



**8<sup>th</sup> 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 (*online*)

**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)

**Moderator: Stavros Tzimas**, Journalist, ANA-MPA

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**17:15' Fireside Chat**

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

**Moderator: Maria Nikoltsiou**, Journalist-anchor, AlphaTV

**17:30' Break**

**18:00' Fireside Chat**

**Socratis Famellos**, President, SYRIZA-Progressive Alliance

**Moderator: Giorgos Smirnis**, News Director, AlphaTV

**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

**Moderator: Alexia Tasouli**, Diplomatic Correspondent

**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

**Moderator: Alexia Tasouli**, Diplomatic Correspondent

**19:45' END OF THE FIRST DAY**

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**09:30' Arrival of guests**

**10:10' Welcome Address**

**Athanassios Savvakis**, President, Organizing Committee, Thessaloniki Summit

**10:15' Work as God's will and as man's responsibility towards the creation.**

**Metropolitan Filotheos 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

**Moderator: Dimitrios Pefanis**, Manager, CNN Greece

**11:10' In conversation**

**Giorgos Pitsilis**, Governor, AADE

**Moderator: Nikos Ikonomu**, Journalist, Makedonia Newspaper

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

**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**, CEO, MEL SA – Macedonian Paper Mills

**Moderator: Dimitrios Pefanis**, Manager, CNN Greece

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**12:10' Speech**

**Tzitzikostas Apostolos**, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism (*online*)

**12:25' In conversation**

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

**Moderator: Dimitrios Pefanis**, Manager, CNN Greece

**12:40' Speech**

**Elena Rapti**, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Hellenic Republic

**12:45' Lunch Break**

**13:15' In conversation**

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

**Moderator: Fay Makantasi**, Research Director, diaNEOsis

**13:30' The innovation ecosystem perspectives**

**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

**Moderator: Fay Makantasi**, Research Director, diaNEOsis

**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 (*recorded message*)

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

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

**Moderator: Antonis Kamaras**, Consultant, Federation of Industries of Greece

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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

**Denald George Tafani**, President, Hellenic Business Association of Albania

**Krasimir Dachev**, Deputy President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Mila Nenova**, Executive Director, InvestBulgaria Agency

**George Mylonas**, President & CEO, ALUMIL SA

**Moderator: Maria Nikoltsiou**, Journalist-anchor, AlphaTV

**16:00' Regional disparities and prospects for development and growth**

**Akis Skertsos**, Minister of State responsible for the coordination of Government Policies (*online*)

**Christodoulos Topsisidis**, Governor, Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace

**Stelios Angeloudis**, Mayor of Thessaloniki

**Stavros Kalafatis**, General Secretary of Parliamentary Group ND; MP A' Thessalonikis ND

**Nikos Vettas**, General Director, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research – IOBE; Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

**Thanos Psathas**, CEO, ETVA INDUSTRIAL AREAS S.A.

**Moderator: Annie Karolidou**, Financial & Business Editor, powergame.gr

**17:00' Financing investments**

**Stellina Siarapi**, Secretary General of Private Investments, Ministry of Development, Hellenic Republic

**Ismiini 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

**Moderator: Dimitris Diamantidis**, Journalist, Radio Thessaloniki

**18:00' Cocktail**

**19:00' Speech followed by Participants' Questions**

**Takis Theodorikakos**, Minister of Development, Hellenic Republic

**19:30' END OF THE SECOND DAY**

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Wednesday | February 19

**19:00' Official Dinner**

GUEST OF HONOR

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

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