



THESSALONIKI SUMMIT 2018

Under the Auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic
Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos

“Ioannis Vellidis” Congress Centre, Thessaloniki
November 15-16, 2018

**3rd Thessaloniki Summit: European Perspective and Connectivity,
Industrial Development and Cooperation in the Western Balkans**

Thursday | November 15

11:30 ARRIVAL OF GUESTS & PARTICIPANTS – REGISTRATION

12:30 WELCOME ADDRESS

Athanasios Savvakis, President, Federation of Industries of Northern Greece
Symeon Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum
Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia
Yiannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki

12:45 OPENING REMARKS

“Enlargement perspectives for the Western Balkans: progress achieved, future challenges, and forthcoming priorities”

Christian Danielsson, Director-General, Directorate-General Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), European Commission

13:00 GEOPOLITICAL FUTURE

H.E. Kate Smith, British Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic
H.E. Jens Plötner, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Hellenic Republic
Dimitris Kourkoulas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (2012-15), Greece
George Koumoutsakos, Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Democracy Party, Greece
Egemen Bağış, former Chief Negotiator and Minister for EU Affairs of Turkey

MODERATOR: Constantinos Filis, Research Director, Institute of International Relations, Greece

14:00 IN CONVERSATION

“Crafting the next day of the Greek economy: strategy, positioning, leadership”

Dimitris Maris, Chairman, 24Media Group, Greece
MODERATOR: Apostolos Mangiriadis, Political Editor, SKAI



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14:30 IN CONVERSATION

“The significance of Northern Greece to the growth of South Eastern Europe”

Ioannis Brachos, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

MODERATOR: Christina Tachiaou, Journalist

14:45 Break – light lunch

16:00 IN CONVERSATION

H.E. Geoffrey R. Pyatt, US Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

MODERATOR: Athanasios Ellis, Editor in Chief, Kathimerini English Edition

16:30 THE ROLE OF NORTHERN GREECE IN THE PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GREECE - THE NEXT STEPS AFTER TIF.

Simos Anastasopoulos, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Alexandros Costopoulos, Founder & CEO, Foresight Strategy & Communications; Counselor, Executive Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Spyridon N. Litsas, Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Macedonia, Greece

MODERATOR: Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

17:15 ENERGY SECURITY IN THE REGION

Ana Birchall, Deputy Prime Minister of Romania

George Stathakis, Minister of Environment and Energy of the Hellenic Republic

H.E. Irit Ben-Abba, Ambassador of Israel to the Hellenic Republic

Konstantinos Skrekas, MP, former Minister for Development and Competitiveness, Greece

Marinos Christodoulides, Chairman, Cyprus Stock Exchange, Cyprus

Alexandros Lagakos, Founding Chairman, Greek Energy Forum, Greece

Katerina Papalexandri, Country Manager Greece, TAP, Greece

MODERATOR: Kostas Andriosopoulos, Professor of Finance and Energy Economics, ESCP Europe Business School; Chairman, Hellenic Association for Energy Economics, Greece

18:00 Break

18:30 REGIONAL COOPERATION AS PART OF THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

Boyko Borissov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Ana Brnabić, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia

Ana Birchall, Deputy Prime Minister of Romania

20:00 Dinner



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Friday | November 16

08:00 ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

09:00 WELCOME ADDRESS

Katerina Notopoulou, Deputy Minister of Interior (Macedonia – Thrace) of the Hellenic Republic

09:15 OPENING REMARKS

Georgios Markopouliotis, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Greece

09:30 IN CONVERSATION

George Pitsilis, Governor, Independent Authority for Public Revenue, Greece

MODERATOR: Athanasios Ellis, Editor in Chief, Kathimerini English Edition

09:45 MACROECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS – GREEK DEBT – INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Dimitris Liakos, Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

Evangelos Venizelos, Deputy Prime Minister (2013-2015); Minister for Foreign Affairs (2013-2015), Greece

Christos Staikouras, MP, Head of Economic Policy Sector of Nea Demokratia Party, former Alternate Minister of Finance, Greece

MODERATOR: Yiannis Papadogiannis, Chief Editor, Economistas.gr

10:45 IN CONVERSATION

H.E. Shamma Jain, Ambassador of India to the Hellenic Republic

MODERATOR: Symeon Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum

11:15 CONNECTIVITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Christos Spirtzis, Minister of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks of the Hellenic Republic

Sabina Dziurman, Director for Greece and Cyprus, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Tatiana Dermati, Institutional Relations Officer, European Investment Bank Group Office in Athens

