



25 – 27 February 2019

Grand Hyatt Istanbul, İstanbul, Turkey

Agenda

All sessions will be off the record.

Plenary session will be held in the hotel Dining Room. Break-out sessions will be indicated as appropriate.

Monday, 25 February

19:00-19:30	Drinks reception –	Grand Hyatt	Istanbul, Troy Foyer
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19:30-21:30 Working dinner: Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East

Speaker: Ibrahim Kalin, Special Advisor to President Erdogan

Tuesday, 26 February

Welcome – Grand Hyatt Istanbul, Dining Room		
Plenary I: Battle Lines in a Contested MENA Region		
The unfolding regional order – short-term prospects for 2019 and longer-term implications. How (un)sustainable is the regional trajectory?		
Coffee break		
Plenary II: Europe's response to the new regional order		

How can European governments more effectively address new political and security dilemmas and partner with regional actors to promote stabilisation

from North Africa across to the Gulf?

13:15-14:30 Lunch









14:30-16:30 Breakout sessions I

- How to build European policy cohesion on Libya? Mansion Study Room
- Iran: Crisis averted or re-ignited? *Dining Room*

19.30 Meet in hotel lobby for dinner transfer

20:00-22:30 Working dinner: Navigating Gulf regional ambitions?

Hosted by the Italian ambassador to Turkey, Palazzo di Venezia, Istanbul

Speaker: AbdelAziz Aluwaisheg, Assistant Secretary General for Political & Negotiation Affairs, Gulf Cooperation Council

Wednesday, 27 February

09:00-10:30 **Breakout sessions II** - Grand Hyatt Istanbul, The Mansion Study Room

- Migration in context: A new relationship with North Africa?
- No Peace, No Process: Can Europeans still play a role in Conflict Resolution in Israel/Palestine?

10:30-10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45-12:15 **Plenary III: Syria after the US withdrawal?** –*Grand Hyatt Istanbul, Dining Room*

Implications of the US pull out from Syria. Can Europeans play a more effective role supporting a sustainable order, while also addressing Turkish concerns over the Kurds? What does this mean for the wider political process?

12:30-14:00 Lunch











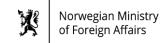
List of Participants

- 1. Ali Alansari, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar
- 2. **Abdel Aziz Aluwaisheg**, Assistant Secretary General for Political & Negotiation Affairs, Gulf Cooperation Council
- 3. Vincenzo Amendola, former Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Italian MFA
- **4. Will Arnall-Culliford**, Deputy Head of Iran-Iraq Department and Counter-Daesh Task Force, UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office
- 5. Aslı Aydıntaşbaş, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR
- 6. Julien Barnes-Dacey, Director of the Middle East and North Africa programme, ECFR
- 7. Armando Barucco, Head of Policy Planning, Italian MFA
- 8. Ilan Baruch, Ambassador (Ret.), Chairperson of the Policy Working Group, Israel
- 9. Kayhan Barzegar, Director, Institute for Middle East Strategic Studies, Iran
- 10. **Christian Berger**, Head of delegation of the EU to Turkey; former MENA Director, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- 11. Sarah Boukri, Political scientist, Morocco
- 12. Christian Buck, Middle East and North Africa Director, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- 13. Luca Carpintieri, Head of Political Office, Embassy of Italy in Turkey
- 14. Galip Dalay, Research Director, Al Sharq Forum, Turkey
- 15. Ann Dismorr, Deputy Director-General, Middle East and North Africa, Swedish MFA
- 16. Anthony Dworkin, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR
- 17. Jean-Baptiste Faivre, Deputy Director, Middle East and North Africa, French MFA
- 18. Massimo Gaiani, Ambassador of Italy to Turkey
- 19. Ellie Geranmayeh, Senior Policy Fellow and Deputy MENA Director, ECFR
- 20. Anders Gulbrandsen, Advisor, Section for Peace and Reconciliation, Norwegian MFA
- 21. Jonathan Hackenbroich, Research Assistant to the Director, ECFR
- 22. Therese Hydén, Swedish Consulate General in Istanbul
- 23. Ibrahim Kalin, Special Advisor to President Erdogan, Turkey (Monday dinner only)











- 24. Lolwah Rashid Al Khater, Spokesperson of the Qatari MFA
- 25. Alba Lamberti, Deputy Director, ECFR
- 26. Daniel Levy, President, U.S./Middle East Project
- 27. Camille Lons, Programme Coordinator, ECFR
- 28. **Hugh Lovatt**, Policy Fellow, ECFR
- 29. Mohammed Masbah, Director, Moroccan Institute for Policy Analysis (MIPA)
- 30. Tarek Megerisi, Policy Fellow, ECFR
- 31. Yoichi Mikami, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Turkey
- 32. Enrique Mora, Political Director, Spanish MFA; ECFR Council Member
- 33. H.E Sedat Önal, Deputy Foreign Minister, Turkey
- 34. **Lapo Pistelli**, Executive Vice President Head of Eni International Affairs; ECFR Council Member
- 35. **Nicolò Russo Perez**, Coordinator, International Affairs Program, Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy; ECFR Council Member
- 36. **Mohammed Anwar Al Sadat**, Member of the Egyptian Parliament, President of the Reform & Development Party
- 37. **Seyed Mohammed Sajjadpour**, Deputy Foreign Minister; Director, Institute for Political and International Studies, Iran
- 38. Omar Shaban, Director, PalThink for Strategic Studies, Gaza
- 39. **Jeremy Shapiro**, Research Director, ECFR; former Policy Planning Staff, US State Department
- 40. Alexander Shumilin, Head of the Center for Europe-Middle East Studies, Moscow
- 41. Maciej Stadejek, Director at the Political Director's Office, Polish MFA
- 42. Anders Tang Friborg, Middle East and North Africa Director, Danish MFA
- 43. Chloe Teevan, Programme Coordinator, ECFR
- 44. Nawaf Wasfi Tell, Jordanian Ambassador to the Netherlands
- 45. Sinan Ülgen, Chairman, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM)
- 46. **Isabelle Werenfels**, Head of Research Division Middle East and Africa, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)
- 47. **Tamara Cofman Wittes**, Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution; former US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs
- 48. Joseph Yackley, Political officer, U.S. Consulate in Istanbul
- 49. Maha Yahya, Director, Carnegie Middle East Center, Lebanon
- 50. Nuh Yilmaz, Office of the Presidency of the Turkish Republic
- 51. Martin Yttervik, Policy Director, Middle East and North Africa, Norwegian MFA
- 52. Tarik Yousef, Senior Fellow and Director of the Brookings Doha Center





