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THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY AND THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN: DRAWING FROM THE LESSONS OF ENLARGEMENT

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Ankara

Programme

10:00-10:30

Welcome Remarks

Gianni Bonvicini – IAI

Atila Eralp – METU

10:30-12:30

Session 1:

Evaluating the ENP's Southern Dimension

By 2007, seven of the ENP's southern neighbours (Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority and Tunisia) agreed with the European Commission on their Action Plans, while three remain in stand-by (Algeria, Libya and Syria).

- What are the prospects, the opportunities and the limits embedded in the agreed Action Plans?
- How can their implementation be evaluated?
- What are the prospects and obstacles in the materialization of the ENP for the remaining three ENP southern countries?

Chair:

Gianni Bonvicini – IAI

Speakers:

Roberto Aliboni – IAI

Roderick Pace – University of Malta

Hiski Haukkala – Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Discussants

Michele Comelli – IAI

Kıvanç Ulusoy – METU

Open Debate

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:30

Session 2:

Perspectives on the ENP from the South

How do the southern neighbours evaluate the ENP, its objectives, its implementation and its future prospects?

Chair:

Atila Eralp – METU

Speakers:

A view from Egypt – **Ahmed Farouk Ghoneim**, University of Cairo

A view from Algeria – **Amel Boubekour**, CEPS

A view from Israel – **Sharon Pardo**, The Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Discussants:

Nathalie Tocci – IAI

Özlem Tür – METU

Open Debate

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

CONSENT Cross Working Group on Enlargement

16:00-18:00

Session 3:

Enlargement and the ENP: EU-Turkey Relations and the Role of the EU in the Southern Neighbourhood

Unlike the Central and Eastern European enlargement, acting as an inevitable reference point in the ENP's eastern dimension, when it comes to the south, the relevant parallel refers principally to Turkey. This is not because the Turkey case sets a precedent for future enlargements in the southern Mediterranean. It is rather because the manner in which EU-Turkey relations evolve is increasingly seen as a litmus test of EU credibility in the wider region. Yet not only is Turkey not included in the EU yet, but its path to Europe has been uncharacteristically drawn-out and tortuous.

- What are the implications of Turkey's accession process for the ENP's southern dimension?
- What are the potential synergies between Turkey and the EU in bolstering the ENP's southern dimension

Chair:

Maria Karasinska Fendler – European Institute, Lodz

Speakers:

Meliha Altunişik – METU
Ettore Greco – IAI

Discussants:

Burcu Gülketin – METU
Wolfgang Piccoli – Eurasia Group

Open debate

18:00-18:20

Closing remarks

Gianni Bonvicini – IAI
Atila Eralp – METU

20:00

Dinner

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