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PROGRAMME
WEDNESDAY
15 OCTOBER

	GEOPOLITICS AND GEOECONOMICS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: BUSINESSES IN DIALOGUE In cooperation with Comitato Nazionale Neapolis 2500 By invitation only	11.30 - 13.15
LUNCH	LUNCH TALK - ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BLACK SEA In cooperation with German Marshall Fund By invitation only	13.00 - 14.30
LUNCH	BUFFET LUNCH	13.00 - 14.30
SALA DELLA REGINA	CYBERSECURITY FORUM By invitation only	14.30 - 16.30
SALA DELLE GUARDIE DEL CORPO	PARLIAMENTARY FORUM - SHARED CHALLENGES, COMMON FUTURE: RESETTING MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION By invitation only	14.30 - 16.00
SECONDO SALOTTO DELLA REGINA	BUILDING BETTER AND GREENER: IMEC AND SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY IN THE MIDDLE EAST In cooperation with EcoPeace Middle East By invitation only	14.30 - 16.30



SALA DELLE GUARDIE DEL CORPO	THINK TANK AND POLICY PLANNERS FORUM: MED FORESIGHT COMMITTEE By invitation only	16.30 - 19.00
SECONDO SALOTTO DELLA REGINA	MIGRATION FORUM: CO-CREATING MIGRATION SOLUTIONS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR In cooperation with International Organization for Migration and European Training Foundation By invitation only	16.30 - 19.00
SALA DELLA REGINA	YOUTH FORUM In cooperation with UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union By invitation only	16.30 - 18.30
TERRAZZA BELVEDERE	OPENING RECEPTION By invitation only	18.30 - 21.30



SALA DELLE GUARDIE DEL CORPO	INTERNATIONAL WEEK – EBU MEDITERRANEAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT By invitation only	09.00 - 13.00
SALA DELLA REGINA	PATHWAYS TO PEACE: ENGAGEMENT, CO-OPERATION AND CONSENSUS IN THE MIDDLE EAST In cooperation with Middle East Peace and Security Forum By invitation only	10.00 - 11.30
SALONE D'ERCOLE	SPECIAL DIALOGUE Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi, Minister of State, Qatar Chair Julien Barnes-Dacey, MENA Programme Director, European Council on Foreign Relations Maha Yahya, Director, Malcolm H. Kerr Carnegie Middle East Center	10.00 - 10.30
SALONE D'ERCOLE	SHARED PROSPERITY THE MIDDLE EAST'S AI RACE: WHAT MEANS FOR SECURITY AND ECONOMICS Hoda Al Khzaimi, Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi Faisal Alotaibi, Director of the Consultation Department, Saudi Data & Al Authority Mohammed Soliman, Director, Strategic Technologies and Cyber Security Programme, Middle East Institute Chair Chiara Albanese, Italy Bureau Chief, Bloomberg News	10.30 - 11.15



TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED PROSPERITY IMEC: THE QUEST FOR RESHAPING THE INDO-MEDITERRANEAN Gérard Mestrallet, Special Envoy of the French President for IMEC, France Alexandra Papadopoulou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece Francesco Talò, Special Envoy for IMEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy Kabir Taneja, Deputy Director and Fellow, Middle East, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation Chair Ebtesam Al Ketbi, President and Founder, Emirates Policy Center	10.45 - 11.30
SECONDO SALOTTO DELLA REGINA	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM - MEDITERRANEAN DIGITAL HUB: HOW THE MATTEI PLAN AND GLOBAL GATEWAY ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY In cooperation with Sparkle By invitation only	11.00 - 13.00
SALONE D'ERCOLE	POWER OF NARRATIVES THROUGH THE MEDIA LENS: FRAMING THE PRESENT, DEFINING THE FUTURE Hoda Abdel-Hamid, Journalist, Al Jazeera Gideon Levy, Columnist, Haaretz Chair Maria Cuffaro, Journalist, RAI	11.15 - 11.45
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED PROSPERITY ENERGY MARKETS IN TIMES OF GEOPOLITICAL TURMOIL Giacomo Luciani, Professor, Geneva Graduate Institute, Scientific Advisor, Sciences Po Paris Firas Maksad, Managing Director, Middle East and North Africa, Eurasia Group Sabah Mashaly, Deputy Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Egypt Osama Mobarez, Secretary General, East Mediterranean Gas Forum Chair Valentina Iorio, Journalist, Corriere della Sera	11.30 - 12.15



