

# MONACO WORLD SUMMIT

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## EURO-MEDITERRANEAN FORUM

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The **second yearly Session of the Euro-Mediterranean Forum** will take place at the **Monte Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort in Monaco from December 7 to 9, 2005**. This Forum placed **under the High Patronage of HSH Prince Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco** is organised by the **Crans Montana Forum** and the **Monaco World Summit** with the Official Support and active Participation of the most important and prestigious International Organisations.

This Forum of international dimension will be held 10 years after the Barcelona Declaration, which is the basic document of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. The Forum will be the opportunity to propose a first evaluation of this process and perspectives in order to reinforce the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation process.

During the Forum the main themes related to the Euro-Mediterranean Area will be addressed such as: *European Enlargement and the Great Mediterranean Area: the Mediterranean in the European Union Global Policy; Barcelona +10: Evaluation and Prospects; The European Future of Turkey, its Role in the Mediterranean; Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation and the African Integration; the Role of Arab States in the Construction of the Mediterranean World.*

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Other topics will deal with the development of economic activity (Foreign Direct Investment, private equity), the respect for the environment (managing water resources, the protection of the marine environment), problematics linked to energy, transport networks, cultural cooperation and religions in the Mediterranean. National concerns will also be developed.

Numerous high level official personalities, among whom Heads of State and Government, Ministers, Leaders of Large Companies as well as renowned Experts will be present in order to discuss all these themes. The Forum will welcome among others : **Mr. Filip Vujanovic**, President of the Republic of Montenegro, **Mr. Mahmoud Abbas**, President of Palestine, **Mr. Sali Berisha**, Prime Minister of Albania, **Mr. Vlado Buckovski**, Prime Minister of Macedonia, **Mr. Abdelhamid Temmar**, Minister for Participation and Investment Promotion in Algeria, **Mr. Al-Zobeir Ahmed El Hassan**, Minister of Finance and National Economy, Sudan, **Mr. Taïb Fassi Fihri**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Morocco, **Mrs. Kolinda Grabar Kitarovic**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia, **Mrs Shirin Ebadi**, recipient of the NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, **Mrs Tokia Saifi**, Former French Minister, Member of the European Parliament, **Mr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri**, Director General of ISESCO, **Mr. Terence Brown**, Executive Director, European Investment Bank, **Mr. Andreu Claret**, Director, IEMed, **Mr. William Rossier**, Secretary General of EFTA, **Mr. Donald Kaberuka**, President, African Development Bank, **Mr. Traugott Schoefthaler**, Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation, **Mr. Antoine Sfeir**, Chief Editor, Cahiers de l'Orient.

The Euro-Mediterranean Forum will be marked by Extraordinary Meetings. On December 7 the First Meeting of the « Club des Amitiés Euro-Parlementaires » will take place and will be chaired by **Mr. Jean-Charles Gardetto**, Member of the National Council in Monaco and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and by **Mrs Tokia Saifi**.

Also on December 7 will be held the Special Meeting of the Forum of New Leaders for the Global Village under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Henry Marty-Gauquié**, Director, International Organisations, European Investment Bank. This Forum convenes young companies that are eager to establish links, share experience and invent together new paths of cooperation thereby influencing global affairs, society and States. The forum will raise several key questions for young Companies today : the implementation of Ethical codes in a Start-up ; The role of young Entrepreneurs in the Employers Associations ; Developing a Mediterranean network between young Entrepreneurs ; The North-South humane Integration in the Mediterranean .

The Forum will welcome a Special Meeting dedicated to Defence in the Mediterranean Area at the initiative of **Mr. Luis Amado**, Minister of Defence of Portugal. This meeting will gather all the Ministers concerned from countries around the Mediterranean, Africa and Arab States and the Black Sea. In addition, a special restricted meeting will take place on Homeland Security under the chairmanship of **General Georges Brevot**, Senior Vice President of EADS (European Aeronautic Defence and Space).

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On December 8 at 18:45, **Mr. Antoine Sfeir**, Chief Editor of the Cahier de l'Orient will give a public conference on the theme « **The Middle-East from all States' angles** ». This Conference will be the opportunity to elucidate the stakes of the War in Iraq and, with reference to the recent past, to propose a new understanding of the Bush Administration's Foreign Policy in the region.

A special meeting at the initiative of the European Investment Bank will be dedicated to the « **Public Debt of the European Union's Mediterranean Partners** » will be held on December 9 under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Philippe de Fontaine Vive**, Vice President for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP), European Investment Bank. This meeting will deal more particularly with the influence of Public Debt on Economies and Banking Systems and the new tools of Management to be implemented.

Finally, the Forum will close with the **Official Award Ceremony of the PRIX DE LA FONDATION** that will be presented by **Mr. Stéphane Valeri**, Speaker, Conseil National, Parliamentary Assembly of Monaco to **Mr. Mahmoud Abbas**, President of Palestine, **Mr. Vlado Buckovski**, Prime Minister of Macedonia, **Mrs Shirin Ebadi**, NOBEL PEACE PRIZE recipient, **Mr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri**, Director General of ISESCO, and to **Mrs Tokia Saifi**, Former French Minister, Member of the European Parliament. Those personalities will be rewarded for all their actions in favour of Peace, Freedom, Democracy and International Cooperation.

All Sessions are open to journalists.

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