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The Mediterranean: new resources and integration

High-Level Conference

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and the **NATO Defense College**

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Venue: Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel – Sala delle Belle Arti (Via Alberto Cadlolo 101)

14,00 – 14,30 CEST *Participants arrival*

14,30 – 14,45 *Welcome remarks*

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome *
- **Christopher Schnaubelt**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome *
- **Nicolò Russo Perez**, Head, International Affairs, Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin *

14,45 – 15,45

SESSION 1

NEW MAPS OF ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION

An energy portfolio diversification between European importers and regional producers is a complex endeavour, also in the context of an ongoing war and, in the medium-term, the EU Green Deal. The biggest potential resources are owned by Egypt and Israel, while the laying of pipelines requires a common effort with neighbours. What are the opportunities and the risks? How to protect essential infrastructure? How to weave in renewables and green hydrogen?

Chair: **Nicola Graziani**, Head, Foreign Editorial, Agenzia Giornalistica Italia, Rome *

- **Abla Abdel Latif**, Executive Director and Director of Research, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Cairo *
- **Ahmed Badr**, Director, Project Facilitation and Support Division, International Renewable Energy Agency, Abu Dhabi *
- **Remi Daniel**, Mediterranean Dialogue Fellow, NATO Defense College, Rome (INSS, Tel Aviv) *

Q&A Session

15,45 – 16,15 *Coffee Break*

16,15 – 17,30

SESSION 2

ENERGY AND NORMALISATION: PROGRESS AHEAD

Normalisation has proved to be an important factor of progress in the region (and potentially also in the Indian subcontinent), but the energy scenario is still uneasy. The politics of energy need to be further normalised: what are the possible paths and positive consequences? The future of the region lies to a large extent in energy development and cooperation. What the best inclusive formats? How to stimulate hi-tech cooperation in the area?

Chair: **Mehmet Ögütçü**, Chairman, London Energy Club, London *

- **Ashraf Mohammed Keshk**, Research Fellow and Head of Strategic & International Studies, Derasat, Manama *
- **Grammenos Mastrojeni**, Deputy Secretary General for Energy and Climate Action, Union for the Mediterranean, Barcelona
- **Claudia Gazzini**, Senior Libya Analyst, International Crisis Group, Tripoli
- **Nabeela Al-Mulla**, former Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the EU and NATO, Kuwait City

Q&A Session

17,30 – 17,40 *Special Intervention*

- **Pasquale Ferrara**, Director General, Directorate General for Political Affairs and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

17,40 – 18,00 *Coffee Break*

18,00 – 19,00

SESSION 3

THE CHALLENGE OF MARKET INTEGRATION

A connected energy market in Eastern Mediterranean on the one hand requires infrastructures, interconnections, grids and well implemented regulations. On the other hand, in order to ensure North-South exchanges, it also needs a cooperative security framework to achieve stability. How do market actors interact among themselves and with (inter)governmental bodies assuring energy security?

Chair: **Alon Bar**, Ambassador of Israel to Italy, Rome *

- **Ahmet Evin**, Founding Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Professor Emeritus, Sabanci University, Istanbul *
- **Rim Berahab**, Senior Economist, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat *
- **Leonardo Bellodi**, Adjunct Professor, Luiss Business School, Rome *

Q&A Session

19,00 – 19,10 *Concluding Remarks*

- **Alfio Giuseppe Rapisarda**, Head of Global Security, Eni, Rome *

END OF THE WORKING DAY

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