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Dear Member,

On behalf of Fernando Gutierrez (Spain), Chairperson of the Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group (GSM) and Faik Öztrak (Türkiye), Chairperson of the Economics and Security Committee it is our pleasure to inform you that a GSM-ESC Seminar will take place in Antalya, Türkiye from 28-30 April 2025.

The Seminar will be organised in cooperation with the Delegation of Türkiye to the NATO PA and the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye.

### Topics of Discussion

- The New Strategic Landscape of the Middle East
  - The Broader Security and Diplomatic Implications of the Israel-Hamas Conflict
  - Post-Assad Syria and its Future Trajectory
- Iran's Role in Regional Conflicts and the Threat to Euro-Atlantic Security
- Sino-Russian Strategic Engagement in the Middle East and Africa
  - Instability in the Sahel and the Impact of Private Military Actors
  - Implications in the MENA Region of Russia's War of Aggression Against Ukraine
- The Growing Role of the Gulf within the Global Order
- Maritime Security and Securing Strategic Waterways
- Common Security Challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean Region
  - Energy Security
  - Human and Food Security and Migration
- NATO's Approach to the Middle East and the Southern Neighbourhood
  - NATO Partnerships in the Southern Neighbourhood
  - NATO Counterterrorism Cooperation with Partners

A detailed programme will follow shortly.

We are expecting roughly 100 parliamentarians from NATO, Associate and Partner countries from the MENA region to participate in this seminar as well as a number of senior officials and representatives from international organisations, NGOs, universities, governments and think tanks.

### Travel Arrangements

The seminar will start on Monday 28 April at 9:30 in Antalya and end on Wednesday 30 April at midday. A cultural visit to the city of Side will take place on Wednesday afternoon after the formal programme.

To allow for an early start on Monday 28 April, we suggest participants arrive in Antalya by Sunday 27 April at the latest.

Please note that airport transfers will be organised by the host country. Please inform the International Secretariat of your delegation's travel plans upon arrival and departure to ensure transportation for delegation members.

## Seminar Venue

### Ethno Belek Hotel

Belek, Günübirlük Cd. No:4/1, 07506 Serik/Antalya, Türkiye

## Cultural Visit to Side

At the conclusion of meetings in Antalya, participants will travel by bus to the ancient city of Side on Wednesday 30 April in the afternoon for a cultural programme. The visit is open to all seminar participants.

For logistical purposes, **participants should indicate to the International Secretariat if they will participate** in the visit.

A detailed programme for the visit will be provided in the coming weeks.

## Accommodation

Participants are kindly asked to book to their rooms at the Ethno Belek Hotel via the following [link](#). Due to the tourist season in Türkiye in April, participants are encouraged to book their hotel rooms at the earliest opportunity.

### Ethno Belek Hotel

Belek, Günübirlük Cd. No:4/1, 07506 Serik/Antalya, Türkiye

Rate: 300 EUR per night; rooms are **all inclusive**.

Cancellation policy: *Free cancellation until 7 days prior to arrival.*

**To book a room** – please use the [link](#) to book directly with the hotel.

**Contact details**: +90 242 254 08 08

**Reservation deadline**: **11 April 2025**

## Interpretation

Interpretation in English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Arabic (tbc) will be provided during the seminar. Should delegations wish to organise interpretation in additional languages, they must make their own interpretation arrangements and inform us before 28 March.

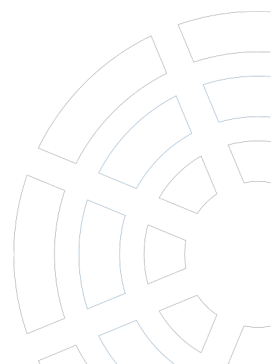
## Online Registration for Member and Associate Member Delegations

Online registration is now open for this seminar. Please log on to the NATO PA Intranet to complete registration for the event.

## Online Registration for Mediterranean Associates and Other Invitees

Please contact Matthew Jablonski ([mjablonski@nato-pa.int](mailto:mjablonski@nato-pa.int)), GSM Officer, if you wish to attend the seminar.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have in relation to this event.



Yours sincerely,



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