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H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic  
Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos**



# **DELPHI ECONOMIC FORUM**

**OUTLOOK FOR GREECE AND THE REGION  
VISION 2020-2030**

**February 25-28, 2016  
European Cultural Centre  
Delphi, Greece**



With the kind support of:

**Region of Central Greece**

**Municipality of Delphi**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM** (last updated February 8th)

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

18.00 – 20.00 Welcome Drinks & Early Registration at Amalia Hotel - Delphi

**CONFERENCE DAY ONE**

► **Friday February 26, 2016**

**European Cultural Centre of Delphi**

09.30 Registration – Coffee/Tea

10.30 **Opening Session – Plenary** (*Konstantinos Karamanlis Amphitheatre*)

Opening Speeches

✓ **H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, will declare the Forum Open**

✓ **Helene Ahrweiler**, Rector, President of the Administration Board of the European Cultural Centre of Delphi

✓ **Ioannis Dragasakis**, Deputy Prime Minister of Greece

✓ **Dimitris Avramopoulos**, EU Commissioner Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship

✓ **Pierre Moscovici**, EU Commissioner, Economic and Financial Affairs (*video message*)

✓ **Kostas Bakoyannis**, Governor, Central Greece Region

11.25 Honorary Distinction to Sponsors

11.30 **Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

**THE ROAD TO 2020 AND BEYOND: SHIFTS IN THE GLOBAL BALANCE OF POWER**

*What are the large, transformative shifts in the global balance of power that will have a far-reaching impact on businesses, economies, industries and societies and will define the future? How should policies adjust to cope with this change?*

- ✓ Chair: **Athanasios Platias**, Prof. of Strategy, Dept of Int'l & European Studies, University of Piraeus, Greece
- ✓ **Dora Bakoyannis**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece
- ✓ **Ian Lesser**, Executive Director, Transatlantic Centre, German Marshall Fund of the US, Brussels
- ✓ **Mujtaba Rahman**, Practice Head, Europe, Eurasia Group, UK
- ✓ **John Stitilides**, Principal, Trilogy Advisors LLC, U.S.A.
- ✓ **Vladimir Gligorov**, Researcher, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

12.45 **Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

**EAST MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTH EAST EUROPE: DISRUPTION PROSPECTS CHALLENGES**

*How do we understand the competition for hegemony that will define the region in the future? What are the linkages between regional changes and global geopolitics and strategy? What are the prospects for economic growth and political cooperation in the wider region?*

- ✓ Chair: **Konstantinos Filis**, Director of Research, Institute of International Relations
- ✓ **Jadranka Joksimovic**, Minister in Charge of European Integration of Serbia
- ✓ **Amb. Michael B. Christides**, Secretary General, Organization of the Black Sea Econ. Cooperation, Istanbul
- ✓ **Jovan Kovacic**, EWB President, Trilateral Commission Serbian Group Chairman, Serbia
- ✓ **Ahmet Evin**, Founding Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Sabanci University
- ✓ **David Koranyi**, Director of the Atlantic Council, Eurasia Energy Center, U.S.A
- ✓ **Dr. Sergei Goncharenko**, Chairman, Committee of Senior Officials, BSEC Organisation, Chairman of ICBSS

14.00 Break

14.30 **Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

**LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH IN GREECE: STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

*What are the actions needed to achieve a new, dynamic, competitive Greek economy that is capable of generating sustainable growth, creating jobs, supporting social cohesion and delivering the expectations of Greek citizens?*

- ✓ Chair: **Plutarchos Sakellaris**, Professor of Econ. & Finance, Athens University of Economics and Business
- ✓ **Keynote Address: Lucas Papademos**, former Prime Minister of Greece
- ✓ **Theodora Tzakri**, Deputy Minister for Industry, Ministry of Economy, Development & Tourism, Greece
- ✓ **Deborah Wince-Smith**, President and CEO, US Council on Competitiveness, USA
- ✓ **Dirk Reinermann**, Program Manager for Southern Europe, World Bank Group (WBG), USA
- ✓ **Yannis Ioannides**, Max and Herta Neubauer Chair and Professor of Economics, Tufts University, U.S.A.
- ✓ **Takis Athanasopoulos**, Chairman of the Board, Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research, Greece
- ✓ **A National Plan for Greece: Haris Pampoukis**, former Minister of State to the Prime Minister of Greece

