



## BUSINESS PLATFORM

### THE GLOBAL GATEWAY, A NEW PARADIGM FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS PARTNERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BEYOND

Salón de Embajadores, Casa Árabe  
Madrid

9 October, 16h00 – 18h45

The EU's 'Global Gateway' connectivity strategy has become a flagship of EU's global agenda. It is also likely to impose itself as a distinct cooperation paradigm in Euro-Mediterranean relations. The EuroMeSCo Business Platform will offer a unique opportunity to put around the table economic operators, policy makers and think tankers to discuss various aspects related to the Mediterranean dimension of the Global Gateway.

16h00 – 16h15: Welcome Coffee

16h15 – 16h45: Opening session

**Senén FLORENZA.** Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean – IEMed.

**Irene LOZANO DOMINGO.** Director General, Casa Árabe.

**María LLEDÓ.** Secretary General for the European Union. Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation.

**Moderator: Emmanuel COHEN-HADRIA.** Director of the Euro-Mediterranean Policies Department, European Institute of the Mediterranean – IEMed.

16h45 – 17h15: Setting the scene

**Henrike TRAUTMANN.** Acting Director, Southern Neighbourhood and Türkiye, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) European Commission.

**Andrea TINAGLI.** European Investment Bank Representative to the Union for the Mediterranean – UfM.

17h15-18h45: Debate

A business perspective:



**Norman ALBI.** Chief Executive Officer. Barcelona Cable Landing Station. MEDUSA Submarine Cable System.

**Adel BEN LASSOUED.** Representative Director, Société Tunisienne de l'Electricité et du Gaz – STEG.

**Angelo FERRANTE.** Secretary General, Med-TSO.

**John KARYDAS.** Chief Executive Officer, Renewables, Cotzepoulos group.

**Tarek TAWFIK.** Deputy Chairman; President. Federation of Egyptian Industries, and the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies; American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt.

**Jordi TORRENT.** Strategy Director of the Port of Barcelona and Secretary General of MEDPorts.

#### Debate with other participants

**Giorgia ABELTINO.** Senior Director, Public Policy South Europe and Director of External Relations, Google.

**Haizam AMIRAH-FERNÁNDEZ.** Senior Analyst, Mediterranean & Arab World. Real Instituto Elcano.

**Dawud ANSARI.** Associate Researcher, German Institute for International and Security Affairs Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik – SWP.

**Rym AYADI.** Founder and President, Euro – Mediterranean Economists Association – EMEA.

**Mohammed BAHAROON.** Director of the B'huth Public Policy Research Center in the UAE.

**Joseph BAHOUT.** Director, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut – IFI/AUB.

**Houda BEN JANET.** Director General, Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie – OME.

**Stefania BENAGLIA.** Head of the Global Connectivity Programme, Centre for European Policy Studies – CEPS.

**San BILAL.** Senior Executive and Acting Associate Director - Sustainable African Economies and Climate Action Centre for Africa-Europe relations – ECDPM.



**Lorenzo BURGOS.** Assistant Director, Representative Offices, International Banking, Caixabank.

**Víctor BURGUETE.** Senior Researcher, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs – CIDOB.

**Oskar CHMIEL.** Expert, Center for Social and Economic Research – CASE.

**Maria Helena DE FELIPE.** Vice-President, International Relations, European Economic and Social Committee – EESC.

**Andrea DESSI.** Scientific Advisor for the Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali – IAI; Assistant Professor in International Relations and Global Politics, American University of Rome – AUR.

**Mark FURNESS.** Senior Researcher of the Research Programme "Inter- and transnational cooperation", German Institute of Development and Sustainability – IDOS.

**Laury HAYTAYAN.** MENA Director, Natural Resource Governance Institute.

**Kristina KAUSCH.** Senior Resident Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States – GMFUS.

**Mondher KHANFIR.** Senior Advisor and Consultant, African Center for Economic Transformation – ACET.

**Zine LABIDINE.** Visiting Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations – ECFR.

**Cristina LOBILLO BORRERO.** Head of the Energy Platform Task Force (EPTF), Directorate-General for Energy (ENER TF), European Commission.

**Luis MATEOS.** Deputy Director-General for Bilateral Economic Relations and Economic Diplomacy, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation - MAUEC.

**Kim B. OLSEN.** Associate Fellow, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswaertige Politik – DGAP.

**Olivia OROZCO DE LA TORRE.** Coordinator of the Economy Program, Casa Árabe.

**Enric PONS.** Project Manager, Centre for Transportation Studies for the Western Mediterranean – CETMO.

**Ricardo SÁNCHEZ-BLANCO.** Deputy Director General. Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation – MAEUEC.

**Jean-Loup SAAMAN.** Associate Research Fellow, Institut Français des Relations Internationales – IFRI.



**Bernard SIMAN.** Senior Associate Fellow, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations.

**Ozlem TUR.** Associate Professor, Middle East Technical University, Center for European Studies.

**Harry TZIMITRAS.** Director, Peace Research Institute Oslo-PRIO Cyprus Centre.