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Media's Responsibility in Upholding European Values
in the Age of AI-Driven Disinformation

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Liaison Office of the European Parliament
Piazza Venezia, 11

**OCTOBER
22-25, 2026**

P R O G R A M

THURSDAY**OCTOBER 22, 2026****Arrival****Arrival and accommodation****6:30 p.m.****Going Dutch dinner**

Ristorante Pizza in Trevi - Fontana di Trevi
Via di San Vincenzo, 30.

FRIDAY**OCTOBER 23, 2026****9:00 a.m.****Participants' registration****9:25 a.m.****Italian and European anthems****9:30 a.m.****Greetings**

Paolo Catti De Gasperi, *Grandson of the EU's Founding Father Alcide De Gasperi.*

Armando Tarullo, *Vice-President of the Alcide De Gasperi Foundation, Rome.*

9:40 a.m.**Opening**

Paolo Magagnotti, *EJ President*

9:45 a.m.**Introductory Remarks**

Gianni Bonvicini, *EJ Honorary Member. Director of the "Institute of International Affairs" (IAI), ret. Rome. IAI Senior Non-Resident Fellow. Scientific advisor, "School of International Relations" of the University of Trento.*

10:00 a.m.**Which Institutional Reforms for the Future of the European Union?**

Nicoletta Pirozzi, *Vice President of the "Institute of International Affairs" (IAI), Rome.*

Chair: Piergiorgio Catti De Gasperi, *Cofounder & Director of "Web3Privacy Now"; Great-grandson of the EU's Founding Father Alcide De Gasperi.*

10:40 a.m.	Towards a European Security and Defence Strategy Pietro Serino, <i>Senior Non-Resident Fellow of the “Institute of International Affairs”; Chief of the Defence Staff of the Italian Army, ret.</i> Chair: Vassil Sotirov, <i>EJ Vice-President, Sofia.</i>
11:20 a.m.	Coffee break
11:35 a.m.	The Role of the Media in a Multipolar World Helmut Hetzel, <i>EJ Honorary President; Foreign Correspondent, The Hague.</i> Chair: Tinatin Dvalishvili, <i>Media manager, Tblisi.</i>
12:15 a.m.	Beyond the Propaganda Trap: The Critical Need for Fact-Checking. Tamar Kintsurashvili, <i>Director of “Media Development Foundation”, Tblisi.</i> Chair: Michela Tamburrino, <i>editor of the daily “La Stampa”, Turin.</i>
12:55 p.m.	The Brexit’s Lesson Ralf Schneider, <i>Deputy President of the “European Journalists Association” (EJ). President of the “Vereinigung Europäischer Journalisten” (VEJ).</i> Giorgio Magagnotti, <i>Portfolio manager, London (ol).</i> Chair: Eugenio Parisi, <i>Freelance contributor to Italian magazines.</i>
1:35 p.m.	Book presentation Helmut Hetzel UNGEFILTERT – UNZENSIERT Ein Auslandskorrespondent berichtet. Chair: Felicia Ristea, <i>EJ President, ret.; Senior editor of the Romanian Public Radio.</i>
1:50-2:45 p.m.	Light standing lunch

2:45 p.m.

EJ General Assembly (*EJ members only*)

4:45 p.m.

Free time

8:00 p.m.

Dinner

Ristorante Il Barroccio - Pantheon
Via dei Pastini, 13/14.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 24, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Guided visit to the Capitoline Museums

Brief stop for OP at the Hall of the Horatii and the Curiatii where the Treaties of Rome were signed on March 25, 1957.

12:00 p.m.

Free time

8:00 p.m.

Free Going Dutch dinner

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Departure

Departure day