16.30 ✓ **Keynote Address: Corina Cretu**, EC Commissioner, Regional Policy  
*"The role of Public Investments in Facilitating Growth"*

16.45 Break

**Parallel Sessions (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

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- 17.00 **GREECE'S CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION DILEMMAS**  
*Is constitutional revision necessary in Greece? How much does the current crisis influence the dialogue about constitutional revision?*
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- ✓Chair: **Dimitris Michalelis**, Editor at Large Real News, Director, Real.gr
  - ✓**Panagiotis Pikrammenos**, former Caretaker Prime Minister of Greece; former President, Council of State (Supreme Administrative Court)
  - ✓**Antonis Manitakis**, Prof. of Law, Univ. of Thessaloniki, Fmr. Minister of Interior & Administrative Reform, Greece
  - ✓**Filippos Spyropoulos**, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Athens, Greece
  - ✓**Pavlos Eleftheriadis**, Associate Professor of Law, University of Oxford
  - ✓**Harris Ikonomopoulos**, Greek joint President, British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
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- 18.15 **DEVELOPMENT AND EVOLUTION OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS IN GREECE**  
*What can we do to create the institutional infrastructure for a thriving civil society and transparent, participatory governance?*
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- ✓Chair: **Pavlos Tsimas**, Editor at large for HuffPost Greece
  - ✓**Christophe Chantepy**, Ambassador of France to Greece
  - ✓**Nikiforos Diamandouros**, former European Ombudsman, Greece
  - ✓**Kevin Featherstone**, Eleftherios Venizelos Professor of Contemporary Greek Studies and Professor of European Politics; Director of the Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics (LSE), UK
  - ✓**Nikos Passas**, Distinguished Inaugural Professor, Collective Actions, Business Ethics and Compliance, International Anti-Corruption Academy, Vienna; Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
  - ✓**George Floridis**, former Minister of Public Order and former Governor of Kilikis region
- 20.30 Opening Reception and Buffet Dinner at Amalia Hotel – Delphi

**Parallel Sessions (Dionysos Hall)**

**17.00 EUROPE'S MIGRATION AND REFUGEE CRISIS IN CONTEXT: WHY NOW AND WHAT NEXT?**  
*How can we better understand the determinants, drivers and infrastructures behind the unprecedented levels of migratory waves across the Mediterranean in the context of regional geopolitics and European population dynamics?*

- ✓Chair: **Paschos Mandravelis**, Columnist, KATHIMERINI, Greece
- ✓**Peter Schoof**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Greece
- ✓**Theodore Pangalos**, former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece
- ✓**Petros Mastakas**, UNHCR Associate Protection Officer in Greece
- ✓**Christiana Kalogirou**, Governor of North Aegean Region
- ✓**Luigi Paganetto**, Professor of European economics, Professor emeritus, Tor Vergata University of Rome
- ✓**Dr. Thanos Dokos**, Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

**18.15 INJECTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE GREEK ECONOMY**  
*Entrepreneurship can play a vital role in Greek economy. There is an urgent need for political and economic reform in order to support entrepreneurship and secure the valuable contribution to the economy.*

Part 1

- ✓Chair: **Loukas Pilitsis**, Partner & CEO, Anchorstone Partners
- ✓**Panagis Vourloumis**, former Chairman & CEO, Hellenic Telecommunications Organization, Greece
- ✓**Ulysses Kyriacopoulos**, Hon. Chairman, Hellenic Foundation of Greek Enterprises (SEV), Greece
- ✓**Aristos Doxiadis**, Partner, Openfund, Greece
- ✓**Nikos Efthymiadis**, Hon.Chairman, Federation of Industries of Northern Greece
- ✓**Theodore E. Tryfon**, President of Greek Pharma. Industries; Managing Director, ELPEN Group Co. Inc.

