## SHADE MED



## Shared Awareness and DE-confliction in the Mediterranean



5th December 2024, Rome - Italy

"Future challenges in the Mediterranean"

Dear Costoin

Rome, 22 46 Octobbe 2024

EU Naval Forces Mediterranean Headquarters and NATO Allied Maritime Command co-organise the thirteenth edition of the Shared Awareness and Deconfliction in the Mediterranean (SHADE MED) Conference on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Vice Admiral Didier Maleterre and I have the great pleasure to invite you to join us as a distinguished participant.

The purpose of SHADE MED is to bring together representatives of nations and organisations operating or having interests in the Mediterranean area, to meet and share situational awareness, assessment of trends, lessons learned, best practices and to discuss further ways of deconflicting and coordinating the efforts of those involved. The event will be hosted by EUNAVFOR MED OPERATION IRINI OHQ at Centocelle Air Base in Rome.

This year the conference will specifically focus on "Future challenges in the Mediterranean", as per the attached agenda.

On the occasion of this event, we have organized a welcome Icebreaker dinner on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, at 19.00 h (further information will follow).

Please let the organisers know if you are available on the aforementioned dates by sending them the attached "Joining Form" by 18<sup>th</sup> of November to shade med secretary@euohq.difesa.it.

Please accept the expressions of our highest consideration. We look forward to welcoming you in December.

Very Respect fully

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