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**TOWARDS A SECURITY ARCHITECTURE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN:
A CHALLENGE FOR EURO-MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS**

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Thursday 14th April

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.45 Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

Senén Florensa, Executive President, IEMed and President of EuroMeSCo Steering Committee

Marc Otte, Director General, EGMONT – The Royal Institute for International Relations

Official address by

Pedro Serrano de Haro Soriano, Deputy Secretary General for CSDP and Crisis Response, European External Action Service

09.45 – 11.30 Plenary Session: Mapping the Security Threats in the Mediterranean

This first Plenary could be used to set the security scene in the Mediterranean, i.e a collapse of an already fragile security balance in the Mediterranean, with renewed tensions between some States and the collapse of others, but also with the increasing threat coming from politicized sectarianism, terrorist groups and other non-conventional and human security threats. This situation bears serious risks for the stability of the Euro-Mediterranean space and beyond.

Chair: **Christian Berger**, Director for North Africa, Middle East, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq, European External Action Service

Speakers: **Ettore Greco**, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali
Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Ambassador Representative to the Political and Security Committee
Şaban Kardaş, President, ORSAM
Salam Kawakibi, Deputy Director, Arab Reform Initiative

Debate with participants

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Plenary Session: The Current Security Framework in the Mediterranean

The second Plenary would look into the current security architecture in the Mediterranean and how it is fit for addressing the situation described in the first panel. This would entail a review of regional schemes, the role of regional States and regional organisations as well as of international players (State actors but also international organisations and the EU) in conflict resolution.

Chair: **Ian Lesser**, Senior Director for Foreign and Security Policy, German Marshall Fund

Speakers: **Tamara Cofman Wittes**, Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings
Lahebib Adami, Ambassador Head of the League of Arab States Mission to the European Union
Florence Gaub, Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies
Emiliano Alessandri, Senior External Co-operation Officer, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Debate with participants

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Parallel Sessions to present the results of the Working Packages

Terrorist Threat in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

Coordinator: **Hanaa Ebeid**, Researcher, ACPSS

Main authors:
Patrycja Sasnal, Head of Middle East and North Africa Project, PISM
Dalia Ghanem-Yazbeck, Research Analyst, Carnegie Middle East Center
Fouad Ammor, Researcher, GERM

Debate with participants

Migration and Refugees: Impact and Future Policies. Case Studies of Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, and Greece

Coordinator: **Musa Shteivi**, Director, CSS

Main authors:
Roderick Pace, Professor, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta
Dimitris Skleparis, Research Fellow, ELIAMEP
Sükrü Erdem, Professor, CERMC

Debate with participants

Youth Activism in the South and East Mediterranean Countries since the Arab Uprisings: Challenges and Policy Options

Coordinator: **Silvia Colombo**, Senior Fellow, IAI

Main authors:
Nadine Abdalla, Research Associate, AFA
Omar Shaban, Director, Pal-Think
Isabel Schäfer, Senior Researcher, DIE

Debate with participants

Friday 15th April

09.00 – 11.00 Parallel Working Sessions

Hard Security Challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

Evolution of hard security threats, including terrorism, sectarian violence and intra and inter-state conflicts, and their impact on future dynamics in the Mediterranean.

Chair: Sven Biscop, Director of Europe in the World Programme, EGMONT

Paper Presenters:

- Institutionalizing Libyan Militias: Towards an Inclusive Strategy, **Ziad A. Akl**, Senior Researcher, ACPSS
- Regional Security Architecture: Concepts, Initiatives and Realisation Potentials, **Ali Fathollah-Nejad**, Associate Fellow, DGAP

Discussants:

Oded Eran, Senior Research Fellow, INSS
Mattia Toaldo, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR

Debate with participants

Socio-Political Challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

Impact of domestic developments and economy on the reform processes and stability of states.

Chair: Hatem Ben Salem, Director, ITES

Paper Presenters:

- The (R)evolution that MENA Countries Need: Good Governance, Youth Inclusion, and Trust, **Haizam Amirah-Fernández**, Senior Analyst, ELCANO
- Lebanon: the Microcosm of the Middle East, **Mario Abou Zeid**, Former Research Analyst, Carnegie Middle East

Discussants:

Mustapha Kamel Al Sayyid, Executive Director, Partners in Development, Egypt
Mohamed ElHachimi, Senior Research Fellow, CERSS
Marc Franco, Senior Associate Fellow, EGMONT

Debate with participants

Energy and Environmental Challenges and Geopolitics in the Mediterranean

Implications of climate change and natural resources evolution for the regional landscape.

Chair: Anne-France Didier, Director, Plan Bleu

Paper Presenters:

- Geopolitics, Gas and Grand Ambitions: The Outlook for Petroleum Production in the East Mediterranean, **Diána Szóke**, Policy Analyst, IFAT
- Water Security and Diplomacy: What Implications for the EU's Relations with its Broader Southern Neighbourhood?, **Francesca Fabbri**, Programme Assistant, **Andrea Frontini**, Policy Analyst, EPC

Discussants:

Mohamed Behnassi, Associate Professor, Ibn Zohr University of Agadir
Patrick Wegerdt, Desk officer for Mediterranean Regional Issues, DG Environment, European Commission

Debate with participants

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30 Parallel Kick-off meetings of the new set of Working Packages

Future of Syria

Coordinator: Mensur Akgün,
Director, GPoT

Main authors:
Salam Kawakibi, Deputy
Director, ARI
Florence Gaub, Senior
Analyst, EUISS
Sylvia Tiryaki, Deputy
Director, GPoT
Jordi Quero Arias,
Researcher, CIDOB

Debate with participants

**Transformation in Tunisia: the
First Five Years**

**Coordinator: Wolfgang
Mühlberger,** Senior Research
Fellow, FIIA

Main authors:
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Policies Department, IEMed
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President, IEMed
Sherin Gharib,
Researcher, OIIP
Isabel Schäfer, Senior
Researcher, DIE
Stefano Torelli, Research
Fellow, ISPI

Debate with participants

**Mapping Migration
Challenges in the EU Transit
and Destination Countries**

**Coordinator: Erzsébet
Rózsa,** Senior Research
Fellow, IFAT

Main authors:
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Marko Lovec, Research
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Gunilla Herolf, Board
Member, TEPSA
Christian Druck, Researcher,
MEIA
Roderick Parkes, Senior
Analyst, EUISS

Debate with participants

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Plenary Session: Towards a New Security Architecture for the Mediterranean? What Role for the EU?

The last Plenary session would aim at identifying the ingredients of a new security architecture in the Mediterranean. It will dwell on the format, participants, goals and concrete actions to be pursued by future multilateral security initiatives in the region and will aim to be connected to the reflection on the EU Global Strategy.

Chair: **Miguel Angel Moratinos,** Former Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Speakers: **Pierre Vimont,** Senior Associate, Carnegie Europe
Anis Salem, Ambassador, Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs
Joost Hiltermann, MENA Programme Director, International Crisis Group

Debate with participants

16.00 – 16.30 Closing Session

Closing remarks by:

Irène Mingasson, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

Final remarks by:

Senén Florensa, Executive President, IEMed and President of EuroMeSCo Steering Committee

Bichara Khader, Professor, Université Catholique de Louvain and EuroMeSCo General Assembly Chair

Notes:

The working languages of the conference and working sessions will be English and French, without translation