BEYOND TURMOIL, A POSITIVE AGENDA

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MED - MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES is the annual high-level initiative promoted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and ISPI (Italian Institute for International Political Studies) in Rome. The event aims at drafting a “positive agenda” for the Mediterranean by stimulating debate and promoting new ideas, rethinking traditional approaches and addressing shared challenges at both the regional and the international level.

Rome MED builds upon four pillars: Shared Prosperity, Shared Security, Migration, and Civil Society and Culture. Debates on these topics are intended to complement analyses of current challenges with new ideas and suggestions to scale-up economic cooperation, overcome regional rivalries and conflicts, and ensure that adequate incentives for sustainable development are set in motion.

Under the “Shared Prosperity” pillar, particular attention is devoted to the role that business leaders and civil society can play to foster prosperity and political stability in a region where new opportunities may be seized. In order to take full advantage of such opportunities, today’s threats and challenges need to be addressed. Discussions on “Shared Security” are focused on viable strategies to avoid further turmoil, fight terrorism and promote successful post-conflict transitions and institution-building, thus enhancing resilience in Mediterranean countries.

Another important challenge hinges upon the management of surging migratory flows that pass through or settle in the region. The “Migration” pillar encourages discussion about migration-related topics, including: identifying safe and legal routes for asylum seekers; fostering social inclusion; and efficiently combining counter-trafficking policies with the respect of human rights.

The “Civil Society and Culture” pillar allows to put all these challenges into perspective by acknowledging that the Mediterranean region is a unique “melting pot” of cultures and religions, with important historical legacies, and a rich natural and cultural heritage.

With a view to providing a useful tool to further stimulate debate on the four pillars during ROME MED and beyond, ISPI and MED scientific partners produced the MED Report “Looking ahead: charting new paths for the Mediterranean”.

ABOUT MED

THE ITALIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL STUDIES

The Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) is an independent, non-partisan think tank providing leading research and viable policy options to government officials, business executives and the public at large wishing to better understand international issues.

Founded in 1934 in Milan, ISPI has always adopted a pragmatic approach in analyzing geographical areas and topics of particular interest to Italy and Europe. ISPI is the only Italian Institute - and among the few in Europe - combining policy-oriented research with an equally significant commitment to education and training, to conferences and advice on international trends. In particular, the Institute is Italy's main forum for debate on international affairs, and promotes international events including annual conferences (such as Rome MED), bilateral dialogue Forums with France, Germany, Switzerland and Russia, and closed-door meetings for selected audiences.

In over 80 years, ISPI has built an extensive network of think tanks in Europe and across the world and since 2014 it is the think tank representing Italy in the Think20 (T20), an advisory body of the G20.
2017 IN NUMBERS

3 + 1 DAYS OF MEETINGS

20 PRELIMINARY MEETINGS

4 PILLARS
SHARED PROSPERITY
SHARED SECURITY
MIGRATION
MEDIA, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

45 HEADS OF STATE, MINISTERS
AND TOP REPRESENTATIVES
OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS

800 LEADERS IN BUSINESS,
POLITICS AND CULTURE

80 THINK TANKS AND
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

56 COUNTRIES
The 3rd edition of ROME MED Mediterranean Dialogues was preceded by meetings for selected audiences: 10 Towards MED events in 5 cities from June to December 2017, and 10 Pre-MED meetings in Rome just before ROME MED. They were intended to address some of the most pressing and topical challenges to the Mediterranean region by bringing together institutional actors, experts, civil servants, and top representatives of the international business community and the media.

Participants were offered the opportunity to discuss viable options to foster dialogue and enhance cooperation in a context of equitable and sustainable growth, address key topics such as business, energy, religion and sport and discuss the role of women, youth, think tanks, policy planners and the media.

All this contributed to turn Rome into a global hub for high-level dialogues drafting a positive agenda for the Mediterranean.
TOWARDS MED

19 JUNE | BOLOGNA
LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES in cooperation with The European Academy of Religion

19/21 SEPTEMBER | AMMAN
MENA THINK TANK SUMMIT in cooperation with JCSS University of Pennsylvania

2 OCTOBER | ROME
RUSSIA, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE MIDDLE EAST in cooperation with RIAC

12 OCTOBER | ROME
FROM SYRIA TO LIBYA: THE ARC OF INSTABILITY in cooperation with Atlantic Council

16 OCTOBER | BRUSSELS
TERRORISM IN EUROPE AFTER THE FALL OF THE CALIPHATE in cooperation with Egmont

26 OCTOBER | MILAN
MANAGING MIGRATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN in cooperation with IEmed Union for the Mediterranean Medthink 5+5

13 NOVEMBER | MILAN
HOME GROWN TERRORISTS: WHO THEY ARE? HOW TO COUNTER THEM?

17 NOVEMBER | BRUSSELS
BEYOND CRISIS: IDENTIFYING TOP PRIORITIES IN NORTH AFRICA FOR 2019 in cooperation with International Crisis Group

21 NOVEMBER | MILAN
A NEW DEAL FOR LIBYA: THE ROAD AHEAD in cooperation with U.S. Consulate General

23 NOVEMBER | ROME
THE SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: A VIEW FROM TURKEY

PRE MED

29 NOVEMBER | ROME
WOMEN’S FORUM
WOMEN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION: DRIVERS FOR CHANGE

POLICY PLANNERS’ FORUM
EXCHANGING VIEWS AND IDEAS ON THE FUTURE OF THE “GLOBAL MEDITERRANEAN”

YOUTH FORUM
MED YOUNG LEADERS: CONNECT AND ENGAGE

RELIGION FORUM
RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: SETTING A MEDITERRANEAN AGENDA

ENERGY FORUM
THE GRAND ENERGY TRANSITION: EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, NORTH AFRICA AND EUROPE

SPORT FORUM
SPORT NOSTRUM: FOSTERING DIALOGUE AND SOCIAL INNOVATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

EURO-MED THINK TANK FORUM
THINK TANKS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: POLICY OPTIONS TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

MEDIA FORUM
FROM THE WEB UP: BUILDING SOCIETIES THROUGH NEW DIGITAL TOOLS, THE CHALLENGE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE INTERCONNECTED MEDITERRANEAN

BUSINESS FORUM
DRIVERS OF COMPETITIVENESS IN THE MENA REGION

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM
WATER AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN: YOUTH & INNOVATION

MED DIALOGUES

30 NOVEMBER | ROME
WELCOMING REMARKS / KEYNOTE SPEECHES

PLenary BEYOND THE CRISIS: TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE?

DIALOGUE A VIEW FROM IRAN

DIALOGUE A VIEW FROM LIBYA

DIALOGUE A VIEW FROM CHINA

1 DECEMBER | ROME
BREAKFAST POLICY FORUM

LIBYA: ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS (coordinated by ISPI)

GOVERNING LOCAL IDENTITIES: DECENTRALIZATION AS A SOLUTION? (coordinated by DGAP and MERI)

IRAN’S POLITICAL CHALLENGES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES (coordinated by IFRI)

PROMOTING INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (coordinated by BRUEGEL and OCP)

PLECTARY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AND INVESTMENTS: A TOOL FOR GROWTH

DIALOGUE A VIEW FROM EGYPT

DIALOGUE

PLenary SESSIONS

SHARED SECURITY COMMON STRATEGIES

DIALOGUE AT WORK: CULTURE, SPORT & CIVIL SOCIETIES

PLECTARY SESSIONS

ENERGY FOR PEACE: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

ROOTING OUT RADICALIZATION: EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES

PLECTARY MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP

DIALOGUE A VIEW FROM RUSSIA

DIALOGUE A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA

2 DECEMBER | ROME
PLECTARY THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST

DIALOGUE TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY

DIALOGUE A VIEW FROM QATAR

CLOSING
**Welcoming Remarks**
Giampiero MASSOLO, President, ISPI, Italy
Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, Eni, Italy
Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy

**KEYNOTE SPEECHES**
Angelino ALFANO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Michel AOUN, President, Lebanon

*At the presence of the President of the Italian Republic*
Sergio MATTARELLA

**PLENARY**
BEYOND THE CRISIS: TOWARDS A NEW REGIONAL BALANCE?
*Chair:* Thomas GOMART, Director, IFRI, France

Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT, Secretary General, Arab League
Ibrahim AL-JAFFARI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iraq
Yousef bin Ahmad AL-OTHAIMEEN, Secretary General, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
Robert MALLEY, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA

Roberta PINOTTI, Minister of Defence, Italy
“A Wider Security for the Mediterranean Region: the Italian View”

**A VIEW FROM IRAN**
Mohammad Javad ZARIF, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran
*in conversation with* Monica MAGGIONI, President, Rai
and Nicolas PELHAM, The Economist

**A VIEW FROM LIBYA**
Ahmed Omar MAITEEG, Vice President, Presidential Council, Libya
*in conversation with* Alberto NEGRI, Il Sole 24 Ore
and Francesca PACI, La Stampa

**A VIEW FROM CHINA**
Ying FU, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National People’s Congress, China
*in conversation with* Mark LEONARD, Director, ECFR

**Cocktail followed by a private visit at the**
**BORGHESE GALLERY**
(by invitation only)
FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

08.30 SFORZA ROOMS

LIBYA: ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS
coordinated by ISPI

Chair: Arturo VARVELLI, Co-Head, Middle East and North Africa Centre, ISPI, Italy
Ehab ABDULGADER, Director and COO, PetroGas, Libya
Zuhir A. Ali MAHMUD, Development Programs Advisor, Presidential Council GNA, Libya
Mustafa SANALLAH, CEO, National Oil Company, Libya
Omar TARHUNI, Advisor and Consultant, Presidential Council GNA, Libya
Tarik M. YOUSEF, Member, Board of Directors, Libya Central Bank

GOVERNING LOCAL IDENTITIES: DECENTRALIZATION AS A SOLUTION?
coordinated by DGAP and MERI

Chair: Dina FAKOUSSA, Head, Middle East and North Africa Programme, DGAP, Germany
Dlawer AL'AALDEEN, President, MERI, Iraq
Ranj ALAALDIN, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Doha, Qatar
Virginie COLLONBIER, Research Coordinator, Middle East Directions Programme, EUI
Nafti MAHDI, Member, Constituent Assembly, Tunisia

10.00 FERNANDES ROOM

IRAN’S POLITICAL CHALLENGES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
coordinated by IFRI

Chair: Dorothée SCHMID, Head of Turkey and Middle East Program, IFRI, France
Matthieu ETORNEAU, Managing Director, French Business Center of Tehran, Iran
Vali NASR, Dean, SAIS Johns Hopkins, USA
Seyed Mohammad Kazem S AJJADPOUR, Head, Center for International Research and Education of Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and President, IPIS, Iran

PROMOTING INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
coordinated by BRUEGEL and OCP Policy Center

Chair: Maria DEMERTZIS, Deputy Director, Bruegel, Belgium
Karim EL AYNAOUI, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center, Morocco
Slim GHORBEL, Executive Board Member, Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA), Tunisia
Michael KÖHLER, Director, Neighbourhood South, DG NEAR, European Commission
Jacques J. SARRAF, Honorary President, BusinessMED and Chairman, Malia Group, Lebanon

11.00 FRANCOIS ROOM

PLENARY
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS: A TOOL FOR GROWTH

Chair: Andrea BIGNAMI, Sky TG24
Thamer ALFAILAKAWI, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development
Saad Ahmed AL-MOHANNADI, President, Ashghal, Qatar
Fouad MAKHZOUMI, Executive Chairman and CEO, Future Pipe Industries, Lebanon
Beniamino QUINTIERI, President, SACE, Italy
Naguib SAWIRIS, CEO, Orascom - Telecom Media and Technology Holding, Egypt

11.15 A VIEW FROM EGYPT

Sameh Hassan SHOUKRY, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
in conversation with Gerardo GRECO, Rai
and Nicolas PELHAM, The Economist

