



General Masiello in Paris: Italian-French cooperation for a safer Mediterranean

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General of the Paratrooper Army Corps Carmine Masiello, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, recently participated in the seminar "**Mediterranean Italy and France (MIF) - Crossed Views on the Mediterranean II edition: Does the ongoing strategic revolution require rearmament in the Mediterranean?**", held at **Palais Bourbon**, home of the **French National Assembly**. The event proved to be an important platform for discussing the current and future challenges that the Mediterranean is facing in terms of security and defense.

During the seminar, critical topics such as the international security framework and implications for the development of the defense industry were thoroughly explored, with particular attention to the European vision. General Masiello reiterated the importance of a shared strategy among European Union countries to ensure effective management of security challenges in the Mediterranean region.

General Masiello and his French counterpart, **General Pierre Schill**, discussed the axes of development of bilateral cooperation, aiming for greater synergy and resource sharing to effectively respond to new common security challenges.

A special focus was dedicated to the visit to the **Section Technique de l'Armée de Terre - Technical Innovation Division of the French Army (STAT)**, where the Chiefs of Staff of Italy and France were able to update on operational commitments and the modernization plan of the French army. Innovation, treated as a key theme of the seminar, highlighted the importance of continuous integration and development of military capabilities in response to increasingly complex global scenarios.

Italian-French cooperation proves to be a pillar for the stability of the Mediterranean, with the awareness that strengthening the European Union, in complementarity with NATO, represents a crucial step to promote the values of peace, justice, and freedom. The visit concluded in an atmosphere of cordiality and solidarity, a clear sign of the strong alliance and common commitment towards shared strategic objectives.

The series of events and meetings in Paris thus represents not only a moment of strategic reflection but also a concrete opportunity to strengthen ties between Italy and France, highlighting the central role that the Mediterranean plays in European and global security.