

## EUROPE AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL SCENARIO

Rome - European Parliament Liaison Office in Italy  
Europe Hall - Piazza Venezia 11

## SPEAKERS



**Angelino Alfano** - President, De Gasperi Foundation

Angelino Alfano has served as President of the De Gasperi Foundation since 2013. Under his leadership, the Foundation has marked 40 years of activity, continuing to safeguard and promote the legacy of Alcide De Gasperi, with a special focus on the new generations. Throughout his public service, he has held prominent institutional roles, including Vice President of the Council of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Justice. He was also a Member of the Chamber of Deputies.



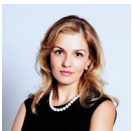
**Mikuláš Dzurinda** - President, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

Mikuláš Dzurinda has served as President of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies since 2013. During his tenure, the Martens Centre has further strengthened its role as a leading platform for political reflection and policy-oriented research at the European level. Former Prime Minister of Slovakia, he ensured the country's accession to the European Union and NATO. He has also held the positions of Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Transport, and served as a Member of the National Council.



**Klaus Welle** - Academic Council Chairman, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

Klaus Welle has served as Academic Council Chairman at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies since 2023. Currently, he is also Special Advisor to the EU Commissioner for Defence and Space, and holds teaching assignments at the London School of Economics, KU Leuven, and the Moynihan Center of the Colin Powell School for Global Leadership in New York. Former Secretary General of the European Parliament, he has also served as Head of Cabinet to the President of the European Parliament and as Secretary General of the European People's Party.



**Valbona Zeneli** - Nonresident Senior Fellow, Europe Center and Transatlantic Security Initiative, Atlantic Council of the United States

Valbona Zeneli is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Europe Center and Transatlantic Security Initiative, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council of the United States. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute in Firenze, Italy. Previously, Zeneli served as Chair of Strategic Engagements at the U.S. Department of Defense's George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, and held academic positions at Harvard University, the NATO School in Oberammergau, the U.S. Foreign Service Institute and the Department of State, as well as at defense academies across Europe.



**Antonio Polito** - Columnist, Corriere della Sera

Antonio Polito is an Italian journalist and columnist for the daily newspaper Corriere della Sera, where he contributes analysis on domestic and international politics. During his career, he has held prominent editorial roles, including Editor-in-Chief of Il Riformista and Corriere del Mezzogiorno, and Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Corriere della Sera and La Repubblica. He also served as a Member of the Italian Senate.



**Paolo Alli** - Secretary General, De Gasperi Foundation

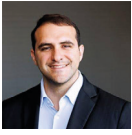
Paolo Alli has served as Secretary General of the De Gasperi Foundation since 2023. He is also a Senior Research Associate at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies and a Senior Advisor to the Italian Minister of Economy and Finance. A former President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States, he has served as a Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and has held various roles within the Lombardy Regional Government.



**Francesco Talò** - Special Envoy for the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – Italy

Francesco Talò is Special Envoy for the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. A former Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister, he has also served as Permanent Representative of Italy to the North Atlantic Council, Ambassador to Israel, and Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Afghanistan and Pakistan. He has further held the positions of Consul General in New York and Director for South America at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

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**Jorge Jraissati** - President, Economic Inclusion Group

Jorge Jraissati is President of the Economic Inclusion Group, an organization based in Washington, D.C., advising policymakers, business leaders, and institutions on economic and financial policy. A Venezuelan economist, Jraissati has provided advice to the Council of Europe and the Financial Action Task Force. He is also a researcher at the Center for Public Leadership and Government at IESE Business School, University of Navarra, and at the Florida Atlantic University College of Business. He is the author of academic articles, book chapters, and policy reports, and has delivered lectures at universities worldwide, including Harvard, MIT, and Cambridge.

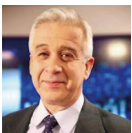
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**Flavia Giacobbe** - Editor-in Chief, Airpress

Flavia Giacobbe is Editor-in-Chief of Airpress, a leading Italian magazine focused on defence and security issues. A journalist by profession, she is also Editor-in-Chief of Formiche, a publication covering politics, economics, and international affairs. She has also worked for the daily newspaper Il Tempo and is a regular television commentator.

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**Kostas Ifantis** - Professor of International Relations, Panteion University

Kostas Ifantis is Professor of International Relations at the Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University of Athens. As a scholar, he has held visiting international positions at the University of Michigan, Harvard University, London School of Economics, and University of Seoul. He has also taught at the Universities of Bradford and Portsmouth in the United Kingdom, as well as at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He served as Director for Research at the Policy Planning Center of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is the author of books, papers, and articles on international relations and security studies.

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**Matthew Robinson** - Director, Euro-Gulf Information Centre

Matthew Robinson is Director of the Euro-Gulf Information Centre (EGIC), where he oversees the Centre's activities across its offices in Rome, Brussels, Stockholm, and Prague. He has over a decade of experience in international relations, policy advisory, and legal research. With a multidisciplinary academic background, he has also held several advisory roles at the European Parliament.

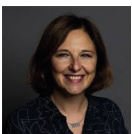
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**Agostino Pinna** - Special Envoy for the Arctic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – Italy

Agostino Pinna is Special Envoy for the Arctic at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. In this capacity, he also serves as Head of the Italian Delegation to the Arctic Council. Former Ambassador to Uzbekistan, with accreditation to Tajikistan, he has held various diplomatic positions in Ukraine, Russia, and India. He also served as Head of the General Directorate for the Mediterranean and the Middle East at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

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**Teresa Coratella** - Deputy Head of Office and Policy Fellow - Rome, European Council on Foreign Relations

Teresa Coratella is Deputy Head of the Rome office and a Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). Prior to joining ECFR as an Advocacy and Communication Officer, she worked at the Institute for Eastern Studies in Warsaw, Poland, where she was responsible for partnerships and development. She is also a member of Women in International Security (WIIS).

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