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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Italy's Perspectives on Forging a New EU-North Africa Energy Pact

The **Istituto Affari Internazionali** (IAI) organizes a half-day conference meant to explore the issue of the energy policies of the EU towards North Africa. The conference is part of a wider project carried out by IAI in partnership with the **Enel Foundation**. The project seeks to identify and evaluate concrete proposals - to be introduced in the European agenda during the Italian Presidency of the EU - to improve the European initiatives towards the Southern Mediterranean in the energy domain. It aims at strengthening inter and intra-regional cooperation and fostering a sustainable and efficient energy transition in the countries of the region.

The project moves from an accurate analysis of the energy trends in North Africa in the light of important political, economic, social and demographic changes occurred in recent years, as well as from the assessment of the policies adopted by the governments of these countries to cope with the evolution of their national energy sectors.

The conference is to be held in **Rome** on **November 18, 2014**, in synergy with the Ministerial Conference on the Euro-Med energy partnership, scheduled for the following day as part of the Italian Semester of Presidency of the EU. The conference will present the preliminary results of the project, focusing in particular on the formulation and discussion of a series of recommendations and proposals for the revision of the EU energy policies towards North Africa. These proposals will be discussed by an audience of both European and Southern Mediterranean experts, representatives of public institutions and the private sector, and members of the main Euro-Mediterranean energy networks. The results of the debate will be presented in the form of final recommendations to the Italian authorities.

ROME, 18 NOVEMBER 2014

15:30 – 18:30

*Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
– Sala Aldo Moro –*

Piazzale della Farnesina, 1

Working language: English

Agenda

- 15:30 – 16:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 16:00 – 16:15 **WELCOME REMARKS**
Luigi Marras – Director General for Global Affairs, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Felice Egidi – Head of Regulatory Affairs, Vice President, Enel Green Power
Ferdinando Nelli Feroci – President, Istituto Affari Internazionali
- 16:15 – 16:30 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
Claudio De Vincenti – Italian Deputy Minister of Economic Development
- 16:30 – 16:50 **STUDY PRESENTATION**
Marzia Germini – Head of Capacity Building and Knowledge Dissemination area, Enel Foundation
Nicolò Sartori – Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali
- 16:50 – 17:20 **ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS**
Chair: **Clemente Gnarra** – Business Development, Upstream Gas Division, Enel Group
- Speakers:*
- **Tareq Emtairah** – Executive Director, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
 - **Ahmed Baroudi** – General Director, Société d'Investissements Energétiques
 - **Marco Berti Palazzi** – International Relations Officer, South Mediterranean and Maghreb countries, DG ENER, European Commission
- 17:20 – 17:35 **OPEN DEBATE**
- 17:35 – 18:05 **A NEW EURO-NORTH AFRICA ENERGY PACT? ITALY'S POINT OF VIEW**
Chair: **Nathalie Tocci** – Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali
- Speakers:*
- **Fabio Tambone** – Head of External International Relations of AEEGSI and General Coordinator of MEDREG
 - **Giuseppe Montesano** – Head of European Energy Policy and Analysis, Enel Group
 - **Roberto Vigotti** – Secretary General, RES4MED
- 18:05 – 18:20 **OPEN DEBATE**
- 18:20 – 18:30 **CONCLUSIONS**
Pier Antonio Panzeri – Chair of the Delegation for relations with Maghreb Countries and the Arab Maghreb Union, European Parliament
- 18:30 End of the conference