



Expert Roundtable  
**Search and Rescue in the Central Mediterranean: Perspectives from Civil Society**  
| Berlin, 30 May 2023, Federal Foreign Office |

## AGENDA

**09:00-10:15** Arrival and Registration / Welcome Coffee

### Weltsaal

**10:30-11:00** Opening statements

*Introduction by Anke Meyer, Director for EU Coordination and EU Policies*

- Annalena Baerbock, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
- António Vitorino, Director General of IOM

**11:00-12:00** Panel discussion on the topic

*„What are the main challenges for SAR operations in the Mediterranean?  
Lessons from the past, current dynamics, future improvements“*

Panelists: Regina Catrambone, MOAS, Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR, Dr. Jean-Pierre Gauci, BICCL, Juan Matias Gil, MSF, Frederick Kenney, Jr., IMO, and Julia Schaefermeyer, SOS Mediterranée, Moderator: Prof. Dr. Susanne Fengler

**12:00-13:30** Lunch

### Breakout Sessions

**13:30-15:30** Working groups (*expert participants only*)

- Table „Coordination“ | *Rathenau-Saal*
- Table „Europe“ | *Stresemann-Saal*
- Table „NGO-Vessels“ | *Adenauer-Saal*
- Table „Humanitarian Space“ | *Willy-Brandt-Saal*

**15:30-16:00** Coffee Break

### Weltsaal

**16:00-17:30** Concluding Plenary Session

Presentation of participants' findings from the working groups

Closing statements by Prof. Dr. Violeta Moreno-Lax, Queen Mary University of London, and Anke Meyer, Director for EU Coordination and EU Policies