



8th THESSALONIKI SUMMIT
**“Navigating the Shift:
Economic & Industrial Policy and Southeast Europe's Future”**

Porto Palace Hotel, Thessaloniki Greece
February 17-18, 2025 | Monday & Tuesday

Monday | February 17

14:30' Arrival of guests - Registration

15:30' Welcome Address

- ✓ **Loukia Saranti**, President, Federation of Industries of Greece
- ✓ **Yiannis Thomatos**, Executive Vice President, Delphi Economic Forum
- ✓ **Konstantinos Gioulekas**, Deputy Minister of Interior for Macedonia and Thrace, Hellenic Republic
- Nana Aidona**, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia
- ✓ **Stelios Angeloudis**, Mayor of Thessaloniki

16:00' Opening Speech

The role of the Council of Europe in strengthening democracy and human rights in S.E.Europe

- ✓ **Theodoros Rousopoulos**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

16:15' A World in flux

- ✓ **Evangelos Venizelos**, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013-2015), Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Dora Bakoyannis**, Member of the Hellenic Parliament; Minister of Foreign Affairs (2006-2009), Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Dimitris Kairidis**, Minister of Migration and Asylum (2023-2024); Member of the Parliament, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Athanasios Platias**, President, Council for International Relations; Professor of Strategy, Department of International and European studies, University of Piraeus
- ✓ **Ino Afentouli**, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations (IDIS)

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17:15' Fireside Chat

Nikos Androulakis, Leader of the Opposition, President, PASOK-Movement for Change

17:30' Coffee Break

18:00' Fireside Chat

✓ **Sokratis Famellos**, President, SYRIZA-Progressive Alliance

18:15' How Middle East Conflict Affects Migration flows in the Region

✓ **Nikolaos Panagiotopoulos**, Minister of Migration and Asylum, Hellenic Republic

✓ **Nicholas A. Ioannides**, Deputy Minister of Migration and International Protection, Republic of Cyprus

✓ **Omar Amer Youssef**, Ambassador, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Hellenic Republic

19:00' Redefining Relations: Europe and the U.S. in a Post-Election World

✓ **Alexandra Papadopoulou**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic

✓ **Nikolaos Bakatselos**, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

✓ **Constantinos Filis**, Director, Institute of Global Affairs

19:45' END OF THE FIRST DAY

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09:30' Arrival of guests

10:10' Welcome Address

- ✓ **Athanasios Savvakis**, President, Organizing Committee, Thessaloniki Summit

10:15' Address by

- ✓ **Metropolitan Philotheos of Thessaloniki**, representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

10:25' The EU's Transport corridors and Southeastern Europe Transport infrastructure

- ✓ **Christos Staikouras**, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Grozdan Karadjov**, Deputy PM and Minister of Transport and Communications, Republic of Bulgaria
- Vladimir Bolea**, Deputy PM and Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Republic of Moldova

11:10' Fireside Chat

Giorgos Pitsilis, Governor, AADE

11:25' Energy imbalances and Energy cooperation in Southeastern Europe

Belinda Balluku, Vice Prime Minister; Minister of Infrastructure and Energy, Republic of Albania

- ✓ **Antonios Kontoleon**, President, Hellenic Union of Industrial Consumers of Energy
- ✓ **Dr. Agis Papadopoulos**, Chairman, Thessaloniki Water Supply & Sewerage Co. SA - EYATH SA
- ✓ **Alexandros Papageorgiou**, CEO, Energy Exchange Group
- ✓ **George Kremlis**, Ambassador of the European Public Law Organization to Bulgaria
- ✓ **Dimitrios Theocharis**, Managing Director, MEL SA – Macedonian Paper Mills

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12:10' Speech

✓ **Tzitzikostas Apostolos**, Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism, European Commission

12:25' Fireside Chat

H.E. Noam Katz, Ambassador, Embassy of Israel to the Hellenic Republic

12:40' Lunch Break

13:15' Fireside Chat

✓ **Christos Stylianides**, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Hellenic Republic

13:30' The innovation ecosystem perspectives

Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, Hellenic Republic

✓ **Aristos Doxiadis**, Partner Emeritus, Big Pi Ventures

✓ **Pericles Mitkas**, President, Hellenic Authority for Higher Education

✓ **Panagiotis Ketikidis**, President, Alexander Innovation Zone

✓ **Nikos Efthymiadis**, Chairman, ThessINTEC

✓ **Stella Bezergianni**, President, NOESIS; Researcher, CPERI/CERTH

✓ **Vasilis Kafatos**, Partner, Growth Leader, Competence Center President, Deloitte

14:15' Greek defence sector: A renaissance in the making?

✓ **Yannis Maniatis**, Member of the European Parliament; Minister and Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2009-2015), Hellenic Republic

✓ **Pantelis Tzortzakis**, CEO, Hellenic Center for Defense Innovation

✓ **Tassos Rozolis**, Chairman of the BoD, Hellenic Manufacturers of Defense and Security Material Association

Christian Hadjiminas, President, Hellenic Association of Entrepreneurs

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15:00' Economic Diplomacy in the Balkans

- ✓ **Tasos Chatzivasileiou**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Simeon Diamantidis**, President, Greek Exporters Association
- Rares Burlacu**, President, Romanian Agency for Investments and Trade
- ✓ **Denald George Tafani**, President, Hellenic Business Association of Albania
- ✓ **Todor Tabakov**, Deputy President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- ✓ **Mila Nenova**, Executive Director, InvestBulgaria Agency
- ✓ **George Mylonas**, President & CEO, ALUMIL SA

15:45' Regional disparities and prospects for development and growth

- ✓ **Akis Skertsos**, Minister of State responsible for the coordination of Government Policies, Hellenic Republic
- Nana Aidona**, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia
- ✓ **Christodoulos Topsidis**, Governor, Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace
- Haris Doukas**, Mayor of Athens
- ✓ **Stelios Angeloudis**, Mayor of Thessaloniki
- ✓ **Nikos Vettas**, General Director, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research - IOBE
- ✓ **Thanos Psathas**, CEO, ETVA INDUSTRIAL AREAS S.A.

16:30' Fireside chat

- ✓ **Niki Kerameus**, Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Hellenic Republic

16:45' Financing investments

- Stellina Siarapi**, Secretary General of Private Investments, Ministry of Development, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Ismeni Papakirillou**, CEO, Hellenic Development Bank
- ✓ **Yianos Kontopoulos**, CEO, Athens Exchange Group
- ✓ **Stephanos Theodorides**, Chairman of the Board, Growthfund
- ✓ **Giannis Papadopoulos**, Senior Partner, EOS Capital Partners
- ✓ **Nikolas Takas**, Managing Partner, THERMI VC; CEO, THERMI GROUP

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Wednesday | February 19

19:00' Official Dinner

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

✓ **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

✓ confirmed speaker

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