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# RESCUING LIVES IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

26th March 2021

9:30 – 12:00

## 9:30 Welcome and introduction

**Stefania Mancini**, Vice-president of the Fondation Assistance Internationale – FAI  
**Lucia Gennari**, Lawyer and member of ASGI

## 9:45 A distress call for human rights. The widening gap in migrant protection in the Mediterranean

**Dunja Mijatović**, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

## 10:00 Updates on the search and rescue of persons on the move in the Mediterranean: Italy and Malta

**Italy – From the cooperation with Libya to delayed disembarkation of rescued people: attempts to avoid legal accountability**

**Francesca De Vittor**, International law researcher at Università Cattolica di Milano and member of ASGI

**Malta – Privatised pushbacks and other questionable SAR practices**

**Neil Falzon**, Director, Aditus foundation and **Katrine Camilleri**, Director, Jesuit Refugee Service Malta

## 10:50 States' obligations related to search and rescue in the light of the recent Human Rights Committee decision on the "Libra case"

**Roberta Greco**, International law firm Saccucci & Partners, victims' lawyer in the "Libra case"

## 11:15 – 12:00 Question & answers

**Moderation:** **Ulrich Stege**, International University College of Turin and member of ASGI

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