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ABOUT MED2016

ROME MED – MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

is an annual high-level initiative organized by the **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation** and **ISPI** (Italian Institute for International Political Studies).

The event aims to draft a “positive agenda” for the Mediterranean region by stimulating debate and new ideas, rethinking traditional approaches and addressing shared challenges at both the regional and the international level.

ROME MED rests on four pillars: **Shared Prosperity; Shared Security; Migration; Civil Society and Culture.**

Each pillar puts the spotlight on key Mediterranean issues and on the role of institutional and non-institutional actors also with a view to stimulating policy suggestions for a region that is not only a land of instability, but also a sea of opportunities.

PROMOTER

ISPI (ITALIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES)

is an independent think tank founded in 1934 and dedicated to being a resource for government officials, business executives, journalists and civil servants wishing to better understand international issues. The focus is both on world regions, in particular the Mediterranean Region, and global issues.

ISPI is Italy's main forum for debate on international affairs, and it promotes international conferences with outstanding personalities from all over the world, which include annual conferences on the Mediterranean region (or other countries/ regions like China and Sub-Saharan Africa); bilateral dialogue Forums with France, Germany, Switzerland and Russia; seminars on migration, terrorism, European economic governance, etc. 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.

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*KEYNOTE ADDRESS***Paolo GENTILONI**

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

14.30

MED "SHARED SECURITY"**MEDITERRANEAN'S PATH TO A NEW ORDER:
THE HELSINKI EXPERIENCE***CHAIR: Vali NASR*, Dean, SAIS Johns Hopkins, United States of America**Ahmed ABOUL-GHEIT**,

Secretary General, The Arab League

Boris JOHNSON

Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs, United Kingdom

Frans TIMMERMANS

First Vice-President of the European Commission

16.15

MED "SHARED SECURITY" II**FIGHTING TERRORISM:
INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT
AND REGIONAL OWNERSHIP***CHAIR: Giampiero MASSOLO*, President-elect, ISPI, Italy**Ibrahim Abdul-Kareem Hamza Al-Eshaiker AL-JAAFARI**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq

José Alberto AZEREDO LOPES

Minister of National Defence, Portugal

Farhat HORCHANI

Minister of National Defence, Tunisia

Roberta PINOTTI

Minister of Defence, Italy

19.30

AUDIENCE AT PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE**WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
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BREAKFAST POLICY FORUM

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**DEFYING GRAVITY:
SHAPING STABILITY
IN THE MENA REGION**
SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **ECFR**

CHAIR:
Ellie GERANMAYEH
Policy Fellow (MENA), ECFR, United Kingdom

Sayyid Badr bin Hamad AL-BUSAIDI
Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Oman

Khalid bin Ibrahim AL-JINDAN
Vice Minister for Political and Economic Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia

Faris AL MAZROUEI
Assistant Foreign Minister for Security
and Military Affairs, United Arab Emirates

Michael KÖHLER
Director Neighbourhood South,
European Commission

Ahmet YILDIZ
Deputy Foreign Minister, Turkey

**A NEVER-ENDING CRISIS:
REGIONAL RESPONSES
TO SYRIAN REFUGEES**
SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **IFRI**

CHAIR:
Dorothee SCHMID
Head of the Middle East and Turkey Program,
IFRI, France

Mohammed AL-HADID
Director, Jordan Red Crescent
Samir AITA
Circle of Arab Economists, France

Alain AOUN
Acting Vice-Chair Defense & Interior committee,
Lebanese Parliament

Galip DALAY
Director, al-Sharq Forum Istanbul, Senior Associate
Fellow, Al Jazeera Center for Studies

Nasser HADIAN
Professor, University of Tehran, Iran

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SFORZA
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**PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT
IN THE MENA REGION THROUGH
CLEAN ENERGY DEPLOYMENT**

SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **ISPI**

CHAIR:
Ugo TRAMBALLI
Scientific Advisor, ISPI; Senior Correspondant,
Il Sole24Ore, Italy

Ameur BCHIR
CEO, STEG, Tunisia
Hela CHEIKHROUHOU
Minister of Energy, Mining and Renewable Energy,
Tunisia

Valeria TERMINI
Vice-President, MEDREG

Francesco VENTURINI
CEO, Enel Green Power; President, RES4MED, Italy

**PERSPECTIVES
ON THE MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL**

Seyed Kazem SAJJADPOUR
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iran

DISCUSSANTS:
David HEARST
Editor in Chief, Middle East Eye, United Kingdom
Alberto NEGRI
Special Correspondent, Il Sole24Ore, Italy

MED "MIGRATION"
A LONG TERM STRATEGY
FOR A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

CHAIR: **James POLITI**, Rome Bureau Chief, Financial Times

Ibrahim GHANDOUR
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sudan

Filippo GRANDI
High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations

Ahmet YILDIZ
Deputy Foreign Minister, Turkey

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11.30

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POLICY FORUM

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**ECONOMY FIRST:
FOSTERING INVESTMENTS
IN THE MENA REGION**
SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **BRUEGEL**

