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Join us as Milan and Beirut host the fifth edition of the "Mediterranean Forum of Local Governments and Business." Established in Italy four years ago, this forum brings together high-level international and Italian guests to network and discuss pressing issues.

"Matteo Redenti", Founder of the Mediterranean Forum, shares his thoughts on this edition:

"This year, we have managed to send an important and constructive message despite numerous challenges. Hosting high-profile guests from Italy, Lebanon, and many other countries was complex, but discussing concrete opportunities will be a true signal of peace. At a time of geopolitical difficulty in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, we will discuss how the foundations of civil economy and the 2030 agenda can guide us toward stability. Special thanks to the presidency of the Italian parliamentary delegation at NATO, particularly Hon. Lorenzo Cesa, for support in organizing this event." The key panels of the year include: 1- Blue Economy and Climate Security in the Mediterranean: Discussing opportunities and synergies. 2- De-globalization and Principles of a New Economy: Exploring innovative intersections of economy and finance. 3- Peace and Stability as a Foundation for Economic Growth in the Euromed Area: Analyzing new opportunities. 4- Cultural Capital as a Pillar of the New Mediterranean Cohesion Process: Dedicated to Women's Empowerment. 5-The event will conclude with a panel on "The Enlargement of Europe to the Mediterranean, a Possible Choice?", exploring a real Euromed vision from various perspectives.

This edition will host distinguished speakers from organizations like the United Nations, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, European Parliament, Italian Parliament, Lebanese Government, UNESCO, the Armenian Ministry of Environment, Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital, and more.

Below, kindly find the program and the guest list of Edition 2024:

0- Introduction: Matteo Redenti, Founder the Mediterranean Forum of Local Governments and Business

### **1- Panel One: Blue Economy and Climate Security in the Mediterranean**

- **Moderator:** Patricia Issa, Managing Director of the Forum.

- **Speakers:**

- Frédéric de Dinechin - Senior Policy advisor at Union for the Mediterranean

- PhD Gayane Gabrielyan - Deputy Minister at Ministry of Environment of Armenia

- Paolo Formentini MP Member of the Italian parliament and Vice-Chairman 3rd Committee (Foreign and Community Affairs) and Member of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- Dr Fadi Comair: Professor of Applied Hydrology, Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), and Infrastructure - Chairperson of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) since 2019. Former Vice-President of the Euro-Med Water Information System (EMWIS). Water diplomat (DWRE) from the American Academy of Water Resource Engineers (AAWRE) and an international negotiator specialized in Transboundary water in the MENA region.

- Filippo Verre - Founder and Scientific Director of AB AQUA (Most prominent Italian think tank on Hydro Strategy)

### **2- Panel 2: De-globalization - Rules and Principles of a New Economic Philosophy**

- **Moderators:** Patricia Issa and Matteo Redenti

- **Speakers:**

- On. Irene Tinagli - Economist and member of the European Parliament

- On. Nicola Carè - MP Member of the Italian parliament elected in the foreign constituency Africa Asia Oceania Antarctica and Member of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- Ziad-Alexandre Hayek - President of WAPPP, Strategic Alliances at HyperCycle Ai, Board Member, Keynote Speaker, PPP Expert. Previous Government Official, Investment Banker, and Vice Chair of UN Working Party on PPP.

- Giulio Andreani - Tax Consultant PwC tIs

- Fabio Morvilli - President of the Italian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce

- Niccolò Filippo Veneri Savoia - Founder & CEO Look Lateral, [DEXX.finance](#) and FIMART

### **3- Panel 3: Peace and Stability as the Basis for Economic Growth in EUROMED and GCC Relations**

- **Moderator:** Patricia Issa

- **Speakers:**

- On. Lorenzo Cesa - MP Member of the Italian parliament and President of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- HE. Adel Afiouni - Former Minister of Technology and Investment in Lebanon, Partner for Europe and the Middle East at Exos, Investment Expert.

- Wael Chehab - Founder and CEO at Cedar Capital Management, Investment Expert and Philanthropist.

-On. Simone Billi - MP Member of the Italian parliament and Member 3rd Committee (Foreign and Community Affairs) and Member of Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

-Dr. Lorenzo Galletti - Director of the Cardiac Surgery Department and Director of Clinical Area of Fetal, Neonatal and Cardiologic Sciences at the "Pediatric Hospital Bambino Gesù - Rome"

#### **4- Panel 4: Cultural Capital as a Pillar of the New Mediterranean Cohesion Process -**

##### **Woman Empowerment**

- **Moderator:** Patricia Issa

- **Speakers:**

- Natalia Bayona - Executive Director of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

- HE. Dr Manal Abdel Samad Najd: Former Minister of Information in Lebanon, University Lecturer (AUB – AUM), Advisor to the IMF

- HE. Dr. Gayane Gabrielyan - Deputy Minister at Ministry of Environment of Armenia

- On. Simona Flavia Malpezzi - MP Senator Member of the Italian parliament and Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission for Children and Adolescents and Member of the Italian Parliamentary Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- Dr. Azzurra Rinaldi Professor of Economics, Head of the School of Gender Economics at Unitelma Sapienza University of Rome.

#### **5- Panel 5: Enlargement of Europe to the Mediterranean, a possible choice?**

- **Moderator:** Matteo Redenti Founder the Mediterranean Forum of Local Governments and Business

- **Speakers:**

-On. Fabrizio W. Lucioli - President of the Italian Atlantic Committee and former President of the Atlantic Treaty Association (2014-2020), Director and promoter of NATO and EU cooperation projects in Central and Eastern Europe, and in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries.

-On. Paolo Borchia MP member Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Delegation for relations with Mercosur, member substitute Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean

- Jakub Romaniuk - Director of the Economic Forum Program

-Dott. Eugenio Ferrari - President ASSORETIPMI, Owner "RETI DI IMPRESE PMI", Business Network Manager, SME Networks Advisor