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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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14.00

OPENING PLENARY**WELCOME 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****Mohammed AL-THANI**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

Boris JOHNSON

Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs, United Kingdom

Vali NASRDean, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS),
United States of America**Frans TIMMERMANS**

First Vice-President of the European Commission

16.00

DIALOGUE WITH**Mohammad Javad ZARIF**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran

16.30

MED "SHARED SECURITY" II**FIGHTING TERRORISM:****INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND REGIONAL OWNERSHIP****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 - PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE**WITH THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC***BY INVITATION ONLY*

8.30

BREAKFAST**POLICY FORUM**ENGLISH
NO TRANSLATION**DEFYING GRAVITY:**SHAPING STABILITY
IN THE MENA REGIONSCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **ECFR****A NEVER-ENDING CRISIS:**REGIONAL RESPONSES
TO SYRIAN REFUGEESSCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **IFRI****PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT
IN THE MENA REGION THROUGH
CLEAN ENERGY DEPLOYMENT**SCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **ISPI****PERSPECTIVES
ON THE MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL**

10.00

MED "MIGRATION"**A LONG TERM STRATEGY
FOR A GLOBAL CHALLENGE****Ibrahim GHANDOUR**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sudan

Filippo GRANDI

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Geoffrey ONYEAMA

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria

11.30

DIALOGUE WITH**John F. KERRY**

Secretary of State, United States of America

12.15

POLICY FORUMENGLISH
NO TRANSLATION**ECONOMY FIRST:**FOSTERING INVESTMENTS
IN THE MENA REGIONSCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **BRUEGEL****A CALL FOR ACTION:**ROOM FOR INNOVATIVE
ECONOMIC MODELSSCIENTIFIC PARTNER: **CHATHAM HOUSE****INCLUSIVE TRANSITIONS:**

CIVIL SOCIETIES AS KEY ACTORS

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

13.30

BUFFET LUNCH**Emma MARCEGAGLIA**

President, BusinessEurope

- 14.45
- PLENARY I**
**WOMEN & YOUTH:
 BUILDING BRIDGES
 TO THE FUTURE**
Mike BEZOS
 President, Bezos Foundation
 and Promoter of the Stevens Initiative,
 United States of America
Samar FATANY
 Chief Broadcaster, Al Arabiya, Jeddah,
 Saudi Arabia
Gioia GHEZZI
 President, Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane, Italy
Gilles KEPEL
 Professor, Sciences Po, France
Saida NEGHZA
 President, CGEA (General Confederation
 of Algerian Companies), Algeria
- 16.15
- DIALOGUE WITH**
Sergey LAVROV
 Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russia
- 17.00
- PLENARY III**
**SHARED PROSPERITY:
 BOOSTING ECONOMIES**
Abdul Aziz AL-GHURAIR
 Director and Chief Executive Officer,
 Mashreq Bank, United Arab Emirates
Hafez GHANEM
 Vice President, World Bank
Fouad MAKHZOUMI
 Chairman, Future Pipes Industries, Lebanon
Mauro MORETTI
 CEO, Leonardo Finmeccanica, Italy
Naguib SAWIRIS
 CEO, Orascom, Telecom Media and Technology
 Holding, Egypt
- PLENARY II**
ENERGY AS A BRIDGE
Héla CHEIKHROUHOU
 Minister of Energy, Mining and Renewable Energy,
 Tunisia
Claudio DESCALZI
 CEO, ENI, Italy
Mustafa SANALLA
 National Oil Company (NOC), Libya
- PLENARY IV**
**MIGRATION:
 REIMAGINING INTEGRATION**
Emma BONINO
 Co-Chair, ECFR, Italy
Paul Richard GALLAGHER
 Secretary for Relations with States, Holy See
Wolfgang KASCHUBA
 Director, BIM, Germany
- KEYNOTE SPEECH*
Edi RAMA
 Prime Minister, Albania
- 18.30
- DIALOGUE WITH**
Adel Bin Ahmed AL-JUBEIR
 Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia
- 20.30
- RECEPTION - VILLA MADAMA**
Federica MOGHERINI
 High Representative of the European Union
 for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

9.00

DEMOCRACY AND POLITICS:
WHAT ROLE FOR ISLAM?

Rashid GHANNOUCHI

President, Ennahda Party, Tunisia

Andrea RICCARDI

Founder, Community of Sant'Egidio, Italy

Oliver ROY

Chair in Mediterranean Studies, European University Institute

10.00

SYRIA:
A PATH TO POLITICAL SOLUTIONS

Staffan DE MISTURA

UN Special Envoy for Syria

10.45

THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION
AND THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

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

Walter Russel MEAD

Professor, Bard College; Editor-at-large, American Interest, United States of America

Vali NASR

Dean, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), United States of America

12.00

DIALOGUE WITH

Fayez AL-SARRAJ

Prime Minister, Libya

12.45

CLOSING PLENARY

REMARKS

Giorgio NAPOLITANO

Honorary President, ISPI

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Matteo RENZI

President of the Council of Ministers, 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 of Foreign Relations-ECFR, the European Institute University - 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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