11.45 DIALOGUE

Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President, European Commission
in conversation with James POLITI, Financial Times
and Maha YAHYA, Director, Carnegie Middle East Center, Lebanon
**FERNANDES ROOM**

**SHARED SECURITY, COMMON STRATEGIES**

Chair: Giampiero MASSOLO, President, ISPI, Italy
Alessandro PROFUMO, CEO, Leonardo, Italy
Youssef AMRANI, Advisor of the King, Morocco
Alistair BURT, Minister of State for the Middle East, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK
Rose GOTTEMOELLER, Deputy Secretary General, NATO
Ahmet YILDIZ, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

**FERNANDES ROOM**

**ENERGY FOR PEACE: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES**

Chair: Claire SPENCER, Senior Fellow, Chatham House, UK
Claudio DESCALZI, CEO, Eni, Italy
Talal AL-RAHBI, Deputy Secretary General, Supreme Council for Planning, Oman
Fatih BIROL, Executive Director, International Energy Agency
Tarek EL MOLLA, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Egypt

**SFORZA ROOM**

**DIALOGUE AT WORK: CULTURE, SPORT & CIVIL SOCIETIES**

Chair: Maria CUFFARO, Rai
Lea BAROUDI, Co-Founder and Director, March, Lebanon
Hind Aboud KABAWAT, Member of the Syrian High Negotiations Committee; Director of Interfaith Peacebuilding Center, George Mason University, USA
Honey THALJIEH, Save the Dream Ambassador; Co-founder of the Palestinian Women's National Football Team; FIFA Manager
David Sergio TREZEGUET, Sport Ambassador, Save the Dream Foundation

**SFORZA ROOM**

**ROOTING OUT RADICALIZATION: EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

Chair: Stefano POLLI, ANSA
Alain AOUN, Vice Chair, Defence and Interior Committee, Lebanese Parliament
Abdelhak BASSOU, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center, Morocco
Olivier ROY, Joint Chair in Mediterranean Studies, EUI
Lorenzo VIDINO, Head, Radicalization and International Terrorism Center, ISPI, Italy

**PLENARY ROOM**

**MANAGING MIGRATION TOGETHER: BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP**

Chair: Paolo MAGRI, Executive Vice President and Director, ISPI, Italy
Filippo GRANDI, High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations
Mario Giro, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Khemaies JHINAOUI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia
Abdelkader MESSAHEL, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Algeria
Ibrahim YACOUBOU, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Niger
Fatma ŞAHIN, Mayor of Gaziantep, Turkey

**A VIEW FROM RUSSIA**

Sergei LAVROV, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation in conversation with Giancarlo ARAGONA, Senior Advisor, ISPI, Italy and Vali NASR, Dean, Johns Hopkins University, USA

**A VIEW FROM SAUDI ARABIA**

Adel AL-JUBEIR, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia in conversation with Monica MAGGIONI, President, Rai and Maurizio MOLINARI, Editor in Chief, La Stampa
SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

08.30

PLENARY
THE US ADMINISTRATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST
Chair: James McGann, Professor, University of Pennsylvania, USA
Ian Lesser, Vice President, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Belgium
Robert Malley, Vice President for Policy, International Crisis Group, USA
Walter Russell Mead, Editor, The American Interest, USA

10.00

DIALOGUE
TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN PROSPERITY
Siqing Chen, Chairman, Bank of China
Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA
M.J. Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs, India
in conversation with Andrea Cabrini, CLASS CNBC

10.45

A VIEW FROM QATAR
Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-THANI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar
in conversation with Alberto Negri, Il Sole 24 Ore
and David Hearst, Middle East Eye

11.15

DIALOGUE
Ghassan Salamé, Special Representative and Head of UNSMIL, United Nations
in conversation with Giorgio Zanchini, Rai
and Sami Zaptia, Libya Herald

11.45

DIALOGUE
Abraham Yehoshua, Writer, Israel
in conversation with Enrica Toninelli, Rai

12.15

CLOSING
Angelino Alfano, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
Paolo Gentiloni, President of the Council of Ministers, Italy
At the presence of the President Emeritus of the Italian Republic and Honorary President of ISPI Giorgio Napolitano

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