SALONE D'ERCOLE	SPECIAL DIALOGUE Reem Al Hashimy, Minister of State for International Cooperation, United Arab Emirates Chair Chiara Albanese, Italy Bureau Chief, Bloomberg News Riccardo Chartroux, Journalist, RAI	11.45 - 12.15
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY REDEFINING MARITIME AGENDAS Giuseppe Cavo Dragone, Chairman, NATO Military Committee Abdulaziz Sager, Founder & Chairman, Gulf Research Center Özgür Ünlühisarcikli, Ankara Office Director, German Marshall Fund Chair Alessia Melcangi, Associate Research Fellow, ISPI	12.15 - 13.00
SALONE D'ERCOLE	SHARED SECURITY A SHARED DESTINY: THE EU AND THE MEDITERRANEAN IN TRANSITION In cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Gordan Grlić-Radman, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean Stefano Sannino, Director-General, Department: Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf, European Commission Chair Sara Bazoobandi, Research Fellow, GIGA Institute of Middle East Studies, ISPI	12.15 - 13.00
LUNCH	LUNCH TALK - HOW TO CATALYSE NEW INVESTMENTS TO UNLOCK NORTH AFRICA'S GROWTH In cooperation with United Nations Development Programme By invitation only	12.45 - 14.10



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LUNCH	BUFFET LUNCH	13.00 - 14.00
TEATRO DI CORTE	OPENING CEREMONY Message of Sergio Mattarella, President of the Republic, Italy Franco Bruni, President, ISPI Antonio Tajani, Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy	14.30 - 14.45
TEATRO DI CORTE	AFTER SHARM EL-SHEIKH: A NEW MIDDLE EAST? Varsen Aghabekian Shahin, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Palestinian National Authority Fuad Hussein, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq Antonio Tajani, Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy Chair Liliana Faccioli Pintozzi, Head of International News, Sky TG24	14.45 - 15.35
SALONE D'ERCOLE	SHARED SECURITY RESHAPING DEFENCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN Eleonora Ardemagni, Senior Associate Research Fellow, ISPI Javier Colomina, Secretary General's Special Representative for the Southern Neighbourhood, NATO Emile Hokayem, Director of Regional Security and Senior Fellow for Middle East Security, International Institute for Strategic Studies Chair Ian Lesser, Distinguished Fellow and Adviser to the President, German Marshall Fund	15.30 - 16.15



TEATRO DI CORTE	CULTURE FOR PEACE REPOWERING INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY: THE ROLE OF THE ADRIATIC-BALKAN REGION Zoran Dimitrovski, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, North Macedonia Neva Grašič, State Secretary at Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovenia Gordan Grlić-Radman, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia Ervin Ibrahimović, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro Elmedin Konaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina Elisa Spiropali, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania Antonio Tajani, Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy Chair Riccardo Chartroux, Journalist, RAI	15.45 - 16.45
SALONE D'ERCOLE	CULTURE FOR PEACE AFTER SHARM EL-SHEIKH: A TIME OF RECKONING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST? Gilbert Achcar, Emeritus Professor, SOAS University of London Mirette Mabrouk, Senior Fellow and Founding Director, Egypt and Horn of Africa Programme, Middle East Institute Nathan Thrall, Journalist, 2024 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction Ali Vaez, Senior Adviser to the President & Project Director, Iran, International Crisis Group Chair Bader Al-Saif, Assistant Professor, Kuwait University	16.15 - 17.00
SECONDO SALOTTO DELLA REGINA	FORUM GEOPOLITICS OF CLOUD COMPUTING - THE GEOPOLITICS OF CLOUD COMPUTING: SOVEREIGNTY AND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN In cooperation with TIM By invitation only	16.30 - 18.30