Part 2

- ✓Chair: **Eleftheria K. Mamidakis**, Former Vice President, Mamidoil-Jetoil S.A., Greece
- ✓**Sheri L. Orlowitz**, Founding Partner, ARTEMIS Holdings Group LLC
- ✓**Dr. Vassili G. Apostolopoulos**, President, Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association; CEO, Athens Medical Group
- ✓**Marco Veremis**, CEO and Founder, Upstream, Greece
- ✓**Alexandros Eleftheriadis**, Co-founder and Chief Scientist, Vidyo
- ✓**Litsa Panayotopoulou**, Secretary-General, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Boston Hamilton ltd

**20.30 Opening Reception at Amalia Hotel - Delphi**

08.45 Coffee – Tea

**Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

Keynote Addresses

09.15 ✓**Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel**, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria 2000-2007

09.30 ✓**Giovanni Buttarelli**, European Data Protection Supervisor

09.40 ✓**Giovanni Kessler**, Director-General of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), European Commission

09.55 ✓**George Dertilis**, Professor, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

10.30 **Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

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**DEBT OVERHANG AND GROWTH IMPLICATIONS**

*Can countries imperil their growth prospects by having too much debt?*

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✓Chair: **Anthony Papayannides**, Managing Director, Economia Publishing

**Euclid Tsakalotos**, Minister of Finance, Greece

✓**Declan Costello**, Director, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs European Commission

✓**Gikas Hardouvelis**, former Minister of Finance, Prof. of Finance & Economics, Univ of Piraeus, Greece

✓**Tassos Giannitsis**, Prof. of Economics, Univ. of Athens, Former Minister of Labour & Social Affairs, Greece

✓**Peter Spiegel**, Brussels Bureau Chief, Financial Times

✓**Yanos Gramatidis**, Honorary Chairman, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Greece

11.45 **In Conversation:**

✓Chair: **Antony Papayannides**, Managing Director, Economia Publishing

✓**Constantine Michalos**, President, Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce & President of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)

12.00 Break

12.15 **CREATING AN EFFICIENT BANKING SYSTEM FOR A MODERN ECONOMY**

*The banking sector faces unprecedented challenges and uncertainties amidst the large scale changes that are taking place globally. What changes need to take place in the banking system so it can better serve the economy?*

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✓Chair: **Vassilis Antoniadis**, Managing Partner, The Boston Consulting Group

✓**Louka Katseli**, Chair of the Board, National Bank of Greece

✓**Christos Staikouras**, M.P., former alternate Minister of Finance

✓**Emilios Avgouleas**, Chair in Int'l Banking Law & Finance, Head of Commercial Law, Uni. of Edinburgh

