



# India Mediterranean

## BUSINESS CONCLAVE 2024

6 September 2024 | New Delhi

## PROGRAMME

Friday, 6 September 2024

1015 - 1115 hrs

Venue: Chanakya Hall

### SESSION I: Secured Shared Horizons: Deepening cooperation for Industrial Defense Partnership

India's Budget 2024-25 increased the defense allocation by 6.7%, mainly focusing on modernization of ammunition and infrastructure development. How enhanced cooperation in intelligence-sharing, counter-terrorism operations, and capacity-building measures can deepen collaboration between India and the Mediterranean region? How building partnerships in defence manufacturing, technology transfer, and joint research and development can aid both the region's industries?

#### Panelists:

- **Mr Jose Antonio Porto**, Managing Director, Navantia India Liaison Office, Spain
- **Mr Octavian Gh. Roşca-Năstase**, International Affairs Advisor, SN NUCLEARELECTRICA SA, Romania
- **Mr Puneet Kaura**, Managing Director and CEO, Samtel Avionics Limited (SA), India
- **Mr Roberto Pierdominici**, Managing Director, Leonardo Aerospace Defense and Security India, Italy
- **Rear Admiral (Retd). Rahul Shrawat**, Chairman and MD, Naval Group, India

#### Session moderator:

- **Major General Ashwani Kumar Channan**, Senior Advisor, Bharat Forge, India

1015-1115 hrs

Venue: Room 211

## SESSION II: Digitalization: Cooperating towards an era of Digital Transformation

The rise of emerging technologies has been instrumental in driving the sustained growth of the Indian economy. As the Mediterranean region embraces digitally advanced technologies, it stands poised to establish itself as a formidable global digital economy. Through collaborative efforts and by capitalizing on each other's strengths and resources, both regions can expedite their digital transformation. How can India and the Mediterranean region collaborate in the fields of cybersecurity and data protection to safeguarding digital infrastructure? How can the government and industry work together towards developing and implementing digital stacks like India's to unlock new opportunities for both India and the Mediterranean region?

### Panelists:

- **Ms Ing. Cinzia Gatto**, Digital Rail Infrastructure Development Department, Italferr, Italy
- **Mr Chrysilios Pelekanos**, President of the Cyprus-India Business Association & Tax Partner, PWC Cyprus PwC, Cyprus
- **Mr Mitesh Chitkara**, Business Head, COBO, India
- **Mr Pranay Joshi**, Managing Director, Loccioni, India
- **Mr Vinod Tete**, Senior Vice President and Head of Sales, Continental Europe, HCLTech, India

### Session moderator:

- **Mr Prabhakar Shetty**, Chief Digital Officer, Cyient, India

1130-1230 hrs

Venue: Chankya Hall

## SPECIAL PLENARY

### Speakers:

- **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- **H E Rania Ahmed**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade, Syrian Arab Republic
- **H E Dr Nicodemos Damianou**, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, The Republic of Cyprus
- **Mr R Dinesh**, Immediate Past President CII, Chairman CII International Council and Executive Chairman, TVS Supply Chain Solutions Limited, India
- **Mr Chandrajit Banerjee**, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India

1245 - 1345 hrs

Lunch

1345 – 1445 hrs

Venue: Chankya Hall

### SESSION III: Maritime Cooperation and Blue Economy: Connecting shores and harnessing coastal potential

The Mediterranean Sea is located at the crossroads of three major maritime passages, the Strait of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and the Bosphorus Strait. India, with its vast coastline and strategic location in the Indian Ocean, is poised to harness the potential of the blue economy and unlock maritime opportunities through the passages. How like-minded countries in the Mediterranean Sea region can seek to manage, promote and sustain maritime trade? How investing in port infrastructure and maritime logistics can facilitate smoother trade and connectivity between India and Mediterranean countries? Can collaborative research for harnessing marine renewable energy – wind, tidal and wave – be harnessed between two countries? Can joint research initiatives explore the medicinal and commercial value of marine biodiversity?

#### Keynote Speaker:

- **Shri Arun Kumar Sahu**, Additional Secretary Central Europe, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

#### Panelists:

- **Mr Harj Dhaliwal**, Chief Business & Capital Programmes Officer, Nevomo, Poland
- **Mr Theodoros Loukaidis**, Director General, Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF), Cyprus
- **Mr Manish Gupta**, Sr Vice President - Head Commercial, JSW Infrastructure, India

#### Session moderator:

- **Mr Bharat Joshi**, Director, Associated Container Terminals Limited, India

1445 – 1545 hrs

Venue: Chankya Hall

### SESSION IV: Manufacturing: Embracing advancements with Technology and Fostering Innovation

With a growing focus on technology, innovation, and skilled labour, India is emerging as a dynamic hub for manufacturing. Manufacturing in the Mediterranean region is characterised by a diverse range of industries, including automotive, textiles, food processing, chemicals, machinery, renewable energy, aerospace, and ceramics, and plays a crucial role in driving economic growth, employment, and innovation in the region. How can governments and industry from both regions align their policies and regulations to facilitate investment in manufacturing? Can such collaboration reduce trade barriers, simplify customs procedures, and provide incentives for cross-border trade?

#### Speakers:

- **Mr Manoranjan Ram**, Vice President, Danieli, India
- **Mr Jean-François Renault**, Director, Exportis, France
- **Mr Pradeep Kumar Bagla**, Managing Director, Amrit Cement Limited, India
- **Mr Nishant Arya**, Co Chairman CII Europe Council and Vice Chairman, JBM Group, India
- **Mr Antonio Fasano**, MD and Founder of Relations at Work India Advisory Private Limited, Italy

#### Session moderator:

**Mr Shishir Priyadarshi**, President, Global Relations, Adani Group, India

1545- 1645 hrs

Venue: Chankya Hall

### SESSION V: Urban Infrastructure: Collaborations to Enhance Livability, Efficiency and Resilience

In today's rapidly evolving world, self-reliance and sustainable infrastructure are critical for long-term prosperity and resilience. A large proportion of the Mediterranean population is living in urban areas affected by climate change and adapting by moving towards sustainable, resilient, and climate-smart urban infrastructure. How can India and the Mediterranean countries collaborate on promoting circular economy practices in urban areas to minimize waste generation and maximize resource efficiency? India's Smart Cities Mission and similar initiatives in the Mediterranean region provide opportunities for collaboration. How can industries and stakeholders take this forward to accelerate the adoption of smart technologies to enhance urban livability, efficiency, and resilience?

#### Panelists:

- **Mr Amit Roy**, Chief Representative, Intesa Sanpaolo, India
- **Mr Berk Seckin**, CEO – Doctor Window, Turkey
- **Mr Sriram Raju**, Vice President, Mohan Mutha Exports Pvt Ltd, India
- **Dr Anshumali Bhushan**, CEO, IGL Genesis Technologies Limited, India

#### Session moderator:

- **Mr Nishant Arya**, Co Chairman CII Europe Council and Vice Chairman, JBM Group, India

1545- 1645 hrs

Venue: Room 211

### SESSION VI: Country Round Table – The Republic of Cyprus

#### Panelists:

- **H E Dr Nicodemos Damianou**, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, Cyprus
- **H E Mr Evagoras Vryonides**, High Commissioner of Cyprus to India
- **Mr Theodoros Loukaidis**, Director General, Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF), Cyprus
- **Mr Marios Tannousis**, CEO, Invest Cyprus
- **Mr Chrysilios Pelekanos**, President of the Cyprus-India Business Association & Tax Partner, PWC Cyprus
- **Mr Panayiotis Chrysostomou**, Manager, Banking Services & International Credit, Eurobank Cyprus Ltd, Cyprus

#### Session moderator:

- **Ambassador Amrit Lugun**, Former Ambassador of India to Greece, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

1645-1745 hrs

Venue: Chankya Hall

## SESSION VII: India Mediterranean Corridor: A Paradigm Shift in Strategic Connectivity to Europe

The India-Mediterranean corridor is an emerging trade route that has potential to transform strategic connectivity between Asia and Europe. By enhancing trade routes and fostering geopolitical ties, this corridor promises to shift the balance of global commerce. What will be the corridor's impact on supply chains dynamics, economic growth and international relations? How is this ambitious project reshaping the future of global connectivity?

### Panelists:

- **Mr Alessandro Gnani**, Area Manager Asia Pacific, Foreign Markets Department, Italferr, Italy
- **Mr Philippe Stefanini**, CEO, Provence Promotion, Marseille, France
- **Mr Simone Mezzedimi**, Director, AIICP, Italy
- **Mr Shishir Priyadarshi**, President, Global Relations, Adani Group, India

### Session moderator:

- **Ambassador Sanjiv Arora**, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
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1800 - 1900 hrs

Venue: Chankya Hall

## India - Mediterranean the Way Forward: Creating Partnership for Future

### Panelists:

- **Dr S Jaishankar**, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
  - **H E Dr Nicodemos Damianou**, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, The Republic of Cyprus
  - **H E Rania Ahmed**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade, Syrian Arab Republic
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1900 hrs  
onwards

Dinner



## Confederation of Indian Industry

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, with around 9,000 members from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 365,000 enterprises from 294 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

For more than 125 years, CII has been engaged in shaping India's development journey and works proactively on transforming Indian Industry's engagement in national development. CII charts change by working closely with Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness, and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialized services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Through its dedicated Centres of Excellence and Industry competitiveness initiatives, promotion of innovation and technology adoption, and partnerships for sustainability, CII plays a transformative part in shaping the future of the nation. Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes across diverse domains including affirmative action, livelihoods, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and sustainable development, to name a few.

For 2024-25, CII has identified "Globally Competitive India: Partnerships for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth" as its Theme, prioritizing 5 key pillars. During the year, it would align its initiatives and activities to facilitate strategic actions for driving India's global competitiveness and growth through a robust and resilient Indian industry.

With 70 offices, including 12 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 8 overseas offices in Australia, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with about 300 counterpart organizations in almost 100 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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