SALA DELLE GUARDIE DEL CORPO	TRADE FORUM - TRADE AND SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: NEW THREATS AND OLD PROBLEMS In cooperation with PMI By invitation only	16.30 - 18.30
SALONE D'ERCOLE	HUMAN DIMENSION ADAPTING HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY Mohammed Mahmoud, Founder and CEO, Climate and Water Initiative Nadine Saba, Co-founder and Director, Akkar Network for Development Carl Skau, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, WFP Chair Michael Köhler, Ambassador and Co-lead, Grand Bargain	17.00 - 17.45
TEATRO DI CORTE	SPECIAL DIALOGUE H.E. Adel Al Jubeir, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Council of Ministers & Climate Envoy, Saudi Arabia Chair Monica Maggioni, Journalist, RAI Vali Nasr, Majid Khadduri Professor of Middle East Studies and International Affairs, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies	17.00 - 17.30
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY PEACEMAKER OR POWER BROKER: UNDERSTANDING US ENGAGEMENT IN THE MENA In cooperation with Atlantic Council Curt Mills, Executive Director, The American Conservative William Wechsler, Senior Director, Rafik Hariri Center & Middle East programs, Atlantic Council Maha Yahya, Director, Malcolm H. Kerr Carnegie Middle East Center Chair Alissa Pavia, Associate Director, North Africa Initiative, Atlantic Council	17.30 - 18.15



SALONE D'ERCOLE	SPECIAL DIALOGUE Gideon Sa'ar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Israel Chair Gregg Carlstrom, Middle East Correspondent, The Economist Nomi Bar-Yaacov, International Peace Negotiator, Geneva Centre for Security Policy	17.45 - 18.15
SALONE D'ERCOLE	CULTURE FOR PEACE TELLING THE UNTOLD: WOMEN'S NARRATIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN In cooperation with Mediterranean Women Mediators Network Aliyeh Ataei, Author Amira Ghenim, Author Chair Liz Corbin, Director of News, European Broadcasting Union	18.15 - 18.45
TEATRO DI CORTE	SPECIAL DIALOGUE Fuad Hussein, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq Chair Intissar Fakir, Senior Fellow and Founding Director, North Africa and Sahel Program, Middle East Institute Maria Cuffaro, Journalist, RAI	18.15 - 18.45
TEATRO DI CORTE	SPECIAL DIALOGUE Asaad Hassan Al-Shaibani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Syria Chair Lina Khatib, Principal Analyst, ExTrac; Associate Fellow, Chatham House Paolo Magri, President Advisory Board, ISPI	18.45 - 19.15



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SOCIAL EVENT - NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF NAPLES

20.00 -22.00

By invitation only



SALONE D'ERCOLE	CULTURE FOR PEACE FROM PITCH TO PODIUM: SPORT AS A DRIVER OF DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY Lukas Aubin, Senior Research Fellow, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques İbrahim Hacıosmanoğlu, President, Turkish Football Federation Chair Aldo Liga, Research Fellow, ISPI	09.15 - 10.00
TEATRO DI CORTE	SPECIAL DIALOGUE Varsen Aghabekian Shahin, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Palestinian National Authority Chair Merissa Khurma, Founder & CEO, AMENA Strategies, Non Resident Fellow, The Baker Institute Paolo Magri, President Advisory Board, ISPI	09.15 - 09.45
SECONDO SALOTTO DELLA REGINA	LIBYA: WHERE TO NOW? In cooperation with Atlantic Council By invitation only	09.30 - 11.00
SALA DELLA REGINA	FROM YEMEN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA: SECURING THE RED SEA In cooperation with Chatham House By invitation only	09.30 - 11.00



TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED PROSPERITY FOSTERING INDUSTRIAL SYNERGIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN Mothanna Gharaibeh, Minister of Investment (2024-2025), Jordan Pankaj Khimji, Foreign Trade and International Cooperation Advisor to the Government of Oman, Member, Oman Business Forum Katarzyna Sidło, Senior Policy Analyst for the Middle East and North Africa, European Union Institute for Security Studies Gelsomina Vigliotti, Vice-President, European Investment Bank Chair Emma Marcegaglia, Vice President, ISPI; Chairman and CEO, Marcegaglia Holding	09.45 - 10.30
SALONE D'ERCOLE	HUMAN DIMENSION WATER CHALLENGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION: COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean Frida Krifca, President, Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes Alain Meyssonnier, President, Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau Maria Spena, President, Comitato One Water Chair Sarine Karajerjian, Program Director, Environmental Politics, Arab Reform Initiative	10.00 - 10.45
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY THE FUTURE OF PALESTINIAN GOVERNANCE Hiba Husseini, Head of Legal Committee to the Palestinian Negotiations Team (1994-2008); Managing Partner, Husseini & Husseini Law Firm Hugh Lovatt, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations Obada Shtaya, Co-Founder and CEO, Institute for Social and Economic Progress Chair Martin Konecny, Director, European Middle East Project	10.30 - 11.15



SALONE D'ERCOLE	SHARED PROSPERITY KNOWLEDGE AS POWER: THE MATTEI PLAN AND AFRICA'S PATH TO INCLUSIVE GROWTH Abdallah Al Dardari, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States Edmondo Cirielli, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy Kherieh Rassas, President, Union of Mediterranean Universities Roberto Tottoli, Rector, Università di Napoli L'Orientale Chair Karim El Aynaoui, Executive President, Policy Center for the New South	10.45 - 11.30
SALA DELLA REGINA	FACILITATING PEACE: MEDIATORS BEYOND (REGIONAL) BORDERS In cooperation with Center for International Policy Research By invitation only	11.00 - 12.30
SALA DELLE GUARDIE DEL CORPO	ENERGY FORUM - RETHINKING ENERGY SECURITY IN THE WIDER MEDITERRANEAN In cooperation with SNAM By invitation only	11.00 - 13.00
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY SYRIA'S TRANSITION: TAKING STOCK A YEAR IN In cooperation with Geneva Call Carolyn Browne, Director, Verification Division, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Alain Déletroz, General Director, Geneva Call Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States, Holy See Reem Turkmani, Assistant Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science Chair Zaid Eyadat, Founder and President, Levant Strategic Centre	11.15 - 12.00



SALONE D'ERCOLE	POWER OF NARRATIVES CONCEPTUALISING THE MEDITERRANEAN: "NEAR WEST", HYBRID IDENTITIES AND SOCIETIES ON THE MOVE Josep Ferré, Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation Sebastiano Maffettone, Professor, LUISS Guido Carli Eshkol Nevo, Author Chair Chiara Lovotti, Associate Research Fellow, ISPI	11.30 - 12.15
SALONE D'ERCOLE	POWER OF NARRATIVES THE SACRED AND THE POLITICAL: RELIGION AND PUBLIC SPACE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN Ambrogio Bongiovanni, Director, Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies, Pontificia Università Gregoriana Mariano Crociata, President, Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union Nazila Ghanea, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, United Nations Kristina Stoeckl, Professor, LUISS Guido Carli Chair Alberto Melloni, Professor, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia	12.15 - 13.00
LUNCH	BUFFET LUNCH	12.45 - 14.00
SALONE D'ERCOLE	PRESS CONFERENCE - 77° PRIX ITALIA	13.00 - 14.00