✓**Chris Megalou**, Managing Director, TITE CAPITAL Ltd, Canada

✓**Haris Karonis**, Founder and CEO, VIVA, Greece

13.15 Break

**Parallel Sessions (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

- 13.45 **EUROPE'S FUTURE: FRAGMENTED IMPLOSION OR GREATER INTEGRATION**  
*An outlook on the macroeconomic convergence and divergence among the Euro zone countries and the factors underlying the future of European integration.*
- ✓ Chair: **Tasos Telloglou**, Journalist, KATHIMERINI
- ✓ **H.E. John Kittmer**, British Ambassador to Greece  
 ✓ **Charles Ries**, Vice President, Rand Corporation, U.S.A  
 ✓ **George Pagoulatos**, Prof., European Politics and Econ., Athens University of Economics & Business  
 ✓ **Konstantinos Filis**, Director of Research, Institute of International Relations of Panteion Univ, Greece  
 ✓ **Adriano Bosoni**, Europe Analyst, Stratfor, Spain
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- 15.00 **FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AS A KEY DRIVER FOR GROWTH AND PROSPERITY**  
*Given the potential role that FDI can play in accelerating growth and economic transformation, countries are strongly interested in attracting it. What are the necessary actions to improve the principal determinants influencing the location choices of foreign direct investors?*
- ✓ Chair: **Marios Kyriacou**, Senior Partner, KPMG Greece
- Nikos Pappas**, Minister of State, Greece
- ✓ **Dimitris Tsitsiragos**, Vice President, Global Client Services, Int'l Finance Corporation, World Bank Group  
 ✓ **Simos Anastasopoulos**, President, American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, PETSIAS S.A.  
 ✓ **Dr. Margarita Mathiopoulos**, Founder/CEO ASPIDE Group; Prof. of US Foreign Policy, Univ. of Potsdam  
 ✓ **Dennys Plessas**, VP Business Dev. Initiatives, Europe, Middle East & Africa, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics  
 ✓ **John D. Saracakis**, Chairman, Hellenic-Swedish Chamber of Commerce, Greece  
 ✓ **Athanasios Savvakis**, President of Federation of Industries of Northern Greece
- 16.15 Break
- 16.30 **THE IMPORTANCE OF VALUES FOR THE REFORM PROCESS**  
*As change agents we need to start by understanding our values around the reform process and how these values contribute to growth and development.*
- ✓ Chair: **George Archontas**, PhD in Political Philosophy, Panteion University, Athens, Greece
- ✓ **Yannis Panousis**, Professor of Communication and Media Studies, National University of Athens, Greece  
 ✓ **Vassilis Karapostolis**, Professor of Culture & Communication, Department of Media, Univ. Athens, Greece  
 ✓ **Ioanna Tsivakou**, Visiting Professor, Department of Comm. Media & Culture, Panteion University, Greece
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- 17.30 **EUROPE AGAINST THE CHALLENGES OF EXTREMISM AND POPULISM**  
*Populist and extremist parties present one of the most pressing challenges for European Democracies. What causing citizens across Europe to shift their support towards populist extremists and how mainstream political parties can respond to this challenge?*
- ✓ Chair: **Lambrini Rori**, Marie-Curie Fellow at Bournemouth University, UK
- ✓ **Nikos Dendias**, former Minister of Defence, Justice and Economy, MP Greece  
 ✓ **Anna Diamantopoulou**, former Minister of Development & Education, President of Diktyon, Greece  
 ✓ **Takis Pappas**, Prof. Comparative Politics, Uni. of Macedonia, Greece; Visit. Prof. Central European Uni. Budapest  
 ✓ **Marietta Karamanli**, Member of the National Assembly of France  
 ✓ **Alkis Courcoulas**, Journalist, Correspondent in Turkey; Special Advisor, ELIAMEP
- 19.00 Break
- 20.30 Dinner (by invitation only)