Prof. Dimitrios Dimitriou, Professor Associate, Transportation planning management and economics, and Chairman of the BoD Athens International Airport, Greece

Sotirios Theofanis, Chairman of the BoD and Chief Executive Officer, ThPA SA, Greece

Ilias Maragakis, Chief Operating Officer, Fraport Greece

Prof. Filippos Tsalidis, Managing Director, TRAINOSE, Greece

MODERATOR: Maria Nikoltsiou, Journalist, ALPHA TV

12:15 Break – light lunch



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13:30 BANKING ROUNDTABLE

Sabina Dziurman, Director for Greece and Cyprus, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Thymios Kyriakopoulos, Executive General Manager and Group Chief Risk Officer, Piraeus Bank, Greece
Serafeim Tsokas, Secretary General, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank, Greece

MODERATOR: Yiannis Papadogiannis, Chief Editor, economistas.gr

14:30 SPEECH

Margaritis Schinas, Chief Spokesperson of the European Commission

14:45 IN CONVERSATION

Ioannis Plakiotakis, MP, Former President of New Democracy Party, Maritime Affairs Coordinator, Greece

MODERATOR: Nikos Ypofantis, Journalist, SKAI

15:00 ATHENS STOCK EXCHANGE

IN CONVERSATION

Yiannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki

MODERATOR: Socrates Lazaridis, CEO, Athens Exchange Group, Greece

IN CONVERSATION

Takis Athanasopoulos, Chairman of the Board, Foundation of Economic and Industrial Research, Greece

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15:30 IN CONVERSATION

Apostolos Tamvakakis, Chairman of BoD & Managing Partner, EOS Capital partners, Greece

MODERATOR: Maria Nikoltsiou, Journalist, ALPHA TV

15:45 INDUSTRIAL ROUNDTABLE

Stergios Pitsiorlas, Alternate Minister of Economy and Development of the Hellenic Republic

Alexandros Kontopoulos, Chairman, Hellenic Factors Association, Greece

Kleomenes Barlos, Chairman of the Board, Federation of Enterprises and Industries of the Peloponnese and Western Greece

George Milonas, Chairman and CEO, ALUMIL SA, Greece

Christos Harpantidis, Chairman and Managing Director, Papastratos SA, Greece

Dimitris Chanis, CEO, HERACLES Group, member of LafargeHolcim, Greece

MODERATOR: Nikos Ypofantis, Journalist, SKAI



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16:45 INVESTMENT PERSPECTIVES

Chris Allen, DG ECFIN Resident Adviser in Athens, European Commission

Nikos Vettas, General Director, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE); Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Vassili Apostolopoulos, CEO, Athens Medical Group; President, Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association (EENE), Greece

Vassili N. Takas, Vice President, Hellenic Venture Capital Association (HVCA); President, Thermi Ventures SA, Greece

Evangelos Karagrigoriou, Chairman, Hellenic Gaming Commission, Greece

Apostolos Gkoutzinis, Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, UK

Nicos Koulis, Vice President and CEO, DECA Investments, Greece

MODERATOR: Andreas Zamboukas, co-founder, Liberal.gr

17:45 INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Stellios Rallis, Secretary General of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media of the Hellenic Republic

Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, MP, Athens B', Head of Digital Policy, Telecommunications & Media for the New Democracy Party, Greece

Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas, Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Aris Dimarakis, CTO, Stoiximan, Greece

Stefanos Mytilineos, General Manager Group Digital Business, Piraeus Bank, Greece

Andreas Xirocostas, Managing Director, SAP Hellas, Cyprus, Malta, Greece

Katerina Pramadari, Founding Partner, Uni.Fund, Greece

George Stefanopoulos, General Manager, Greek Mobile Operators Association, Greece

Eleni Nicolaides, Director, Hellenic ICT Professionals; Founding Member & Director, Alliance For Digital Employability; Business Development Manager, PeopleCert, Greece

Theodosis Michalopoulos, Enterprise Business and Public Sector Director, Microsoft Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Greece

MODERATOR: Dimitris Diamantidis, Journalist, Radio Thessaloniki, Thessnews

19:00 IN CONVERSATION

Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Director of Research, diaNEOsis, Greece

MODERATOR: Manos Horianopoulos, Editorial Director, 24Media

19:15 END OF THE DAY

19:30 Cocktail

20:00 DINNER (*by invitation only*)

Guest of Honor and Speaker

Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Leader of the Opposition, President of New Democracy Party, Greece