



Seventh EU-Israel Strategic Dialogue

27 October 2022, Herods Hotel, Herzliya, Israel

PROGRAMME

- 08:45 **Registration and welcome coffee** - *"Ogen" Conference room, Herods Hotel, HaOgen St 11, Herzliya*
- 09:15-09:30 **Opening remarks:**
Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin, Chair, ELNET's Forum of Strategic Dialogue
Matthijs Schüssler, Executive Director, ELNET-EU & NATO
Amb. Dimiter Tzantchev, Ambassador, EU Delegation to Israel
- 09:30-11:00 ***Session 1: Geopolitical turmoil and instability; The Ukraine-Russia war and implications for the broader region***
- Assessing the current impact of the war on the EU, Israel and their relationship, the broader region and the volatile global system
 - Addressing the (looming) energy and food crisis
 - Discussing the revival of NATO and the transatlantic relationship; Challenges and opportunities
- Amb. Simona Halperin**, Deputy Director General, Division for Euro-Asia, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Dr Yuval Steinitz, Former Member, Knesset (Likud); former Minister of Energy, Minister of Intelligence, Minister of Strategic Affairs, Minister of Finance
Dr Benedetta Berti, Head, Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General, NATO
Moderator: Dr Ian Lesser, Vice President and Executive Director, Brussels Office, German Marshall Fund
- 11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30-13:00 ***Session 2: Threats and challenges in the Middle East***
- Addressing the challenges posed by Iran in both the nuclear and regional fields
 - The Abraham Accords - What next? What is their impact on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and what can Europe contribute to their expansion?
 - Failed states in the Middle East – The case of Lebanon and its effect on the stability in the region
- EU**, TBA
IDF, TBA
Moderator: Tal Schneider, Diplomatic & Political Correspondent, Globes Newspaper
- 13:00-14:30 **Lunch**



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14:30-16:00 ***Session 3: Prospects for the further deepening of the EU-Israel partnerships***

- Europe's Green Deal & Israeli technology: synergies
- Emerging areas of cooperation in energy and defence
- Common approach with regard to de-radicalisation and the fight against antisemitism and terrorism
- Next steps on the EU-Israel agenda: mapping priorities

Prof. Yossi Shain, Former Chair, Knesset Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament; Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset (Yisrael Beitenu)

Henrike Trautmann, Acting Director for DG Near.B, Neighbourhood South and Turkey, European Commission (via video conference)

Moderator: Andrea Pontiroli, DCM, EU Delegation to Israel

16:00-16:15 ***Concluding remarks:***

Amb. Pierre Vimont, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe

Amb. Dr Oded Eran, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies; former Ambassador of Israel to EU and Jordan

16:15-17:15 **Break**

17:15 **Meet in the lobby and transfer to the residence of the EU Ambassador to Israel**

17:30 **Closing reception at the residence of the EU Ambassador to Israel - *HaMa'apilim Street 50, Herzliya Pituach***

Welcome remarks:

Amb. Dimiter Tzantchev, Ambassador, EU Delegation to Israel

Keynotes:

Lt. Gen. (ret.) Moshe Ya'alon, Former Minister of Defense

MEP Antonio López-Istúriz White, Chair of EU delegation to Israel; Secretary General, EPP Party, European Parliament

20:00 **Pick up and return to hotel**



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