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

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PROGRAM

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

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