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The OSCE, the Global Mediterranean and the Future of Cooperative Security

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AGENDA

8:30–9:00

REGISTRATION

9:00–9:30

WELCOME REMARKS

Mario Giro, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy
Amb. Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, OSCE

9:30–9:45

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEMINAR AND NEW-MED NETWORK

Emiliano Alessandri, Mediterranean Focal Point, OSCE Secretariat
Silvia Colombo, Research Fellow, IAI, Rome

9:45–11:15

FIRST SESSION

THE NEW “GLOBAL MEDITERRANEAN”: KEY FEATURES AND ACTORS

What are the major differences between the Mediterranean in the 1970s and the Mediterranean of the 21st century in politico-security, economic and human dimension terms? How do the recent Arab upheavals and transitions fit in this larger transformation? How do challenges related to human mobility in the Mediterranean, including irregular migration and trafficking, affect the relations between the two shores? How can a holistic approach, encompassing security, development and respect for human rights, be developed to address them? How is regional cooperation affected by the growing role of non-governmental actors and the expanding influence of extra-regional players in the area? What opportunity does increased engagement of youth and women in political and public offer for regional and international collaboration? Is a more interdependent Mediterranean also a more integrated one, or will old and new divides continue to characterise the region, hampering regional and international cooperation efforts?

Chair

Richard Youngs, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment, Brussels

Paper-giver

Amb. Mohamed Anis Salem, Board Member and Coordinator, Working Group on the UN and Regional Organisations, Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA), Cairo

Panelists

Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Barcelona

Kristina Kausch, Head of Middle East Programme, FRIDE, Madrid

Ayman Khalil, Director, Arab Institute for Security Studies, Amman

Claire Spencer, Head, Middle East and North Africa Programme, Chatham House, London

Debate

11:15–11:30

Coffee break

11:30–13:30

SECOND SESSION

THE EVOLUTION OF OSCE'S MEDITERRANEAN ENGAGEMENT

What are the major features and areas of evolution in OSCE's Mediterranean Partnership? What are the existing fields of co-operation? What have been so far the most effective instruments of co-operation? Is there sufficient awareness of existing co-operation arrangements? What issues identified in the Mediterranean chapter of the Helsinki Final Act remain unaddressed and why? Should the relationship between the OSCE and Southern Mediterranean countries be reframed in the context of "Helsinki +40" or just updated? Should the focus be on practical cooperation projects or on larger political initiatives? How can 'track II' activities help towards making progress in future cooperation?

Chair

Loic Simonet, Senior External Co-Operation Officer, OSCE Secretariat, Vienna

Paper-giver

Monika Wohlfeld, German Chair for Peace Studies and Conflict Prevention, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta

Panelists

Amb. **Samir Koubaa**, Former Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tunisia at the OSCE

Sharon Pardo, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam*, Director of the Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva

Thomas Vennen, Head Democratization Department, ODIHR, Warsaw

Saban Kardas, President, ORSAM, Ankara

Debate

13:30–14:30

Buffet lunch

14:30–16:30

THIRD SESSION

THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL COOPERATIVE SECURITY

What is the future of cooperative security in the more interdependent but also more plural Mediterranean of the 21st century? Can relevant regional and international organisations, such as the EU, the UN, the Council of Europe, the League of Arab States, as well as regional initiatives, such as the Union for the Mediterranean and the '5+5 Dialogue', and the OSCE, cooperate more closely in regional security, and how? What other actors or organisations could be involved in new initiatives? What are the prospects for new regional security arrangements to emerge? Has the idea of a Conference for Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean (CSCM) become more or less attractive in the post-Arab Spring context? Does the recurrent vision of a Mediterranean security community still have some relevance for policy debates or should more limited aims be set going forward?

Chair **Eduard Soler i Lecha**, Coordinator of the Mediterranean and Middle East Programme, CIDOB, Barcelona

Panelists **Ian Lesser**, Senior Director for Foreign and Security Policy and Executive Director of the Transatlantic Center GMF, Brussels

Nadia Arbatova, Head of Department on European Political Studies, Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Assia Ben Salah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large, Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat

Amb. **Gabriel Busquets**, Ambassador At Large for Mediterranean Affairs, Spain, Madrid

Debate

16:30–17:00

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ettore Greco, Director, IAI, Rome

Nicolò Russo Perez, Program Manager, Compagnia di San Paolo

Amb. **Gunaajav Batjargal**, Permanent Representative of Mongolia at the OSCE and Coordinator for Partners for Co-Operation, Helsinki +40 process

Amb. **Fred Tanner**, Senior Adviser and Liaison to the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship, OSCE Secretariat