

"The Mediterranean is ... Thousands of things.
Not only a country, but several countries ...
Not only a civilization, but many different civilizations ...
The Mediterranean is an ancient crossroad.
Since a long time, everything flows into this great sea,
bringing mess and richness in its history ..."
(Fernand Braudel, La Méditerranée - espace et histoire)

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The Mediterranean evokes scenes of both political and historical importance, and of great actuality and European interest.

A Conference on Mediterranean issues gives the opportunity to talk about several aspects: from international politics and geopolitics to the transatlantic relationship and the Euro-Mediterranean process of collaboration.

In this scenery the Regional Parliaments should aim to a strong and real cooperation in which politics and parliaments are at the centre of the relationship with Mediterranean countries, and could lead to a transition from partnership to a real co-development.



Thursday 5th July

Pick up at Naples airport and check-in at selected hotels

2.30 p.m. **Opening Addresses**
Alessandra Lonardo
President of the Regional Assembly of Campania
Antonio Bassolino
President of the Campania Region
Dino Di Palma
President of the Naples Province
Rosa Russo Jervolino
Mayor of Naples
Peter Straub
President of CALRE; President of the Parliament of Baden-Württemberg
Alessandro Tesini
President of the Conference of the Italian Regional Assemblies and President of the Regional Assembly of Friuli Venezia Giulia

FIRST SESSION

THE ROLE OF REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES IN THE DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS

Chaired:
Mario Pietracupa
President of the Regional Assembly of Molise

3.00 p.m. **Regional Assemblies and democratisation process**
Pietro Perlingeri
President of the Legislative Technical Committee of the Regional Assembly of Campania

3.20 p.m. **Parliaments and Civil Society in Euro-Mediterranean Partnership**
Michele Capasso
President of “Fonundation Mediterraneo”

3.40 p.m. **Democratisation and Civil Society in Euro-Mediterranean Region**
Renzo Guolo
Professor of Sociology of Islam, University of Turin

4.00 p.m. **Coffee Break**

4.15 p.m. **Possibility of an Euro-Mediterranean Economic and Commercial Cooperation with Third Countries**
Ioannis Tzen
Kedr Bank - Greece

4.30 p.m. **Parliamentary contribution to the political stability and peace in the Euro-Mediterranean Region**
Abdelwahad Radi
President of the Parliamentary Assembly of Maroc and President of the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (IPU)

4.45 p.m. **Relaunching Euro-Mediterranean Partnership**
Umberto Ranieri
President of the Commission for Foreign Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies

5.00 p.m. **Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary dialogue from a regional perspective**
Ernest Benach
President of the Parliament of Catalunya; Member of CALRE

7.30 p.m. **Concert**

9.00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner**

Friday 6th July

SECOND SESSION

THE ROLE OF REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INTERACTION IN THE WIDER MEDITERRANEAN AREA

Chaired:
Riccardo Nencini
President of the Regional Assembly of Toscana

10.00 a.m. **Intercultural dialogue leading to a coalition of shared values and affairs**
Pasquale Ciriello
Chancellor of the University of Naples “l’Orientale”; President of the Regional Coordination Committee of the Campania Universities

10.30 a.m. **The report on the Economy of Mediterranean of the Institute for Studies on Mediterranean Societies - CNR: An instrument for the economic politics**
Paolo Malanima
Institute for Studies on Mediterranean Societies - CNR Naples

11.00 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11.15 a.m. **The cultural dimension of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership in regional and local authorities**
Tana de Zulueta
Representative, President of the Commission for Culture of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly

11.30 a.m. **The dialogue between the two Mediterranean shores: necessity and urgency**
Khaled Fouad Allam
Representative, Commission for Constitutional Affairs, Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament

11.45 a.m. **The role of Regional Assemblies in social and cultural interaction in the Wider Mediterranean**
H.E. Abdel Hadi Majali
President of the House of Deputies of Jordanian Parliament

12.00 a.m. **The Mediterranean sea from an Atlantic and Insular point of view**
Antonio Angel Castro Cordobez
President of the Parliament of Canarias

12.20 a.m. **Cantiere Mediterraneo**
Felice Iossa
Past President of the Committee on Mediterranean Issues of the Regional Assembly of Campania

12.40 a.m. **Conclusion of the Session**
Franco Marini
President of Senate

13.00 a.m. **Lunch**

Friday 6th July

THIRD SESSION

THE ROLE OF REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES IN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE WIDER MEDITERRANEAN AREA

Chaired:
Enzo Lucchini
Vice President of the Regional Assembly of Lombardia

2.30 p.m. **Industries as a propeller of Euro-Mediterranean integration**
Ettore Artioli
Vice President of Confindustria for Southern Italy

2.50 p.m. **Economic and social north-south convergence and regional Push: what role for regional actors of the Euro-Mediterranean Area?**
Abdelkader Sid Ahmed
Professor IEDES, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne; Founder of the Conférence des petites et villes historiques de la Méditerranée

3.10 p.m. **Sea traffic and Mediterranean: the new challenges**
Ida Simonella
Adriano Olivetti Institute of Studies for Economics and Businesses Management (ISTAO)

3.30 p.m. **Coffee Break**

3.45 p.m. **The economic growth of Mediterranean Countries in the context of globalisation**
Mohammed Kabbaj
Governator of Casablanca

4.00 p.m. **The Mediterranean as place of peace, stability and security: the role of Europe**
Franco Frattini
Vice President of the European Commission; Commissioner for Freedom, Security and Justice

4.15 p.m. **Conclusion of the Session**
Alessandro Tesini
President of the Conference of the Italian Regional Assemblies and President of the Regional Assembly of Friuli Venezia Giulia

4.30 p.m. **Presentation of the “Charta of the Regional Assemblies”**

5.00 p.m. **Conclusion of the conference**
Alessandra Lonardo
President of the Regional Assembly of Campania

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