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THE EXPERIENCE OF THE TRANSFORMATION OF SPAIN IN A FULL COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

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10h OPENING SESSION

- **Mustafa Al-Kafri** (Dean of Faculty of Economics, Damascus University)
- **Francesc Granell**, Olof Palme International Foundation
- **Isabel Casado**, AECID
- **Wael Muoalla**, President of the Damascus University
- **Juan Serrat**, Ambassador of Spain to Syria
- **Mohsen Bilal**, Minister of Information, Government of Syria

11h COFFEE BREAK

11.30h THE MODERNISATION OF THE SPANISH ECONOMY IN THE LATEST 50 YEARS AND THE EXPERIENCE OF SYRIA

- **Eugeni Bregolat** (Diplomat) : The Spanish Economy since the accession to the Bretton Woods Institutions (1958) and the Moncloa Pacts (1977)
- **Isabel Casado** (AECID): Spanish bilateral Cooperation with the Mashaq Countries
- **Haian Salman** (University of Damascus): The evolution of the Syrian Economy in the latest years

17h THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF SPAIN

- **Muriel Casals** (Autonomous University of Barcelona): The evolution of the Spanish Foreign Trade and Investments since the Membership to the European Communities
- **Damià Serrano** (CETT): The importance of Tourism for the process of Growth
- **Husein Al-Fahel** (University of Damascus): The external relations of the Syrian Economy

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10h THE EUROPEAN UNION AS A CATALYTIC ELEMENT FOR THE SPANISH and SYRIAN ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

- **Vassilis Bontosoglou** (Head EC Delegation in Damascus): The European Union and the Mediterranean Countries: The Barcelona Process and beyond.
- **Francesc Granell** (University of Barcelona): The effects for Spain of the integration into the European Union and the adoption of the Euro.
- **Gassan Al-kala'a** (Head of Syrian Chamber of Commerce) and **Matanius Habeeb** (University of Damascus): Syria and the European Union
- **Tomás Alcoverro** (Journalist): Spain and the Arab Countries: a long relation

13h CLOSING CEREMONY

- **Francesc Granell** (Olof Palme International Foundation)
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