



## First Spain-Israel Strategic Dialogue

26 November 2018, Centro Sefarad-Israel, Calle Mayor 69, Madrid

### PROGRAMME

08:30-09:00 **Gathering & registration** - *Centro Sefarad-Israel, Calle Mayor 69, Madrid*

09:00-09:15 **Opening remarks:**

**Charles Powell**, Director, Elcano Royal Institute

**Pascaline Wagemans**, Deputy Director, Forum of Strategic Dialogue (FSD)

**Florentino Portero**, Director, Institute of International Politics, Francisco de Vitoria University

**Miguel de Lucas**, General Director, Centro Sefarad-Israel

**Amb. Daniel Kutner**, Israel's Ambassador to Spain

9:15-10:15 **Opening speeches followed by a discussion:**

***Geopolitics in the Middle East: implications for Spain, Israel and their bilateral relationship***

**Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaacov Amidror**, Gemunder Center for Defence and Strategy Distinguished Fellow, Anne and Greg Rosshandler Senior Fellow, Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies (JISS); former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister and Head of Israel's National Security Council (NSC)

**José Antonio Sabadell**, Director of the Cabinet of Analysis and Forecasting, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation

**Moderator: David Siegel**, CEO, ELNET-Israel

10:15-10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30-12:00 ***Session 1: Challenges and opportunities in the Middle East: Spanish and Israeli perspectives***

**José Luis Calvo**, Director, Coordination and Defence Studies Division, Spanish Ministry of Defence (MoD)

**Carlota García Encina**, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

**Col. (res.) Udi Evental**, Former Head of Strategic Planning Unit, Political-Military & Policy Bureau, Ministry of Defence (MoD)

**Col. Eli Bar-On**, Former Instructor, Israel Defence Forces (IDF)

**Moderator: Charles Powell**, Director, Elcano Royal Institute

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12:00-13:30 **Session 2: Shifting energy dynamics in the Mediterranean**

**Dr Emmanuel Navon**, Lecturer, International Relations, Tel-Aviv University;  
Fellow, Jerusalem Institute for Strategic Studies (JISS)

**Gonzalo Escribano**, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute

**Marta Margarit**, General Secretary, Sedigas

**Moderator: Felipe Sahagún**, Journalist and Prof. of International Relations at  
Complutense University of Madrid

13:30-15:00 **Lunch**

15:00-16:30 **Session 3: Spain and Israel: strengthening the bilateral relationship in a disruptive era**

**MEP Pilar del Castillo**, Member of the European Parliament (Grupo Popular)

**Amb. Daniel Kutner**, Israel's Ambassador to Spain

**Gil Gidrón**, President of Spain-Israel Chamber

**Prof. Ruth Fine**, Salomon & Victoria Cohen Professor in Spanish and Latin  
American Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Moderator: Nadav Eyal**, Chief International Correspondent, Channel 10 News

16:30-17:00 **Concluding remarks:**

**Florentino Portero**, Director, Institute of International Politics, Francisco de  
Vitoria University

**David Siegel**, CEO, ELNET-Israel

17:00-20:00 **Break**

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20:00

**Dinner - *Café de Oriente, Plaza de Oriente, 2, Madrid***

***A new world (dis)order in the making: consequences for Spain, Europe and Israel***

***Welcoming:***

***Charles Powell***, Director, Elcano Royal Institute

***Keynote speeches:***

***Eva Martínez Sánchez***, Director General for the Maghreb, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation

***Amb. Daniel Kutner***, Israel's Ambassador to Spain

***Elena Gómez de Castro***, Director General of Defence Policy, Spanish Ministry of Defence (MoD)

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