

PRESENTATION

The Association "SME Task Force for the Reconstruction of Libya" is established with the aim to share an essential strategic tool in support of the medium-sized Italian companies, and as such it intends to play a strong and effective lobbying activity at the Italian Governmental level, as well as with the Libyan Institutions.

Companies belonging to the Association, all together, represent - including individual companies and industrial consortia, over a hundred corporate entities, with a total turnover of about 4 billion Euros and more than 3000 employees.

SME Task Force, through its President Arduino Paniccia, Professor of Strategic Studies and International Economy at Trieste University, expert on diplomatic, economic and military strategy issues, and analyst for Italian and European newspapers and radio-televisions on geopolitical questions, counts among its direct contacts Ministries and Agencies at Italian governmental level, with special relationship with the Ministry of Defence, Universities, and national media.

The SME Task Force is determined to operate also in areas not traditionally understood as a business, such as

- Culture
- University
- Research
- Training
- Restoration
- Archaeological Sites

and to that end SME Task Force has already signed a cooperation agreement with IUAV, the Venice University of Architecture, which will provide excellent contribution on the themes of restoration and protection of cities' centres, the art, history, and archaeology of the country.

Since its establishment, the SME Task Force has

- created a "logistics and transport coordination group" (transport by sea, air and earth), connected to security services and supplies of consumer goods, especially food, appliances, furniture. The group's activities led to the creation of two shipping lines from Venice to Libyan ports and the start of negotiations, leading to the creation of a direct flight link from Venice to Tripoli.
- In addition to logistics, TFNE is working to consolidate the groups of planners, builders, healthcare/hospitals, restoration and training, monitoring and following some specific projects which, when confirmed, will be of great interest to many members

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