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PROGRAMME

One year after the Arab Spring: The European Union's relations with the Southern-Mediterranean region

VENUE: Universidad Pablo de Olavide (UPO) Building 7, room "Salon de Grados", Seville, Spain

Thursday, 10 May 2012

- 14.00 – 14.30** **Registration**
- 14.30 – 14.45** **Welcome and Opening by *Prof. Lucía Millán Moro*** (UPO, Seville)
- 14.45 – 15.15** **Keynote address**
The role of the Union for the Mediterranean in promoting stability and transition in the Southern-Mediterranean region by *Ambassador Yigit Alpogan, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean*
- 15.15 – 16.30** **PANEL 1**
"A new response to a changing Neighbourhood": the 2011 ENP review
- Chair: *Elina Viilup*** (CIDOB, Barcelona)
- Article 8 TEU: Developing a 'special relationship' with neighbouring countries (*Prof. Christophe Hillion, University of Stockholm, CLEER*)
 - The Arab uprisings: in search of a comprehensive EU strategy (*Prof. Jan Wouters & Sanderijn Duquet, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven*)
 - The new European Neighbourhood Instrument and the twisted philosophy of 'more for more' conditionality (*Prof. Steven Blockmans, University of Leuven, T.M.C. Asser Instituut/CLEER*)
- 16.30 – 17.00** **Q&A / Discussion**

Friday, 11 May 2012

9.30 - 10.45 **PANEL 2: Ties with the region: ad hoc, bilateral and multilateral approaches (EUROMED, Neighbourhood Policy, Union for the Mediterranean)**

Chair: Prof. Steven Blockmans (University of Leuven, T.M.C. Asser Instituut/CLEER)

- The Union for the Mediterranean: Challenges and prospects (*Prof. José Manuel Cortés Martín*, Professor at Universidad Pablo de Olavide)
- Frameworks and instruments of economic cooperation between the EU and Southern Mediterranean (*Prof. Larbi Jaidi*, Professor and researcher at the Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences of Mohammed V University, Rabat)
- Fostering region building and promoting interregionalism (*Dr. Nikos Skoutaris*, Assistant Professor, Maastricht University, CLEER)

10.45 - 11.15 **Q&A / Discussion**

11.15 - 11.45 **Coffee/ tea break**

11.45 - 13.00 **PANEL 3: Select issues of Europe's Mediterranean strategy**

Chair: Francisco Fonseca (European Commission Representation in Spain)

- The EU response to the Arab uprisings (*Prof. Ahmed Driss*, Director, Centre for Mediterranean and International Studies)
- EU responses on migration, mobility and security in the Southern-Mediterranean region (*Dr. Sergio Carrera*, CEPS, Brussels)
- The EU's relations with southern Mediterranean civil society actors: continuity or change? (*Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués*, Ramon y Cajal Researcher at the Institut Barcelona de Estudis Internacionals)

13.00 - 13.30 **Q&A / Discussion**

13.30 **Closing remarks by Dr. Gloria Fernandez Arribas** (UPO, Seville) and *Dr. Tamara Takács* (CLEER/T.M.C. Asser Instituut)

13.45 **Lunch for speakers and panel chairs**

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