

## **A new political landscape in the MENA countries: How to fine-tune our modes of engagement?**

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### **Programme**

- 10.15                      Opening  
**Álvaro de Vasconcelos**, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies
- 10.30 - 11.45            Session I: Mapping the political landscape**
- Chair:                      **Merete Bilde**, Policy Adviser, EEAS
- Speakers:                **John L. Esposito**, Director, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University  
**Gema Martín-Muñoz**, Professor of Sociology of the Arab and Islamic World, Autonomous University of Madrid
- 11.45 – 12.00            *Coffee break*
- 12.00 – 13.15           Session II: Understanding external factors**
- Chair:                      **Peter Mandaville**, Director, The Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University; Former member of the Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State
- Speakers:                **Kristina Kausch**, Senior Researcher, Middle East, FRIDE  
**Daniel Levy**, Director, Middle East and North Africa Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations
- 13.15 – 14.45            *Lunch break*

**14.45 – 16.00      Session III: Defining the engagement**

Chair:                    **Patryk Pawlak**, Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers:            **Michele Dunne**, Director, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, Atlantic Council  
**Oliver McTernan**, Director, Thinking Forward

**16.00 – 17.00      Wrap-up session: Is there scope for EU-US cooperation?**

Chair:                    **Álvaro de Vasconcelos**, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers:            **Christian Berger**, Director for Middle East and North Africa, EEAS  
**Peter Mandaville**, Director, The Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University; Former member of the Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State