

# AGENDA

## Mediterranean Strategy Group 13 | Addendum

May 18-20, 2016 | Naples, Italy

### Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in the Mediterranean

*Organized in partnership with the Compagnia di San Paolo, Noble Energy Inc. and the OCP Policy Center*

#### Wednesday | May 18

1930 – 2100      **Welcome Reception and Dinner**

*Caruso Rooftop Restaurant, Grand Hotel Vesuvio*

#### Thursday | May 19

*The sessions take place in the Mascagni meeting room at the Grand Hotel Vesuvio*

0900 – 0930      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

0930 – 1100      **Session I – Understanding the New Terrorism**

*The Mediterranean has a long modern experience with terrorism, and the region – north and south – has been strongly affected by shifts in terrorist motives, objectives and tactics. The Levant and North Africa are focal points in the struggle against the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda. This struggle is complicated by large-scale migration, human trafficking and criminality in the Mediterranean, and the declining capacity of states in the face of stark social, economic and political challenges. What are the contours of this “newest” terrorism? What are the key drivers? What are the implications for the future of Mediterranean security as a whole? How is Mediterranean terrorism affecting security on both sides of the Atlantic, and on a global basis?*

Moderator:

**Ian Lesser**, Senior Director, Foreign and Security Policy; Executive Director, Transatlantic Center, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Discussants:

**Daniel Benjamin**, Norman E. McCulloch Jr. Director of the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College

**Anton La Guardia**, Deputy foreign editor, The Economist

**Yoram Schweitzer**, Senior Research Fellow, head of the Program on Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict, INSS

**1100 – 1130**

**Coffee Break**

**1130 – 1300**

**Session II – Beyond Jihad: The Mediterranean’s Other Terrorists**

*Beyond terrorism inspired by Islamic extremism, Southern Europe, the Levant and the Maghreb continue to face a variety of more traditional terrorist movements, from national liberation and separatist networks, to terrorists inspired by radical right and left wing ideologies. Why are these forms of terrorism so durable? What are the areas of special risk? What new types of terrorism could emerge in a period of great social and political flux in Europe and elsewhere? What lessons can be learned from past and contemporary experience?*

Moderator:

**Claire Spencer**, Senior Research Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme & Second Century Initiative

Discussants:

**Mary Bossis**, Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations, University of Piraeus

**Magdalena Kirchner**, International Security Associate, the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

**Nihat Ali Özcan**, Consultant, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV)

**1300 – 1400**

**Buffet Lunch**

*Grand Hotel Vesuvio*

**1400 – 1530**

**Session III – The Maritime Security Dimension**

*With continuing conflict in Syria, the growing IS presence in Libya and the Sinai, and with naval forces and coast guards operating more actively around the Mediterranean, the potential for terrorism at sea, or against naval and commercial shipping in port may be increasing. What has been the experience of maritime terrorism and counter-terrorism in the Mediterranean? What are the key flashpoints (Suez? The Aegean? The risk of “drive-by” attacks in the central Mediterranean? The energy, cruise and tourism industries?). Why has there not been more terrorism of this kind? Is the risk growing? How will this affect commercial operations and military force protection?*

Moderator:

**Anna Wieslander**, International Affairs Director, Saab AB

Discussants:

**Jamie Cartwright**, International Security Manager, Noble Energy

**William (Bill) K. Shafley III**, representative US Naval Forces Europe and Commander Sixth Fleet

**Andrea Zito**, Chief Executive Officer, V.Ships Leisure

1930 – 2100

**Reception and Dinner**

*Reale Yacht Club Canottieri Savoia (Borgo Marinari, 80132, Naples)*

## Friday | May 20

*The sessions take place in the Mascagni meeting room at the Grand Hotel Vesuvio*

0900 – 1030

**Session IV – The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon and How to Address It**

*Mediterranean states have considerable experience with the foreign fighter phenomenon, notably in the circulation of fighters from the Maghreb to Afghanistan in the 1980s, and in the more recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Today, in addition to Europe, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt are leading contributors to the contingent of foreign fighters operating in Syria, Iraq and Libya. Turkey is a major conduit, source, and target for foreign recruits to IS. Virtually all Mediterranean societies, north and south, are affected by this phenomenon, and the circulation of foreign fighters could shape the internal security of Mediterranean states for many years to come. What are the contours of the problem? What can be done to contain or defeat it?*

Moderator:

**Kristina Kausch**, nonresident associate, Carnegie Europe

Discussants:

**Dalia Ghanem-Yazbeck**, research analyst, Carnegie Middle East Center

**Marc Otte**, Director General, Egmont, Royal Institute for International Relations

**Alastair Reed**, Research Coordinator and Research Fellow, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism

1030 – 1100

**Coffee Break**

1100 – 1230

## **Session V – Rethinking Counter-Terrorism Strategies and Partnerships**

*Terrorism is a major factor in the internal security of Mediterranean states, but the trans-regional character of the threat is also shaping security strategies from Washington to Brussels, from Moscow to Beijing. Counter-terrorism in relation to threats emanating from Europe's southern periphery is central to the EU's global strategy review, and should be an important item on NATO's agenda looking toward the July 2016 Warsaw summit. In light of the evolving threat, what new responses are required? What new initiatives are needed, and what current practices should be changed? Are new state and non-state partnerships needed? What can be done to harden targets, and to harden societies against threats that may not be avoidable?*

Moderator:

**Marc Pierini**, visiting scholar, Carnegie Europe

Discussants:

**Abdelhak Bassou**, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center and former Head of the Central General Intelligence, Morocco

**Juliette Bird**, Head, Counter-Terrorism Section, Emerging Security Challenges Division

**Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director of Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and Special Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini

1230 – 1245

## **Concluding Remarks and Next Steps**

1245 – 1345

## **Closing Lunch**

*Grand Hotel Vesuvio*