



International conference

THE EU AND NORTH AFRICA ON ENERGY AND MIGRATION: WHAT PROSPECTS AFTER THE ARAB SPRING?

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PROGRAMME

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Monday, March 19

15.00- 15.15 **Welcome addresses**

Lucio Battistotti, Director, Representation in Italy of the European Commission, Rome

Gianni Bonvicini, Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

15.15- 16.30 **First Session**

The new Mediterranean: what role for the EU?

This session discusses the emerging geopolitical, social, and economic features of the Mediterranean region in the aftermath of the Arab Spring. It also analyses the current state of play of EU-North Africa cooperation, with particular emphasis on the revision of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), pointing to a potential conflict between democracy promotion policies and cooperation in such areas, as migration and energy. How is it possible to reconcile them?

Chair **Michael Leigh**, Senior Advisor, The German Marshall Fund of the US (GMFUS), Brussels

Speakers **Peter Frisch**, Lead political Economist, Maghreb Department, European External Action Service (EEAS), European Union, Brussels

Ahmed Driss, Director, Centre d'études méditerranéennes et internationales, Tunis

Discussants **Michael Emerson**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, CEPS, Brussels

Atila Eralp, Director, Center for European Studies (CES), Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara

16.30- 16.45 Coffee break

16.45- 18.00 **Second Session**

Energy cooperation in the Euromediterranean area

How could energy become the engine of cooperation and integration rather than a source of competition and contrast between the northern and the southern shores of the Mediterranean? The session tackles the state of play of multilateral and bilateral frameworks of cooperation in the energy sector as well as the prospects for South-South Mediterranean energy integration.

Chair **Roberto Aliboni**, Head, Mediterranean and Middle East Department, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speakers **Marcello Colitti**, Vice-president, Arab-Italian Chamber of Commerce, Rome

Hakim Darbouche, Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

Discussants **Silvia Colombo**, Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Florian Baumann, Senior Researcher, Center for Applied Policy Research (CAP), Munich

Tuesday, March 20

9.30- 10.45 **Third Session**
Cooperation on migration: a human development perspective

Integrating the human development perspective and the security dimension on migration could help bridge the gap between different interests and priorities across the Mediterranean. The session will discuss the existing mismatch between the national policies implemented by the EU member states and the creation of an integrated Euro-Mediterranean migratory space. What are the challenges that Europe faces when dealing with the control of its external borders in a human rights compliant manner?

Chair **Lucio Battistotti**, Director, Representation in Italy of the European Commission, Rome

Speakers **Philippe Fargues**, Director, Center on Migrations, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI), Florence
Ibrahim Awad, Professor of Practice of Public Policy and Director of Center of Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo (AUC)

Discussants **Stefano Manservigi**, Director General for Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels
Pasquale Lupoli, Regional Representative for the Middle East, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Cairo

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00- 13.00 **ROUNDTABLE**
The case of Libya: challenges and opportunities in migration and energy

Chair **Giancarlo Chevallard**, President, Istituto Paralleli, Turin

Panelists **Vincenzo Camporini**, Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Hassan Mneimneh, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the US (GMFUS), Washington, DC

Emanuela C. Del Re, University Niccolò Cusano of Rome; Chair of EPOS Intl. Mediating and Negotiating Operational Agency

Amal Obeidi, Associate Professor of Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economics, University of Garyounis, Benghazi

Marcello Colitti, Vice-president, Arab-Italian Chamber of Commerce, Rome

Open debate

13.00- 14.00 Buffet lunch