

IN-PERSON EVENT

THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE GULF: INTERDEPENDENCE AND MARITIME SECURITY

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10:00-12:00

9:30 Welcome coffee & registration

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The Mediterranean Sea and the Gulf are interconnected in terms of trade, energy and underwater internet cables. Italy is fully aware of such interdependence, and conceives the "enlarged Mediterranean" as a regional security complex including continental Europe, North Africa, Sahel, Horn of Africa and the Middle East up to the Black Sea. The EU has stepped up its commitment on the freedom of navigation principle through the defensive maritime security operation Aspides.

In this context, this IAI in-person event aims to stimulate a strategic dialogue with a view to shared understanding and pragmatic cooperation.

PROGRAMME

WELCOME ADDRESSES

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

MARTIN BRIENS

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BADER AL SAIF

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Rear Admiral, Force Commander, EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Operations, Italian Navy

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Q&A SESSION

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