



SHADE MED 2022

ROME, 15-16 NOVEMBER

at the Italian Secretariat General of Defence
and National Armaments Directorate
Guidoni Building

AGENDA

**NEW CHALLENGES TO REGIONAL
SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN***

*The working language will be English for all the sessions of the conference. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

DAY 1 – Tuesday 15 November

11:30–12:30	In-processing
12:30–13:30	Welcome Buffet
13:30–13:45	General Information Briefing – Cdr Brian SWEENEY (IE-N), EUNAVFORMED “IRINI”, Deputy Chief Operations Branch
13:45–14:00	<u>Joint Welcome Address</u> Rear Admiral Stefano TURCHETTO, Operation Commander of EUNAVFOR MED “IRINI” Vice Admiral Didier PIATON, Deputy Commander of NATO’s Allied Maritime Command
14:00–15:30	<u>Joint Panel: “Pointing South: The implications of the EU’s Strategic Compass and NATO’s Strategic Concept for the Mediterranean”</u> Moderator: Dr Flavia GIACOBBE – AirPress Director Key Note Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Nick CHILDS – Senior Fellow for Naval Forces and Maritime Security, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London• Dr Ruben-Erik DIAZ PLAJA – Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO• PhD Daniel FIOTT – Head of the Defence and Statecraft Programme at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) of the Brussels School of Governance• Prof Jamie Patrick SHEA – Professor of Strategy and Security, University of Exeter Review and discuss: “From illegal trafficking and piracy operations to energy exploration mission and military posturing, the waters surrounding Europe have become stormier. Both EU and NATO have a vital interest in maintaining safe, open and peaceful maritime routes as has been confirmed by both organizations’ strategic documents, the EU Strategic Compass and NATO Strategic Concept. What are the possible implications for the Alliance’s and the EU’s approach to maritime security in the Mediterranean?”
15:30–16:00	Family Photo for all the distinguished guests
16:00–16:30	Coffee Break
16:30–17:00	Question-and-Answer Session
17:00–17:30	Operation EUNAVFOR MED “IRINI” (European Union) Operational Update Briefer: Capt (EL-N) Vasileios BELETSIOTIS – Chief Operations Branch
17:30–18:00	Operation SEA GUARDIAN (NATO) Operational Update Briefer: Rear Admiral Stefan PAULY – Commander Surface Forces NATO and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Allied Maritime Command
18:00–18:30	Operation MEDITERRANEO SICURO (Italy), Operational Update Briefer: Rear Admiral Massimiliano LAURETTI (IT-N) – Head of Military Policy and Planning Department
18:30–19:00	NATO Science and Technology activities/studies in support of maritime operations Briefer: Dr Catherine WARNER – Director, Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation, La Spezia
19:00–21:00	Buffet Dinner

DAY 2 – Wednesday 16 November

08:00–08:30 In-processing

08:30–09:00 Welcome Coffee

09:00–10:30 Working Groups Session 1: Review and Discussion

1. “The Libya’s political stalemate and its repercussions in the Sahel”
Moderator: PhD Umberto PROFAZIO – International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London

Key Note Speakers:

- **Prof. Alessia MELCANGI** – La Sapienza University, Rome
- **Dr Thomas VOLK** – Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Germany
- **Dr Tim EATON** – MENA Senior Research Fellow Chatham House, London

Review and discuss: “Ten years ago Arab spring gave rise to even greater hopes. Nowadays we are on the verge of critical transformations in the region. In a broader sense, in 2050, there will be one billion more Africans on their continent. For the time being what we face is increasing of conflicts, ravaged Syria, instability still in Lebanon, Sahel and Maghreb, spread of terrorism, refugee crisis, driving migration, dire economics, vast rates of unemployment, serious government issues. How we can deal with these challenges?”

2. “Reconsidering Maritime Security Operations in a time of conflict”
Moderator: Prof James Henry BERGERON – Political Advisor to the Commander, NATO Allied Maritime Command

Key Note Speakers:

- **Prof Christian BUEGER** – Professor of International Relations, University of Copenhagen
- **Dr Nick CHILDS** – Senior Fellow for Naval Forces and Maritime Security, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London
- **Dr Sidharth KAUSHAL** – Sea Power Fellow, Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies, London
- **Dr Catherine WARNER** – Director, Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation, La Spezia

Review and discuss: “Multinational Maritime Security Operations have evolved in 2001, when Operation Active Endeavour was launched to combat terrorism after 9/11. The following twenty years saw new efforts aimed at counter-piracy in the Horn of Africa, human and arms trafficking in the Mediterranean, and the improvement of Maritime Situational Awareness and regional maritime security capacity building. All of this was focused on terrorist, criminal and other private actors, or crisis management. But with the return of great power conflict in Europe, new threats to maritime security could emerge to undersea cables, the security of maritime energy flows, freedom of commercial navigation and the integrity of the cyber and electro-magnetic domains. How should maritime security operations respond to these challenges?”

DAY 2 – Wednesday 16 November /cont./

09:00–10:30	<p>3. “Food, energy and climate change interdependence between Europe and North Africa after war in Ukraine”</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Rim BERAHAB – Senior Economist at the Policy Centre for the New South, Rabat</p> <p>Key Note Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· PhD Eugenio DACREMA – Early Warning Team and Economic Risk Analyst for WFP· Dr Vincenzo PALMIERI – Libya and Maghreb Political Analyses Manager, ENI· PhD George TZOGOPOULOS – Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) <p>Review and discuss: “The largest share of Tunisia’s, Libya’s, and Egypt’s wheat imports comes from Ukraine or Russia. As food prices and the danger of a food crisis continue to soar as Russia’s war drags on, these North African states become more dependent on the EU to help out. On the other hand, the EU is desperate to receive more gas and oil from North–African countries and could profit from the region’s potential regarding solar energy. How could this interdependence become mutually beneficial in the short–, mid–and long–term?”</p>
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–13:30	Working Groups Session 2: Outcomes Preparation
13:30–14:30	Buffet Lunch
14:30–15:30	<p>Working Groups Session 3: Outcomes</p> <p>Moderator: Couns Pier Luigi GENTILE – EUNAVFOR MED “IRINI” Political Advisor to the Operation Commander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Representing Working Group 1: PhD Umberto PROFAZIO· Representing Working Group 2: Prof James Henry BERGERON· Representing Working Group 3: Dr Rim BERAHAB
15:30–15:45	<p>Closing Address</p> <p>Rear Admiral Stefano TURCHETTO, Operation Commander of EUNAVFOR MED “IRINI”</p>
16:00	Shuttle bus service (if booked through Participation Form)