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FRIDAY

LUNCH	LUNCH TALK - LOOKING SOUTH: SPOTLIGHT ON THE MEDITERRANEAN-AFRICA NEXUS In cooperation with Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik/Centre for Applied Turkey Studies By invitation only	13.00 - 14.30
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY FRAYING DETERRENCE: IRAN'S GEOPOLITICAL RECALIBRATION Vali Nasr, Majid Khadduri Professor of Middle East Studies and International Affairs, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Trita Parsi, Executive Vice President, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft William Wechsler, Senior Director, Rafik Hariri Center & Middle East programs, Atlantic Council Chair Merissa Khurma, Founder & CEO, AMENA Strategies, Non Resident Fellow, The Baker Institute	14.00 - 14.45
SALONE D'ERCOLE	SHARED SECURITY AFTER SHARM EL-SHEIKH: DECODING ISRAEL'S FUTURE Eran Etzion, Former Deputy Head, Israel's National Security Council Nimrod Goren, Co-founder, Diplomeds Gil Murciano, CEO, Mitvim – The Israeli Institute for Foreign Regional Policies Chair Nomi Bar-Yaacov, International Peace Negotiator, Geneva Centre for Security Policy	14.00 - 14.45
SECONDO SALOTTO DELLA REGINA	INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM - MEDITERRANEAN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE: THE BACKBONE FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND SECURITY? In cooperation with McKinsey&Company By invitation only	14.30 - 16.30



SALONE D'ERCOLE	SHARED SECURITY MITIGATING SECURITY THREATS IN NORTH AFRICA In cooperation with International Crisis Group Alexandre Bish, Head of Research Innovation, North Africa and the Sahel Observatory, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime Intissar Fakir, Senior Fellow and Founding Director, North Africa and Sahel Program, Middle East Institute Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Mauritanians Abroad, Mauritania Isabelle Werenfels, Senior Fellow, Africa and Middle East, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik Chair Riccardo Fabiani, Project Director, North Africa, International Crisis Group	14.45 - 15.30
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY THE GLOBAL MEDITERRANEAN: FROM CROSSROADS TO STRATEGIC SPACE Karim Haggag, Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Paul Salem, Senior Fellow, Middle East Institute Elisa Spiropali, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania Chair Valeria Talbot, Head, Middle East and North Africa Centre, ISPI	14.45 - 15.30
SALONE D'ERCOLE	HUMAN DIMENSION REBUILDING FUTURES: LEBANON'S ROAD TO RECOVERY Joseph Bahout, Director, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs, American University of Beirut Lama Fakih, Acting Deputy Executive Director and Chief Programs Officer, Human Rights Watch Craig Larkin, Director, Centre for the Study of Divided Societies, King's College London Chair Lina Khatib, Principal Analyst, ExTrac; Associate Fellow, Chatham House	15.30 - 16.15



TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY AFTER SHARM EL-SHEIKH: THE GULF AND THE QUEST FOR A NEW MIDDLE EAST Majed Al Ansari, Advisor to the Prime Minister and Spokesperson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar Yousuf Al Bulushi, Chairman, Muscat Policy Council Luigi Di Maio, Special Representative for the Gulf region, European Union Manal Radwan, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia Chair Ellie Geranmayeh, Deputy Director, Middle East and North Africa programme; Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations	15.30 - 16.15
TEATRO DI CORTE	SHARED SECURITY THE FUTURE OF NON-STATE ACTORS IN THE MENA REGION In cooperation with Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies Yasmeen Al-Eryani, Co-Executive Director for Knowledge Production, Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies Dlawer Ala'Aldeen, Founding President, Middle East Research Institute Maha Yahya, Director, Malcolm H. Kerr Carnegie Middle East Center Chair Peter Hefele, Policy Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies	16.15 - 17.00
SALONE D'ERCOLE	POWER OF NARRATIVES BRIDGING SHORES: ROOTS, MEMORIES AND IDENTITIES H.R.H. Princess Rym Ali, President, Anna Lindh Foundation Mahi Binebine, Painter and Novelist Ahmed Abdullah Zayed, Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina Chair Lucia Goracci, Journalist, RAI	16.15 - 17.00



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TEATRO DI CORTE

CLOSING REMARKS

Franco Bruni, President, ISPI **Riccardo Guariglia**, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy 17.00

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