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In a global environment marked by rising conflict and contestation, the Atlantic space stands out for pointing positively in the opposite direction. As an overall middle income region making successful efforts to overcome entrenched conflicts, and consolidating democracy and socio-economic development, the countries of the Americas represent key partners of choice for the European Union. As the EU works towards its Global Strategy, three sets of questions stand out:

First, how can the EU develop and sharpen its policies aimed at strengthening state and societal resilience in Latin American Countries? Can the EU step up its support for fragile peace processes and peace agreements in the region, for better models of governance (notably aimed at eradicating corruption and organized crime), and for sustained socio-economic development?

Second, what scope is there for developing inter-regional relations in the wider Atlantic space? There is more EU investment in Latin America than in Russia, India and China combined, while cultural ties and migratory flows are strong in both directions. How can the EU strengthen its ties with such organisations as CELAC, SICA, CARICOM, MERCOSUR and UNASUR?

Finally, as the EU and Latin American Countries face global challenges, from climate and development to cyber security, trade and migration, how can they work - either bilaterally or inter-regionally - towards stronger and more effective global governance mechanisms? What scope is there to proceed together for the reform of multilateral institutions? Can the EU and Latin America collaborate in seeking multilateral solutions to new global challenges?

Programme

08:30-09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00-09:30 **Welcome Address**

- **Massimo Gaiani**, Director General for Global Issues and for Asia, Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Introductory Session: Latin America and the EU Global Strategy

- **Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), and Special Advisor to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini
- **Alfredo Conte**, Head of the Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
- **Antonio Missiroli**, Director, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

09:30-11:00 **Session I: Good governance and societal resilience in Latin America: How can the EU contribute?**

Chair **Anna Ayuso**, Senior Researcher, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)

Speakers **Miriam Gomes Saraiva**, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of the State of Rio de Janeiro

Mario Cimoli, Chief of the Production, Productivity and Management Division, Comision Economica para América Latina (CEPAL)

José Luis Rhi-Sausi, Socio-economic Secretary, Istituto Italo-Latino Americano (IILA), Rome

Roland Schäfer, Acting Managing Director for the Americas, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15-12.45 **Session II: Reframing EU-Latin America relations: promoting dialogue**

Chair **Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), and Special Advisor to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini

Speakers **José Antonio Sanahuja**, Robert Schuman Fellow, European University Institute, and Professor at the Complutense University of Madrid

Loris Zanatta, Professor, University of Bologna

José Antonio García Belaunde, Ambassador, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru

12:45–13:30 Buffet lunch

13:30-15:00 Session III: EU and Latin America towards more effective global governance

Chair **Nicoletta Pirozzi**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speakers **Fernando A. Iglesias**, World Federalist Movement Council Chairman, President Democracia Global, Director Cátedra Spinelli, Buenos Aires

Detlef Nolte, Director, GIGA Institute of Latin American Studies, Hamburg

Susanne Gratius, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Autonomous University of Madrid and Associate Fellow, Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE), Madrid

Antonella Spada, Regional Specialist in Political and Prospective Analysis for Development (Expert of the UNDP Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean)

Jose Luengo-Cabrera, Associate Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

15:00-16:15 Session IV: Closing remarks (public session open to the media)

Chair **Donato Di Santo**, former Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Latin America expert

Speakers **Mario Giro**, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Luis Almagro, Secretary-General, Organization of American States (OAS)

Keynote Speech **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the European Commission

Rapporteur **Bernardo Venturi**, Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome