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13:30 *Registration*

14:00 **Conference Opening**

Welcome speech of Commissioner [Mariya Gabriel](#), Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

14:45 **Connectivity**

How to improve connectivity in the Southern Mediterranean? How to benefit from the External Investment Plan?

Moderated by Ms Ralitsa **Vassileva**,

Panellists :

- Mr. [Andrea Cioffi](#), Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy
- Mr. [Florid Zurba](#), Director-General, Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology, Palestine
- Ms. [Christine Leurquin](#), VP, Institutional Relations, SES
- Mr. [Mohamed Abbes](#), Head of Public Policy, Middle East and North Africa, GSM Association
- Ms. [Cathrin Stöver](#), Chief Collaboration Officer, Geant
- Mr. [Bernard Yvetot](#), Vice-President, International Strategy, Orange
- Mr. [Harald Gruber](#), Head of Division, Digital Infrastructure, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Mr. Constantinos **Shiatis**, Associate Director, Information & Communication Technologies Team (ICT), The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30 **Data Economy and Digital Entrepreneurship**

Capacity building: how to create a data economy? Entrepreneurship and digital skills

Moderated by Ms Ralitsa **Vassileva**,

Panellists :

- Mr. [Stelios Rallis](#), Secretary General for Digital Policy, Ministry of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media, Greece
 - Mr. [João Torres](#), Secretary of State of Consumer Protection, Ministry of Economy, Portugal
 - Ms. [Francesca Bria](#), Chief Technology Officer and Digital Innovation Officer, City of Barcelona
 - Mr. [Derek Groen](#), Hidalgo consortium
 - Mr. [Mateo Valero](#), Head of Barcelona Supercomputing Centre
 - Mr. [Sanzio Bassini](#), Head of Cineca, Italian Supercomputing Centre
 - Mr. [Gianpiero Lotito](#), Founder & CEO of FacilityLive and Founding Partner of Startup Europe Mediterranean.
 - Ms. [Zineb Rharrasse](#), Co-founder & Managing Director of Start-up Maroc and Organiser of Start-up Africa Summit
 - Ms. [Rasha Yehia Tantawy](#), Head of Business & Entrepreneurship Support at the Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre (TIEC), Ministry of Communication and Information Technology & Centre, Egypt
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17:40 **Short remarks** by Mr. [Miguel Garcia-Herraiz](#), Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

17:45 **Wrap-up** by Commissioner Mariya **Gabriel**, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society
To bring forward the findings of the conference to the Digital Economy Expert Working Group (DEWoG) of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) to feed discussions on practical implementation and future actions as well as possibly to propose considering a permanent forum to share and discuss on national digitalisations strategies.

18:00 **End of the conference**