

EU AND ITS NEIGHBOURS: CHARTING THE WAY FORWARD

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– Sala delle Conferenze Internazionali –
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AGENDA

9.45-10.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND WELCOME COFFEE

10.30-10.45 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Artis Bertulis, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia in Italy

Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

10.45-11.00 OPENING SPEECH

Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

11.00-13.00 **PANEL I: EU AT THE CROSSROADS: WHAT FUTURE FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP?**

11.00-12.00 CHAIR: **Nona Mikhelidze**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

- **Andrejs Pildegovičs**, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
- **Laure Delcour**, Senior Fellow, The French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS), Paris
- **Kakha Gogolashvili**, Senior Fellow, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), Tbilisi
- **Arkady Moshes**, EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme Director, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs FIIA, Helsinki

SPEAKERS >

12.00-13.00 **Open Debate**

13.00-14.00 *Buffet Lunch*

14.00-16.00 **PANEL II: RETHINKING EU'S MEDITERRANEAN POLICY**

14.00-15.00 CHAIR: **Silvia Colombo**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

- **Giuseppe Buccino Grimaldi**, Director General for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International cooperation of the Republic of Italy
- **Iveta Šulca**, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia in the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **Eduard Soler**, Senior Fellow, Barcelona Center for International Affairs CIDOB, Barcelona
- **Daniel Levy**, Director of the Middle East and North Africa Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR, London
- **Kristina Kausch**, Head Middle East Program, European think tank for global action FRIDE, Madrid

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15.00-16.00 **Open Debate**

16.00-16.15 CONCLUDING REMARKS:

- **Andrejs Pildegovičs**, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
- **Michele Valensise**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy