



Seminar on Security and Cooperation in the Western Mediterranean / Maghreb & Sahara

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"General Gutierrez Mellado" (IUGGM)*

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NATO's Joint Command Southwest (JCSW) is co-organising together with Spanish Instituto Universitario "General Gutierrez Mellado" (IUGGM), a joint Seminar on Security and Cooperation in the Western Mediterranean, Maghreb and Sahara. The Seminar intends to analyse the security challenges in the region and to review the existing – bi and multilateral - international cooperation mechanism with the aim of defining possible areas for further enhanced cooperation in the Mediterranean.

IUGGM is attached to the Spanish National Open University (UNED) and counts on the permanent collaboration of the Spanish Ministry of Defence. It is the first Spanish institution dedicated to the investigation, analysis and study of security and national defence matters, with a special focus on Mediterranean issues.

The seminar will gather together experts from the Mediterranean Dialogue countries, from NATO and from Spanish Open University (UNED) and IUGGM.

Three successive panels will be conducted, with each panel building upon the previous one. The first panel, on the topic **"DEFINITION OF REGIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, MAGHREB & SAHARA"** intends to review the current situation in the region by presenting several points of view and – through an open forum discussion - to examine the current/future challenges to international security in the region and in the broader context of the Mediterranean basin.

Most of the security challenges in today's globalised world require common responses and multinational cooperation. Thus, the second panel, on the topic **"COMMON RESPONSES TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES; BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EXPERIENCES: A BALANCE"** intends to review the existing cooperation mechanisms by analysing how they work, their practical dimension and specific achievements. Different approaches to multinational cooperation will be presented, including the lessons learned from the military operational experience.

Finally, after having reviewed the security challenges in the region and analysed the existing cooperation programmes the third panel on the topic **"PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ENHANCEMENT OF SECURITY**



COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN” intends to suggest concrete steps to improve cooperation in the Mediterranean. What specific areas require further enhanced cooperation? How can we further exploit the opportunities offered by the existing initiatives?

Both English and French will be the seminar’s working languages. Simultaneous translation will be available.

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