CHAIR:

Maria DEMERTZIS

Research Fellow, Bruegel, Belgium

Massimo DEANDREISDirector, SRM - Economic Research Center,
Intesa Sanpaolo Group, Italy**Fabio GALLIA**

CEO, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Italy

Naguib SAWIRISCEO, Orascom, Telecom Media and Technology
Holding, Egypt
**A CALL FOR ACTION:
ROOM FOR INNOVATIVE
ECONOMIC MODELS**
SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **CHATHAM HOUSE**

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Chatham House, United Kingdom**Adnane ADDIOUI**Moroccan Center for Innovation and Social
Entrepreneurship (MCISE), Morocco**Hafez GHANEM**

Vice-President MENA, World Bank

Panos PAPOULIASPrograms and Strategic Initiatives,
Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Greece**Sarah TOUMI**

Entrepreneur, Tunisia

12.00
SFORZA
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**INCLUSIVE TRANSITIONS:
CIVIL SOCIETIES AS KEY ACTORS**
SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **DGAP**

CHAIR:

Dina FAKOUSSAHead of Middle East and North Africa Program,
DGAP, Germany**Rosa BALFOUR**

German Marshall Fund, United States of America

Ouided BOUCHAMAOUPresident, Tunisian Confederation of Industry,
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2015 Nobel Peace Prize as Tunisian National

Dialogue Quartet member, Tunisia

Bassma KODMANI

Syria/Paris, Executive Director,

Arab Reform Initiative

Fouad MAKHZOUMI

Chairman, Makhzoumi Foundation, Lebanon

**BEYOND SECTARIANISM:
ADDRESSING THE NARRATIVES
OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE**
SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **EUI**

CHAIR:

Luigi NARBONE

Director Middle East Program, EUI, Italy

Nadzad GRABUS

Head of the Muslim community in Slovenia

Peter MANDAVILLE

US Dept. of State, Religion and Global Affairs,

United States of America

Olivier ROY

Chair in Mediterranean Studies, EUI

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PLENARY I

ENERGY AS A BRIDGE

CHAIR:

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Managing Editor, Class CNBC

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia**Hela CHEIKHROUHOU**Minister of Energy, Mining and Renewable
Energy, Tunisia**Claudio DESCALZI**

CEO, Eni, Italy

Mustafa SANALLA

CEO, National Oil Company, Libya

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PLENARY II

WOMEN & YOUTH:
BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE

CHAIR:

Elisabetta BELLONISecretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation, Italy**Mike BEZOS**President, Bezos Foundation;
United States of America**Samar FATANY**

Chief Broadcaster, Al Arabiya, Saudi Arabia

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President, Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane, Italy

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Professor, SciencesPo, France

Saida NEGHZACEO, Groupe SORALCOF; Vice-President,
Confédération générale des entreprises
algériennes (CGEA), Algeria

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Sergey LAVROV

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russia

*In dialogue with Monica Maggioni, President, RAI, Italy and Maurizio Molinari, Editor in Chief,
La Stampa, Italy*

John F. KERRY

Secretary of State, United States of America

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PLENARY III

MIGRATION:
REIMAGINING INTEGRATION

CHAIR:

Paolo MAGRIExecutive Vice-President and Director, ISPI,
Italy**Emma BONINO**

Co-Chair, ECFR

Ditmir BUSHATI

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Albania

Paul Richard GALLAGHER

Secretary for Relations with States, Holy See

Wolfgang KASCHUBA

Director, BIM, Germany

17.30

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PLENARY IV

SHARED PROSPERITY:
BOOSTING ECONOMIES

CHAIR:

Antonio VILLAFRANCA

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Abdul-Aziz Abdulla AL GHURAIRDirector and Chief Executive Officer
of Mashreq Bank, United Arab Emirates**Fouad MAKHZOUMI**Chairman, Future Pipes Industries,
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and Technology Holding, Egypt

19.45

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THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION AND THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

*in cooperation with the **Aspen Initiative for Europe***

CHAIR: Marta DASSÙ, Senior Director European Affairs, The Aspen Institute; Editor in Chief, Aspenia, Italy

Mary Beth LONG

Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, United States of America

Walter Russel MEAD

Editor, The American Interest, United States of America

Vali NASR

Dean, SAIS Johns Hopkins, United States of America

10.00

SYRIA

Staffan DE MISTURA

Special Envoy for Syria, United Nations

Federica MOGHERINI

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

*In dialogue with **Robin NIBLETT**, Director, Chatham House*

10.45

DEMOCRACY AND POLITICS: WHAT ROLE FOR ISLAM?

