, Secretary General, Arab League
Ibrahim AL-JAafari, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq
Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN, Secretary General, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
Robert MALLEY, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA

Robertina PINOTTI, Minister of Defence, Italy
“A Wider Security for the Mediterranean Region: the Italian View”

17.00

A VIEW FROM IRAN
Mohammad Javad ZARIF, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran
in conversation with Monica MAGGIONI, President, Rai
and Nicolas PELHAM, The Economist

17.30

A VIEW FROM LIBYA
Ahmed Omar MAITEEG, Vice President, Presidential Council, Libya
in conversation with Alberto NEGRI, Il Sole 24 Ore
and Francesca PACI, La Stampa

18.00

A VIEW FROM CHINA
Ying FU, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National People’s Congress, China
in conversation with Mark LEONARD, Director, ECFR

Cocktail followed by a private visit at the
BORGHESE GALLERY
(by invitation only)
LIBYA: ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS
coordinated by ISPI
Chair: Arturo Varvellli, Co-Head, Middle East and North Africa Centre, ISPI, Italy
Ehab Abdulgader, Director and COO, PetroGas, Libya
Zuhir Ali Mahmud, Development Programs Advisor, Presidential Council GNA, Libya
Mustafa Sanallah, CEO, National Oil Company, Libya
Omar Tarhuni, Advisor and Consultant, Presidential Council GNA, Libya
Tarik M. Yousef, Member, Board of Directors, Libya Central Bank

IRAN’S POLITICAL CHALLENGES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
coordinated by IFRI
Chair: Dorothee Schmid, Head of Turkey and Middle East Program, IFRI, France
Matthieu Etourneau, Managing Director, French Business Center of Tehran, Iran
Vali Nasr, Dean, Sais Johns Hopkins, USA
Seyed Mohammad Kazem Sajjadpour, Head, Center for International Research and Education of Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and President, IPIS, Iran

GOVERNING LOCAL IDENTITIES: DECENTRALIZATION AS A SOLUTION?
coordinated by DGAP and MERI
Chair: Dina Fakoussa, Head, Middle East and North Africa Programme, DGAP, Germany
Dlawer Ala’Aldeen, President, MERI, Iraq
Ranj Alaaldin, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha, Qatar
Virginie Collombier, Research Coordinator, Middle East Directions Programme, EUI
Nafti Mahdi, Member, Constituent Assembly, Tunisia

PROMOTING INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
coordinated by BRUEGEL and OCP Policy Center
Chair: Maria Demertzis, Deputy Director, Bruegel, Belgium
Karim El Aynaoui, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center, Morocco
Slim Ghorbel, Executive Board Member, Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA), Tunisia
Michael Köhler, Director, Neighbourhood South, DG NEAR, European Commission
Jacques J. Sarraf, Honorary President, BusinessMED and Chairman, Malia Group, Lebanon

PLENARY
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS: A TOOL FOR GROWTH
Chair: Andrea Bignami, Sky TG24
Thamer Alfailakawi, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development
Saad Ahmed Al-Mohannadi, President, Ashghal, Qatar
Antonella Baldino, Chief Business Officer, Cassa depositi e prestiti, Italy
Fouad Makhzoumi, Executive Chairman and CEO, Future Pipe Industries, Lebanon
Naguib Sawiris, CEO, Orascom - Telecom Media and Technology Holding, Egypt

A VIEW FROM EGYPT
Sameh Hassan Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
in conversation with Gerardo Greco, Rai
and Nicolas Pelham, The Economist

DIALOGUE
Federica Mogherini, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
and Vice President, European Commission
in conversation with James Politi, Financial Times
and Maha Yahya, Director, Carnegie Middle East Center, Lebanon
**FERNANDES ROOM**

**SHARED SECURITY, COMMON STRATEGIES**
Chair: Giampiero MASSOLO, President, ISPI, Italy
Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy
Youssef AMRANI, Advisor of the King, Morocco
Alistair BURT, Minister of State for the Middle East, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK
Rose GOTTEMOELLER, Deputy Secretary General, NATO
Ahmet YILDIZ, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

