



International Conference

Regional Cooperation and Development of Energy Resources in the Eastern Mediterranean

Rome, 19 October 2016, 15:30-18:30

Senate of the Republic
Sala Capitolare
Chiostrò del Convento di Santa Maria della Minerva
Piazza della Minerva, 38

Program

Registrations starting at 15.00

15:30 Opening of the activities:

- **Janiki Cingoli**, Director of Centro Italiano per la Pace in Medio Oriente (CIPMO)
- **Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director of Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Welcome Speech:

- **Pier Ferdinando Casini**, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Commission at the Senate

Opening remarks:

- **Armando Barucco**, Head of Analysis, Programming and Historic-Diplomatic Documentation Unit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **Pasquale Salzano**, Executive Vice President of Eni

I Panel: Energy resources in the East Med: a game-changer?

Moderator:

Rolla Scolari, Director of Oasis Foundation and journalist of *La Stampa*

- **Marco Berti Palazzi**, International Relations Officer for South Mediterranean and Maghreb Countries at the Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission

- **Sherif El Diwany**, Advocacy and Public Policy Advisor to the Board of Directors, Alexandria Business Association (ABA) and former Executive Director, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), Egypt
- **Brenda Shaffer**, Professor at the School of Political Science at University of Haifa, Visiting Researcher at Georgetown University's Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies (CERES)
- **Harry Tzimitras**, Director, PRIO Cyprus Centre , Cyprus
- **Ahmet Sözen**, Director of Cyprus Policy Center and Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus

II Panel: The interplay between energy and politics in the region

Moderator:

Ugo Tramballi, journalist, correspondent and columnist for *Il Sole 24 Ore*

- **Bassam Fattouh**, Director of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES) at Oxford University and Professor in Finance and Management for the Middle East at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK
- **Ahmet Evin**, Professor at Sabancı University and Senior Scholar in Istanbul Policy Center, Turkey
- **Ekavi Athanassopoulou**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, International and European Studies at National and Kapodistria University of Athens, Greece
- **Valeria Termini**, Commissioner of the Authority for Electricity Gas and Water (AEEGSI), Deputy Chairperson of Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MedReg) and Professor of Economics and Geopolitics of Energy Markets, University of Roma Tre

The remarkable hydrocarbon resources discovered offshore the coasts of Israel, Cyprus and Egypt are not only a key element for the energy diversification strategies promoted by the European Union, but they are also an opportunity to start a process of stabilization and integration within the Region, which has long suffered political tensions among coastal states. The Conference is aimed at assessing how the new picture could influence the relations within the complex political context of the area and foster the establishment of more inclusive governance mechanisms, to develop the energy cooperation in [the](#) East Mediterranean Area and towards Europe.