

## The consequences of the war in Ukraine Energy and geostrategy

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The war in Ukraine has had repercussions throughout the world, in geopolitical, military and socio-economic terms. The conflict has caused great convulsions not only in its immediate European neighbourhood, but also in more distant regions such as the Middle East and North Africa, with destabilizing effects to say the least.

At the geopolitical level, the war in Ukraine calls into question many of the alliances forged by some countries in the region with Russia in the last decade and currently places them in an uncomfortable situation. Its positioning illustrates alliances games, so that the possible support or growing distance from the invasion by some countries places them in a compromised way in one or another strategic bloc with respect to the Western sphere and the EU in particular. It is also likely that the economic, military and even moral weakening of Russia will lead to strategic realignments in the region in the short and medium term.

In the socio-economic field, the repercussions of the war are even more immediate and significant, both for the EU and for its Southern neighbours. The war reconfiguration of energy relations and its consequences for energy supply and price inflation after two years of the pandemic foresee unparalleled destabilizing effects. Human security is also at stake in southern Mediterranean countries, where rising wheat prices raise fears of a return of social unrest and even waves of migration to Europe. Added to this is the immediate humanitarian emergency and the reception of millions of Ukrainian refugees, especially by Eastern European countries, where reception systems are under pressure and are on the verge of collapse.

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This conference aims to discuss all these issues from a transversal and dynamic level that helps to better understand the adverse effects of the war in the Euro-Mediterranean panorama. To this end, various experts in international relations from both shores of the Mediterranean region will debate the various economic, social, political, energy and security consequences that could arise from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which represents one of the most serious humanitarian and security crises in Europe since the Second World War.

**PROVISIONAL PRGRAM****25/10/2022****09.00h Registration of participants****09.30h Opening session**

**Francesc Homs**, President of the Spanish Committee, Liga Europea de Cooperación Económica (LECE)

**Senén Florensa**, Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

**10.00h «With us or against us»: geopolitical repercussions of the war in Ukraine in the Euro-Mediterranean space**

In this session we analyse the geopolitical consequences of the war in Ukraine, the positions of the different countries in the area, their relations with the belligerents, the possible (re-)configurations of rival blocs and the global repercussions on Euro-Mediterranean relations.

**Moderator:**

**Xavier Mas de Xaxàs**, Journalist, La Vanguardia

**Speakers:**

**Eugenio Bregolat**, Former Spanish Ambassador to Russia

**Arunas Vinciunas**, Policy Coordinator, Southern Neighbours, Middle East, Turkey, Russia and Central Asia DG TRADE, European Commission

**Bichara Khader**, Founder of the Study and Research Centre on the Contemporary Arab World

**11.30h Coffee break****12.00h Towards great upheavals in the Mediterranean? Socioeconomic impacts of the war in Ukraine**

In this session we address the challenges posed by the problems of energy supplies, raw materials and cereals resulting from the war in Ukraine for the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region, as well as their consequences in terms of human security, social, economic and political stability.

**Moderator:**

**Antonio Martins da Cruz**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs. President, LECE Portugal Committee.

**Speakers:**

**Albert Carreras**, Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

**Ana Santos Pinto**, Professor, Universidad NOVA de Lisboa

**Roger Albinyana**, Managing Director, European Institute of the Mediterranean

**13.30h Closing session**

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**14.00h Appetizer**