

## Why Med-Or and Tel Aviv's INSS strengthen their collaboration

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**Discussing the Middle East.** The Med-Or Foundation consolidated its collaboration with Tel Aviv's **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** through a new, jointly organised event. On Tuesday, at the Foundation headquarters in Rome, INSS and Med-Or researchers and analysts took part in a study workshop dedicated to an in-depth study of the Italian and Israeli points of view on the changes taking place in the Middle East region and the situation in Syria and Lebanon.

- The meeting follows the signing of a memorandum between Med-Or and INSS in March – an important agreement for the former, given the latter's relevance not only in Israel, as the country's leading think tank, but also in the entire Middle East region.

**The INSS** is an Israeli research institute and think tank affiliated with Tel Aviv University, founded in 1977. It conducts research in the many fields that make up security studies and that have an impact on strategic issues related to Israel's National Security, with a particular focus on the Middle East, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israeli security doctrine, arms control, terrorism, low-intensity conflicts and US-Israeli relations.

- Over the years, INSS' analyses have also extended to China, Russia, Europe and new areas such as the economy, the cyber domain, energy and climate change.
- INSS analysts include academics, strategists and professionals from the government, the armed forces, the diplomatic corps and other relevant sectors.
- Since 2021, the research centre has been headed by **Professor Manuel Trajtenberg**, economist and former Knesset member.

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