**SFORZA ROOM**

**DIALOGUE AT WORK: CULTURE, SPORT & CIVIL SOCIETIES**
Chair: Maria CUFFARO, Rai
Lea BAROUDI, Co-Founder and Director, March, Lebanon
Hind About KABAWAT, Member of the Syrian High Negotiations Committee; Director of Interfaith Peacebuilding Center, George Mason University, USA
Honey THALJIEH, Save the Dream Ambassador; Co-founder of the Palestinian Women's National Football Team; FIFA Manager
David Sergio TREZEGUET, Sport Ambassador, Save the Dream Foundation

**BUFFET LUNCH**

**FERNANDES ROOM**

**ENERGY FOR PEACE: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES**
Chair: Claire SPENCER, Senior Fellow, Chatham House, UK
Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, Eni, Italy
Talal AL-RAHBI, Deputy Secretary General, Supreme Council for Planning, Oman
Fatih BIROL, Executive Director, International Energy Agency
Tarek EL MOLLA, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Egypt

**SFORZA ROOM**

**ROOTING OUT RADICALIZATION: EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES**
Chair: Stefano POLLI, ANSA
Alain AOUN, Vice Chair, Defence and Interior Committee, Lebanese Parliament
Abdelhak BASSOU, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center, Morocco
Olivier ROY, Joint Chair in Mediterranean Studies, EUI
Lorenzo VIDINO, Head, Radicalization and International Terrorism Center, ISPI, Italy

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

**PLENARY MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP**
Chair: Paolo MAGRI, Executive Vice President and Director, ISPI, Italy
Filippo GRANDI, High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations
Mario GIRO, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Khemaises JHINAOU, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia
Abdelkader MESSAHEL, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Algeria
Ibrahim YACOUBOU, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Niger
Fatma ŞAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep, Turkey

**A VIEW FROM RUSSIA**
Sergei LAVROV, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
in conversation with Giancarlo ARAGONA, Senior Advisor, ISPI, Italy
and Vali NASR, Dean, Johns Hopkins University, USA

**A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA**
Adel AL-JUBEIR, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia
in conversation with Monica MAGGIONI, President, Rai and Maurizio MOLINARI, Editor in Chief, La Stampa
SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

08.30
FERNANDES ROOM

PLENARY
THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Chair: James MCGANN, Professor, University of Pennsylvania, USA
Ian LESSER, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Belgium
Robert MALLEY, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA
Walter Russell MEAD, Editor, The American Interest, USA

10.00

DIALOGUE
TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY

Siqing CHÉN, Chairman, Bank of China
Jeffrey D. SACHS, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA
M.J. AKBAR, Minister of State for External Affairs, India
in conversation with Andrea CABRINI, CLASS CNBC

10.45

A VIEW FROM QATAR

Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim AL-THANI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar
in conversation with Alberto NEGRI, Il Sole 24 Ore and David HEARST, Middle East Eye

11.15

DIALOGUE

Ghassan SALAMÉ, Special Representative and Head of UNSMIL, United Nations
in conversation with Giorgio ZANCHINI, Rai and Sami ZAPTIA, Libya Herald

11.45

DIALOGUE

Abraham YEHOSHUA, Writer, Israel
in conversation with Enrica TONINELLI, Rai

12.15

CLOSING

Angelino ALFANO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Paolo GENTILONI, President of the Council of Ministers, Italy
At the presence of the President Emeritus of the Italian Republic and Honorary President of ISPI Giorgio NAPOLITANO
ROME MED
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN MINISTERS

MICHEL AOUN
President, Lebanon

PAOLO GENTILONI
President of the Council of Ministers, Italy

AHMED OMAR MAITEEG
Vice President, Presidential Council, Libya

MOHAMMED BIN ABDULRAHMAN BIN JASSIM AL-THANI
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