CHAIR: Stefano POLLI, Deputy Director, ANSA

Rashid GHANNOUCHI

President, Ennahda, Tunisia

Olivier ROY

Chair in Mediterranean Studies, EUI

12.45

CLOSING PLENARY

Paolo Magri

Executive Vice President and Director, ISPI

Giorgio NAPOLITANO

Honorary President, ISPI

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Paolo GENTILONI

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

ROME MED AS A HUB OF MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES

The **II edition** of **ROME MED - MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES** will be preceded by several **"PRE-MED"** sectorial meetings for selected audiences. These meetings aim to address some of the most pressing and topical challenges to a new regional order.

In particular, institutional actors, experts, civil servants, and representatives of the business community and the media are offered the opportunity to come together and discuss viable options to enhance intraregional cooperation, economic development, security challenges, energy and climate change, transport and infrastructures, institution-building, and civil society networks.

All these **"PRE-MED"** meetings taking place in the context of MED are turning Rome into a global hub for high-level dialogues on the Mediterranean.

PRE-MED MEETINGS



Union pour la Méditerranée
Union for the Mediterranean
الإتحاد من أجل المتوسط

Ministerial Meeting on energy aimed at enhancing the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on energy, taking stock of the results achieved so far, in particular in the three platforms' work programmes on electricity markets, gas and renewables, and setting the framework for further cooperation in the years to come.



CONFINDUSTRIA

BUSINESSMED
Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises
Union Méditerranéenne des Confédérations d'Entreprises

Euro-Med Business Forum on economic relations, partnership opportunities and growth potential in the Mediterranean Region. In addition, General Assembly of the Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises, representing the private sector on both shores of the Mediterranean.



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22nd General Assembly of MEDREG; the Association of Mediterranean energy regulators which celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Meeting of the Heads of the Policy Planning of MENA countries participating to MED to exchange view and ideas on a possible regional security architecture.



The 7 Aspen Institutes in Europe gathering around common values and practical ideas about the Continent's future and its new generations.

Meeting of editors and senior correspondents from the most important news companies, dealing with changing narratives for a new agenda in the Mediterranean.



Euro-Med Think Tank Forum, gathering 43 research institutes to discuss the role of TTs in promoting a positive agenda for the Mediterranean.

High Level Seminar featuring institutional representatives from the Maghreb region, co-organized with the PASP Division of NATO.



Steering Committee of the "Robert F. Kennedy Flagship Initiative for Mediterranean challenges" focused on refugees and migration crisis.

ROME MED

AS A CATALYST OF NEW IDEAS

The Mediterranean is not just an area of conflict and crisis, but also a place of unique opportunities.

ROME MED aims to overcome pessimism and develop a positive agenda for the whole region.

MED 2016 revolves around 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 re-launch economic interactions, promote greater regional cooperation, and ensure that adequate incentives for sustainable development are set in motion.

Under the **"Shared Prosperity"** pillar, specific 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.

The latter include the opening of new commercial routes, such as the doubling of the Suez Canal or China's Belt and Road Initiative, and the strengthening of energy links within and between the two shores.

In this context, **MED 2016** also addresses two related topics: matching energy security objectives with sustainable development goals, and engaging Sub-Saharan African countries in dialogues that are often limited to the Northern and Southern shores of the Mediterranean.

However, 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 fight terrorism and promote successful post-conflict transitions and institution-building aimed at enhancing resilience in Mediterranean countries.

This will be all the more possible if new opportunities are offered to young generations across the region through: more inclusive growth, putting an end to the narratives of hatred and exclusion that fuel jihadist movements; intelligence cooperation and engagement of local communities to counter violent extremism and organized crime.

These goals require an additional effort: rethinking the regional order in the MENA area by exploring the possible effects of the Iranian nuclear deal, the forthcoming Trump presidency, as well as the role played by international actors such as Russia and China.

Another important challenge hinges upon the management of surging migratory flows that pass through or settle in the region. The recent rise in migrant and refugee flows is turning into a humanitarian crisis. In this context, the **"Migration"** pillar encourages discussion about migration-related topics, including: identifying safe and legal routes for asylum seekers; fostering social inclusion; providing protection and assistance to migrants in need; and efficiently combining counter-trafficking policies with the respect of human rights.

In addition, the **"Civil Society and Culture"** pillar builds upon the acknowledgment that the Mediterranean region is a unique "melting pot" of cultures and religions, with important historical legacies, and a rich natural and cultural heritage.

Topics in this pillar are: social and religious pluralism; counter-narratives to fight religious extremism; the role of the media in overcoming bias and misperceptions; and the crucial role of women and the younger generations.

Relying on the four **MED** pillars, and in order to provide a useful tool to further stimulate debate during **ROME MED** and beyond, ISPI and **MED scientific partners** (Bruegel, The Royal Institute of International Affairs - Chatham House, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik - DGAP, the European Council on Foreign Relations - ECFR, the European University Institute - EUI, and Institut français des relations internationales - IFRI) have also produced the Report **"Leaving the Storm Behind: Ideas for a New Mediterranean"**.

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