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THE 5+5 DIALOGUE AS A

## MECHANISM **of integration** and regional cooperation

For a common reflection on the Western Mediterranean

From its foundation, the objective of the IEMed is that of promoting the progressive construction of a space of peace and stability, of shared prosperity and dialogue amongst the cultures and the Mediterranean civilizations. In this strategic context, follow-up and reflection about the great subjects that configure the regional agenda of the Mediterranean and its relationship with Europe cannot obviate the dynamics and the sub regional structures that contribute to the political dialogue and to the regional integration. Undoubtedly, this is the case of the 5 +5 Dialogue as a sub-regional forum of informal character for the Western Mediterranean that since 1990 gathers five countries from the northern side (Spain, France, Italy, Malta and Portugal) with five other countries of the southern basin (Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia).

For a long time, the bilateral and multilateral bonds between countries of the Mediterranean are even stronger between the countries of the western sub-region. In this context, the actions promoted by the 5+5 Dialogue are not strictly limited to an intergovernmental nature but they have been opened to the progressive creation of synergies with other organisations of the European and regional arenas, such as the European Commission, the European Service of External Action, the Union for the Mediterranean and the Arab Maghreb Union. However, it is moreover undoubted that the implication and the activity of the civil society will have to be important to achieve the ultimate purpose that has to be a harmonic, inclusive and sustainable social and economic development for all the people around our sea.

There is a huge opportunity on the part of the 5+5 Dialogue to deepen its integration into different areas and therefore accompanying this process with an agenda of research shared by specialized think tanks of the region. In accordance with the Declaration of Valletta signed by the Heads of State and Government from the ten countries of the Western Mediterranean Forum, the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) has the honor of hosting conference. It is envisaged not only to contribute fostering greater cooperation



within the Western Mediterranean but a global integration across the Mediterranean through the establishment of a network of research centers from the 5+5 Countries to promote the debate, spread the thought and promote integration and regional cooperation in the Western Mediterranean.

It is clear that a network of research centers of these characteristics will provide an optimal platform to implement together projects of research, to promote the capacities of research and to share ideas and proposals with the policy makers of the 5+5 Dialogue. A better understanding will arise from the collaboration of different initiatives about the challenges we face, the needs and the trends that strike the sub-regional cooperation that represents the 5+5 Dialogue.

Think-tanks and centers of research are generally well positioned to transfer the demands of civil society to the sphere of public decisions. Taking into account the consideration that the 5+5 Dialogue eminently maintains an intergovernmental nature, the exchanges between the network and the co-presidency of the 5+5 Dialogue, institutions of regional and sub-regional area, and the follow-up of the different ministerial conferences will be one of the methodological focal points of the network.

The informal character of the 5+5 Dialogue, even being one of the main reasons that has allowed the initiative to progress, strengthen and broaden, generates dispersion and hampers the exchanges with the civil society. The creation of an independent but seriously collaborative network will help to spread and to disseminate the initiatives of the Dialogue to the public opinion, and to strengthen the knowledge of the challenges and trends at a regional scale.



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17.30-17.45

### Accreditations

17.45

### Opening Session: 5+5 as a mechanism of integration and regional cooperation

Welcome Address by

**Senén Florensa**, executive president, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain.

**Habib Ben Yahia\***, Secretary General, Arab Maghreb Union (AMU).

**Fathallah Sijilmassi**, Secretary General Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

Keynote speeches

**Nicolas Galey**, Interministerial delegated Ambassador in the Mediterranean, Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international, France.

**Mbarka Bouaida\***, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Moroccan Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation representative of the Moroccan co-presidency, Morocco.

**Ignacio Ybáñez**, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain.

20.30

### Welcome dinner



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9.00-10.30

### Political dialogue, regional security and stability

This session will approach the challenges derived from the processes of democratic transition and political reform in the region. Western Mediterranean challenges and cooperation policies on the subject of regional security and the role of the regional organisations in the promotion of the regional security and stability will also be discussed.

#### Chair

**Nuno Severiano Teixeira**, Director, Instituto Português de Relações Internacionais (IPRI), Former Minister of Defence, Portugal.

#### Paper Presenters

**Roberto Aliboni**: “*Political Dialogue and Strengthening Democracy in Western Mediterranean*”. Scientific Advisor, Mediterranean and Middle East, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy.

**Mansouria Mokhefi**: “*Security and Stability in the Mediterranean region and its Neighbourhood (fight against human trafficking, drug trafficking and organized crime)*”. Special adviser Middle East and Maghreb, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), France.

**Dahan Ahmed Mahmoud**: “*Improving Defence Cooperation and Fighting Terrorism*”. Director, Mauritanian Institute for Strategic Studies, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Mauritania.

#### Discussants

**Abdul Rahman Al Ageli\***, Founder and Vice President, Libyan Youth Forum, Libya.

**Anas El Gomati\***, Director and Founder, Sadeq Institute, Libya.

**Bélig Nabli**, Research Director, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS), France.

**Cristina Barrios**, Policy Advisor, Strategic Planning, European External Action Service (EEAS), Belgium.

**Dominic Fenech**, Director, Institute for European Studies, Malta.



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**Gabriel Busquets Aparicio**, Ambassador for Mediterranean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC), Spain.

**Haizam Amirah Fernández**, Researcher, Mediterranean and Arab World, Real Instituto Elcano, Spain.

**Mehdi Taje**, Director of Strategic Studies, Institut Tunisien des Etudes Stratégiques (ITES), Tunisia.

**Mourad Medjahed**, Head of Economic and Social Development Strategies, Institut National d'Etudes de Stratégie Globale (INESG), Algeria.

