

REGIONAL ESCALATION & STRATEGIC STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Diplomatic Perspectives and Strategic Outlook in a Period
of Rising Geopolitical Tensions

Closed International Policy Briefing (Online)

Monday

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14.30 - 16:30 a.m.
EET (UTC+2)

Background

Recent developments in the Middle East are raising significant questions regarding regional stability, escalation dynamics and the broader strategic implications for Europe and the international system.

This closed policy dialogue will convene diplomatic and expert perspectives to assess current risks, policy responses and possible future scenarios in a rapidly evolving geopolitical environment.

The briefing will bring together a curated audience of diplomats, policy analysts, journalists and business leaders.

Programme

14:30 – 15:00 | Fireside Chat

Diplomatic Perspectives on Regional Security Developments

H.E. Mr. Noam Katz, Ambassador of Israel to Greece

Dr. Vassilis Nedos, Diplomatic and Defence Correspondent
& Columnist, Kathimerin

This discussion will provide a diplomatic assessment of current regional dynamics and the strategic considerations shaping policy responses.

15:00 – 16:15 | Expert Discussion & Live Q&A

Strategic Risks, Policy Responses and Future Scenarios

Speakers

Mr. Jonathan Panikoff

Director, Scowcroft Middle East Security Initiative, Atlantic Council

Professor Ilias Bantekas

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Qatar Foundation)

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University

Moderator

Dr. Vassilis Nedos, Diplomatic and Defence Correspondent
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The panel will examine escalation risks, geopolitical implications and potential pathways towards strategic stability in the region.

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