



The Anglo-Italian Cooperation on Air Combat

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PROGRAMME

08:45 Arrival and registration

09:30 Welcome remarks

EDWARD LLEWELLYN

British Ambassador to the Italian Republic

Keynote speeches on Strategic and Political Context

ALESSANDRO AZZONI

Deputy Director General/Principal Director for Security

GIOVANNI SOCCODATO

Managing Director of MBDA Italia

CHRIS ALLAM

Managing Director of MBDA UK

10:30 **Session 1 State of the art and future perspectives of UK-Italian defence cooperation**

GUIDELINE QUESTIONS

- *Which are the implications of NATO focus on collective defence for both countries?*
- *How can the bilateral cooperation enhance Europe's defence, security and stability?*
- *How a possible, Anglo-Italian security and defence treaty should look like?*
- *Which cooperation Italy and UK should seek together with other major European countries?*

GIANFRANCO ANNUNZIATA

Head of strategic direction and international cooperation, Joint Chief of Staff Italian Minister of Defence

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JAMES ALLIBONE

Group Business Development Director, MBDA UK

KAROLINA MUTI

Senior Research Fellow, Defence Security and Space Programme, IAI

Moderated by

FABRIZIO LUCIOLLI

President, Comitato Atlantico Italiano

12:15 **Lunch**



13:30 **Session 2 Air Combat in an age of peer-to-peer conflict**

GUIDELINE QUESTIONS

- *Which are the implications and lessons identified from the Russia-Ukraine war for air combat capabilities?*
- *What will air combat mean in the 2030-2050 timeframe?*
- *Which range of threats, scenarios and requirements?*
- *Which challenges and opportunities for Anglo-Italian cooperation?*

LUCA GORETTI

Chief of Staff, Italian Air Force

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Director Capability and Programmes, Royal Air Force

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Senior Research Fellow for Airpower and Technology in the Military Sciences team, RUSI

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ALESSANDRO MARRONE

Head of Defence Security and Space Programme, IAI

15:00 **Coffee Break**





15:30 **Session 3 Europe's air combat capabilities, technologies and cooperation between short term needs and long term necessities**

GUIDELINE QUESTIONS

- *How the next generation effectors for British and Italian air forces will look like?*
- *What are the key technologies to develop?*
- *How to reconcile short term needs with long terms necessities in terms of operational and technological sovereignty?*
- *Which possible EU contribution in terms of defence industrial policies and investments?*

GIUSEPPE COSSIGA

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Director Strategic Programmes in the UK Ministry of Defence

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Director of the Air Armaments and Airworthiness Directorate

PHILIPPA HARVEY

Deputy Director – Future Combat Air System Strategy, UK Ministry of Defence

Moderated by

CHIARA ROSSI

Journalist, Start Magazine

17:00 **Conclusions**

MATTEO PEREGO DI CREMNAGO

Undersecretary of State to the Ministry of Defence

17:15 **Farewell remarks**

EDWARD LLEWELLYN

British Ambassador to the Italian Republic

17:20 **Reception**

19:00 **End of the event**

