



2025 India Dialogue

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Istituto Affari Internazionali
Via dei Montecatini, 17
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The 2025 India Dialogue at IAI will examine India's emerging role as a pivotal actor in reshaping connectivity, economic relations, and security architectures at a regional and global level. The event will consist of two panels. The first panel will explore the convergence between the Indo-Pacific and the "enlarged" Mediterranean region, addressing issues concerning maritime security, infrastructure development, and economic integration, while identifying concrete opportunities for greater cooperation across these strategic sectors. The second panel, will analyse how India's rapid economic growth shapes its strategic posture both regionally and globally. Together, the two panels will assess the impacts of India's on the regional order of Indo-Pacific, as well as on actors like Italy and the European Union.

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PROGRAMME

09:15 *Registration*

09:30 *Opening remarks*

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VANI RAO

Ambassador of India to the Italian Republic

10:00 **Panel 1: Indo-Pacific and the Enlarged Mediterranean Convergence and Opportunities between India, the EU and Italy**

How can India and Italy, along with the EU, leverage their strategic geographic position to maximize the economic and geopolitical benefits of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)? How can they ensure the initiative addresses infrastructure and investment gaps across the Indo-Pacific and Mediterranean regions?

What specific sectors present the most promising opportunities for collaboration between India and Mediterranean nations, particularly in areas such as maritime security, port development, and supply chain resilience?

In what ways can existing bilateral relationships, such as Indo-Italian cooperation, serve as models for broader regional engagement, and what mechanisms would best facilitate multilateral coordination across these converging strategic theatres.

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Moderator

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11:00 *Break*





11:15 Panel II: India's Economic Rise and its Strategic Potential

How can India effectively translate its growing economic power into strategic engagement with the EU to address shared challenges such as technological innovation, trade imbalances, resilience of supply chains, and maritime security?

What mechanisms and policies should India and the EU prioritise to strengthen the security-economy nexus in their reciprocal engagement, particularly regarding defence modernisation and technology indigenisation?

How can India and the EU position themselves as stabilising forces in the broader security architecture encompassing the Indo-Pacific, the Gulf region and the enlarged Mediterranean?

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12:15 *Conclusions*

