



INFRASTRUCTURE

STAY CONNECTED: INFRASTRUCTURE AS A TOOL FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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FRAMEWORK

MED – ROME MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES is the annual high-level initiative promoted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and ISPI, engaging prominent leaders of Mediterranean governments, business, civil society, media and academia. It aims at drafting a “positive agenda” for the Mediterranean by stimulating debate and promoting new ideas, rethinking traditional approaches and addressing shared challenges at both the regional and the international level.

In this context, this **by-invitation-only Forum**, organized by ISPI, with the knowledge partnership of McKinsey & Company, aims to bring together a restricted group of **top business and institutional representatives**, coming from all over the Mediterranean region at large, in order to exchange ideas, experiences and best practices. It has been conceived as an open dialogue ensuring a high interaction and **exchange of views among participants**, under the Chatham House Rule.

The working languages are English, French and Italian.

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AGENDA

2.00 pm | REGISTRATION

2.30 - 4.15 pm | FIRST SESSION

INFRASTRUCTURE: THE ENGINE FOR A LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE MENA REGION

By 2030, the population in MENA is estimated to increase from 449 million to over 580 million: an impetuous growth that will challenge the countries in the region to provide workplaces, resources and infrastructure to guarantee and to improve the existing levels of income for their citizens. The task appears even more arduous when we consider that by 2030 almost 40% of their population will be still living in dispersed rural areas, making it more difficult to provide an efficient system of infrastructures and services. A comprehensive plan to build new infrastructures is thus crucial to unleash the region's growth potential, through an enhanced cooperation between public and private actors, with the fundamental role of the multilateral development and investment banks.

- *What are the current regional trends in infrastructure investment? Which are the main gaps?*
- *What role do international institutions and, in particular, multilateral development banks play?*
- *What kind of institutional and economic reforms would foster private investments?*

Opening and chair: **Carlo SECCHI**, Head, Centre on Infrastructure and Vice President, ISPI; European Coordinator for infrastructural Priority Projects (TEN-T), European Commission

Kick-off speeches:

- **Stefano NAPOLETANO**, Global Leader Infrastructure & Capital Productivity, McKinsey & Company
- **Pierre HEILBRONN**, Vice President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- **Rachid Mohamed RACHID**, former Minister of Trade and Industry, Egypt; Chairman, Valentino Spa

Med Voices:

- **Antonella BALDINO**, Chief International Development Finance Officer, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti
- **Erik BECKER**, Manager, Infrastructure Department - Middle East & North Africa, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group
- **Saida NEGHZA**, President, BusinessMed; General Manager, Soralcof, Algeria

4.30 - 6.15 pm | SECOND SESSION

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: THE NEW DRIVER OF COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The Mediterranean region is at the core of increasing geopolitical interests, due to its privileged position as a natural route in international trade flows and a primary source of energy resources. A situation that has recently attracted a consistent inflow of foreign investment in infrastructure. The challenge for the region is to make investment enabler of a more sustained economic growth with higher attention to their social and environmental impact. In the context of increasing global efforts to reduce pollution and mitigate the climate change, infrastructures are thus called to share the burden and deliver new solutions for a sustainable mobility of people and goods in accordance with the SDGs.

- *What are the major needs for a sustainable growth in the region?*
- *Against the backdrop of new international and regional environmental legislations, what are the main challenges and opportunities to rethink cooperation in the Mediterranean towards a sustainable path?*
- *Energy for the future: how can investments in infrastructures foster the achievement of the SDGs goals?*

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Kick-off speeches:

- **Nicola SANDRI**, Mediterranean Leader Transport & Infrastructure, McKinsey & Company
- **Robert DENDA**, Head of Network Technology and Innovability, Global Infrastructure & Networks, Enel

Med Voices:

- **Alexio PICCO**, Chief Consultant for the European Coordinators for Motorways of the Sea, European Commission; Managing Director, Circle Group
- **Lale CANDER**, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, Pirelli Turkey
- **Joseph ATTIAS**, Group Director, Engineering, Development and Concessions, Salini Impregilo

6.15 - 6.30 pm | CONCLUSION

- **Manlio DI STEFANO**, Italian Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

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