

MANAGING MIGRATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

What can be done from the Multilateral and Regional perspectives?

26-27 October 2017

Italian Institute for International Political Studies

Palazzo Clerici, Milan (Italy)

The last five years showed that the Mediterranean region is more dynamic than ever. The political and economic changes experienced by the countries of the basin demonstrated the necessity of a constant adaptation on the path to shared prosperity and mutual understanding between societies. Every summer since 2014 has witnessed an increase in the number of refugees and migrants risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean Sea. This increase in migration is having a wide-ranging impact on countries of origin, transit, and destination, creating new and complex challenges for governments, humanitarian agencies, the European Union, and the international community at large.

It is more obvious than ever that these challenges cannot be simply confronted through national solutions or domestic policies. The need of common policy strategies by multiple actors is becoming an imperative. Therefore, one key to success lies in the improvement of the mechanisms of dialogue, cooperation and integration between all actors. In order to contribute to the interests and the values shared by the countries of the Dialogue 5+5, the MedThink 5+5 network has the main objective of fostering and encouraging inclusive processes of study and dissemination of the causes and the solutions to the main challenges in the Western Mediterranean by gathering representatives of governments, academics, research institutes, and civil society.

In this context, this workshop organized by the European Institute of the Mediterranean, the Institute for International Political Studies and the MedThink 5+5 network, with the support of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, will become an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and ideas, while encouraging a better cooperation by associating leading experts to discuss about the management of migration and refugee flows; from the role that metropolitan cities play in this process to the urgent need of establishing legal and safe avenues for refugees and migrants to enter the EU, which could help significantly reduce the size of irregular mixed migratory movements to Europe.

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Programme

Thursday 26 October 2017

ISPI, Palazzo Clerici (public conference)

17.30

Accreditations

18.00

Welcome addresses

Paolo MAGRI, Vice President and Director, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italy

Senén FLORENSA, President of the Executive Committee, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain

Opening session: The role of the metropolitan cities in managing migration and refugee flows

Pierfrancesco MAJORINO, Council Member for Social Policies, Health and Rights, Municipality of Milan

Marisa FARRUGIA, Special Envoy to the Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

José Luis PARDO, Ambassador at Large for Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

Luigi VIGNALI, Director General for Italian Citizens Abroad and Migration Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

19.30

Family Photo

19.45

Dinner

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Friday 27, October 2017

ISPI, Palazzo Clerici (only by invitation)

09.30

First session: North Africa's stability and migration flows

Chair

José Luis PARDO, Ambassador at Large for Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

Speakers

Xavier ARAGALL, Senior Fellow, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain

Arturo VARVELLI, Head of North Africa Programme, MENA Centre, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italy

Annelies PAUWELS, Associate Analyst, European Institute for Strategic Studies (EUISS), France

Petra MEZZETTI, Co-Director, International Migration and Development Studies Area, Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale (CeSPI), Italy

11.00

Coffee break

11.30

Second Session: The future of migration partnerships

Chair

Matteo VILLA, Research Fellow, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italy

Speakers

Mustafa EL SAGEZLI, Executive Director, Libyan Program for Reintegration and Development, Libya

Riccardo CLERICI, Legal Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Italy

Ivan MARTÍN, Researcher, GRITIM - Interdisciplinary Research Group on Migration, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

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

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13.30	Lunch
15.00	<p>Third Session: Europe, looking for legal alternatives for migrants</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Daniele FRIGERI, Director, Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale (CeSPI), Italy</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Ennio CODINI, Associate Professor of Public Law, Political and Social Sciences Faculty, Sacred Heart Catholic University of Milan; Legislation department head, ISMU Foundation, Italy</p> <p>Hassan BOUBAKRI, President, Tunis Centre for Migration and Asylum, Tunisia</p> <p>Hana JABER, Senior Fellow, Arab Reform Initiative, France</p>
16.30	<p>Final remarks and closing</p> <p>Roger ALBINYANA, Director, Euro-Mediterranean Policies Department, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain</p> <p>Valeria TALBOT, Head of the Middle East Programme, MENA Centre, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italy</p>