**Valeria Talbot**, Head of the Mediterranean and Middle East Programme, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Italy.

10.30-11.00

### Coffee Break

11.00-13.00

### Economic and Development Challenges

The main economic challenges that the Western Mediterranean is confronted with as a result of the recent political transformations will be explored. Amongst others, challenges will be analysed in relation with the goals of job creation, sustainable development, and promotion of SMEs and the inclusion of all sectors of the population in the job market. New strategic frames to promote local entrepreneurial initiatives and the regional integration will also be analysed, as well as matters related to the field of transports, management of hydric resources and use of renewable energies.

#### Chair

**Jordi Bacaria Colom**, Director and Senior Researcher, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Spain.

#### Paper Presenters

**Rym Ayadi**: *"Western Mediterranean Countries facing Common Challenges in Trade and Investments"*. Professor, HEC Montreal and President and the Founder of the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, Canada.

**Alberto Palacios**: *"Economic and Commercial Integration through Relevant Transport Infrastructures"*. Technical Manager, Centre for Transportation Studies for the Western Mediterranean (CETMO), Spain.



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**Mohamed Behnassi:** *“Renewable Energies and Environment: Sharing Challenges in the Western Mediterranean”*. Director and Founder, Institute of Research for Environment, Human Security and Governance (INRES) & Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Ibn Zohr University of Agadir, Morocco.

**Eugenia Ferragina:** *“A Common Strategy for a Sustainable Water Management”*. Researcher, Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche, Istituto Di Studi Sulle Societa' Del Mediterraneo (CNR-ISSM), Italy.

### Best practices presentation

**Eduardo Orteu:** *“Joint Spain-Algeria Initiative for Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean”*. Advisory member, General Direction of Water, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain.

### Discussants

**Abdul Nasser Alnajah\***, President, Economic and Social Council, Libya.

**Alejandro Lorca**, Honorary Professor, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Asociación Grupo de Estudios Europeos Mediterráneos (AGREEM), Spain.

**Giorgia Giovannetti**, Professor and Team Leader, European University Institute (EUI), Italy.

**Mongi Boughzala**, Lecturer, Université de Tunis El Manar, Tunisia.

**Paulo de Almeida Sande**, Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the Universidade Católica of Lisbon. Member of the Coordination Committee of SEDES, Portugal.

**Roger Albinyana**, Director, department of Euro-Mediterranean policies, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) (IEMed), Spain.

**Sami Mouley**, Executive Advisor, Institut de la Méditerranée Tunis, Former Head Economist, Banque Centrale de Tunisie, Tunisia.

13.00-13.15

Family photo

13.15-14.15

Lunch



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14.15-15.45

### Social Challenges, migrations, education and youth

This session will put emphasis in the inclusion of the new agents of civil society in political transformations in the region, in particular women and youth. Likewise, the main challenges derived from migratory flows in the region, the guarantee of respect for human rights, access to education, promotion of cooperation in research, science and technology will be explored.

#### Chair

**Larabi Jaidi**, Professor, Université Mohamed V Rabat, Morocco.

#### Paper Presenters

**Daniele Frigeri**: *“Managing Migration in the 5+5 Countries Beyond the Security Approach”*. Director, Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale (CESPI), Italy.

**Roderick Pace**: *“The promotion of a common space of education and research in the 5+5”*. Director, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta, Malta.

**Rafael Vilasanjuan Sanpere**: *“Encouraging a Common Strategy on Health in the 5+5 Countries”*. Director of Politics and Global Development, Instituto de Salud Global de Barcelona (ISGlobal), Spain.

#### Discussants

**Ahmed Driss**, Director, Centre des Études Méditerranéennes et Internationales (CEMI), Tunisia.

**Bouchra Sidi-Hida\***, Researcher, Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches en Sciences Sociales (CERSS), Morocco.

**Eva Martínez Sánchez**, Deputy Director General for the Maghreb, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain.

**Iván Martín**, Professor and coordinator of the MISMES project, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute, Italy.

**Jean-Marie Heydt**, Chair of the Executive Committee, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, Portugal.

**Kedidir Mansour**, Researcher, Centre National de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle (CRASC), Algeria.



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**Kerkeni Ezzeddine**, President, Association des Etudes Internationales (AEI), Tunisia.

**Hocine Labdelaoui**, Head of the Migration and Mobility Team. Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliqué pour le Développement (CREAD), Algeria.

**Ricard Zapata Barrero**, Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra de Barcelona, Spain.

**Thibaut Jaulin**, Lecturer, SciencesPo – Centre de Recherches Internationales, France.

**Xavier Aragall Flaqué**, Researcher, Euro-Mediterranean Policies Department, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain.

15.45

### **Closing session: For a common reflection on the Western Mediterranean**

The role of think tanks, research centres and entities of the region within the framework of the 5+5 Dialogue will be discussed, as well as their capacity to work together for the development of a sub-regional network that can work around the Euro-Mediterranean agenda. Accepting the proposal of the Declaration of Malta, the possibility to institutionalize the Dialogue in the area of think tanks and to constitute a network of 5+5 centres with the objective of improving the cooperation and regional integration between the concerned countries will be discussed.

#### Chair

**Jordi Solé i Ferrando**, secretary for Foreign and EU Affairs, Government of Catalonia, Spain

**Senén Florensa**, executive president, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain.

**Roberto Aliboni**, Scientific Advisor, Mediterranean and Middle East, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy.

**Larbi Jaidi**, Professor, Université Mohamed V Rabat, Morocco.