



SHADE MED 2024

ROME, 5th DECEMBER

At the Italian Secretariat General of Defense and National
Armaments Directorate

“Guidoni” Building

AGENDA

FUTURE CHALLENGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN¹

¹The working language will be English for all the sessions of the conference. (Detailed instructions will be here given with regards to the translation service, if any)

DAY –	
08:45 - 09:45	In-processing with welcome coffee
09:45 - 10:00	General Information Briefing
10:00 – 10:40	<u>Joint Welcome Address</u>
10:40 - 12:00	<p>Panel: “Weathering the storm: EU and NATO in the South”</p> <p>Review and discuss: The underlying problem with the EU southern neighborhood/Southern Flank is instability in the region, which is rooted in political, security, economic, and demographic problems that are exacerbated by climate change. Instability on the EU and Alliance’s Southern Flank also has economic consequences. Since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Europe has decreased oil and gas imports from Russia and increased imports from the MENA region. Russia’s behavior in the MENA region and the Sahel is another reason why EU and NATO need to tackle common challenges in the Southern Flank. Furthermore, the ongoing Hamas-Israel war in Gaza will have political and security implications across the Middle East and North Africa region. NATO and the EU play complementary, coherent and mutually reinforcing roles in supporting international peace and security. How to improve an international comprehensive approach to crisis management and operations in the South?</p>
12:00 - 12:30	Family Photo for all the distinguished guests
12:30 – 14:30	Buffet Lunch/IRINI and MARCOM VIDEO PRESENTATION
14:30 – 16:00	<u>Panel: “Which priorities for NATO in the Southern Flank”</u>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	<p><u>The EU as a global maritime security provider: the future of EU naval operations</u></p> <p>Review and discuss: Demand for EU naval presence around the world is growing and existing areas of operations can be complemented by new activities. The EU is committed to enhance the maritime security of the Union and its Member States, including by exercises with partners and naval visits. EU military CDSP shift from countering illicit trafficking, training missions to naval operations protecting global trade routes and undersea infrastructure on which Europe’s and the global economy rely. EU is consolidating his position as a stronger maritime security actor, including in strategic areas of interest where competition and risks of confrontation are growing.</p>
18:00 – 18:15	Closing Address