**Parallel Sessions (Dionysos Hall)**

- 13.45 **GREEK PENSION SYSTEM AND AGEING DEMOGRAPHICS**  
*An outlook on the conflicts between economics, politics, ageing demographics, incomplete reform efforts and the future of the pension system*
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- ✓Chair: **Susanna Vogt**, Head of Greece Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Siftung
- ✓**George Katrougalos**, Minister of Labor, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity  
 ✓**Alekos Papadopoulos**, former Minister of Finance, Greece  
 ✓**Panos Tsakloglou**, Prof. Int'l and European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics & Business  
 ✓**Margarita Antonaki**, General Manager, Hellenic Association of Insurance Companies  
 ✓**Platon Tinios**, Assistant Professor, Dept of Statistics and Insurance Science, University of Piraeus, Greece
- 15.00 **STRATEGIES FOR MEDIA REFORM**  
*Given the importance of media and communications to contemporary societies, democratic media reform is a milestone for modern politics.*
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- Chair:
- ✓**Theocharis Filippopoulos**, Chairman & CEO, Attica Publications, Greece  
 ✓**Dimitris Maris**, President, Greek Online Publisher Association, Chairman, 24Media Group, Greece  
 ✓**Domna Michailidou**, Economic Adviser, OECD; Centre for Development Studies, Uni. of Cambridge  
 ✓**Fabrizio D' Angelo**, former CEO, Burda International and CEO Inti Consulting Sagl
- 16.15 Break
- 16.30 **RE-SKILLING THE WORKFORCE FOR THE DIGITAL AGE**  
*An ever growing need for skilled workers and an even more quickly changing business landscape has led to an increase in skill gaps as mature economies face the challenge of high unemployment. The only rational approach to this challenge is to increase learning and development efforts in order to create a learning culture.*
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- ✓Chair: **Stamatis Zacharos**, Publishing Consultant, 24Media Group, Journalist, Athens 9.84 Radio
- ✓**George Doukides**, Professor of Management, Science & Technology, Athens Uni. of Economics, Greece  
 ✓**Nikos Christodoulou**, General Manager, Group Chief Information Officer, National Bank of Greece, President, Greek IT Directors Association  
 ✓**Byron Nicolaides**, President, Council of European Professional Informatics Societies (CEPIS), Chairman and CEO, PEOPLECERT  
 ✓**Andreas Drimiotis**, Business Consultant
- 17.45 **THE NEW ENERGY ROADMAP – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CHOICES FOR THE REGION**  
*SE Europe and Eastern Mediterranean regions have to face similar challenges. What are the necessary steps towards common solutions?*
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- ✓Chair: **Alexia Tasouli**, Diplomatic Correspondent, Mega Channel
- Part 1
- ✓**Dr. Yannis Maniatis**, Member, Hellenic Parliament, former Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change  
 ✓**Steven Bitner**, Economic Counselor of the United States to Greece  
 ✓**Theodoros Kitsakos**, CEO, Public Gas Corporation (DEPA), Greece  
 ✓**Niki Tzavela**, former member of the European Parliament, Greece
- Part 2
- ✓**Anastassios Kallitsantsis**, Chairman, Hellenic Association of Independent Power Producers  
 ✓**Mathios Rigas**, Chairman & CEO, Energean Oil & Gas  
 ✓**Antonia Colibasanu**, Partner, Regional Director, Stratfor, "Honorary Adviser" Ministry of Energy, Romania  
 ✓**Theodore Tsakiris**, Assist. Professor, Petroleum Geopolitics & Economics, University of Nicosia, Cyprus
- 19.30 Break
- 20.30 Dinner (by invitation only)



09.00 Coffee - Tea

09.30 **Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

In Conversation:

✓Chair: **Ioannis Politis**, Journalist, Action24

✓**Evangelos Venizelos**, former Vice President of the Hellenic Government

10.00 **Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

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**WIDENING THE COOPERATION BETWEEN DIASPORA AND HOMELAND**

*Highlighting policy measures and feasible strategies that can foster the development of effective and sustainable institutional cooperation between Diaspora and homeland.*

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✓Chair: **Athanasios Ellis**, Senior Editor & Columnist, Kathimerini

✓**Ioannis Amanatidis**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

✓**Photis Photiou**, Presidential Commissioner for Humanitarian Issues & Overseas Cypriots, Cyprus

✓**Thomas Katsiantonis**, President, World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association (WHIA)

✓**John Sitalides**, Principal, Trilogy Advisors LLC

✓**Charalambos Papatiriu**, President, Institute of Int'l Relations, Greece

11.15 Break

11.30 **Plenary Session (Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)**

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**EDUCATION REFORM: A PRIORITY FOR A BETTER FUTURE**

*No country can achieve sustainable economic development without substantial investment in human capital. As difficult as the current economic crisis is, it is important not to lose focus on the importance of education and to start addressing some of the problems that have long plagued the nation's education system.*

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✓Chair: **Yannis Perlepes**, Chief Editor, NAFTEMPORIKI

**Nikolaos Filis**, Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

✓**Marietta Giannakou**, former Minister of Education, Religious Affairs, Health, Welfare & Social Security

✓**David Horner**, President, The American College of Greece

✓**Thanos Veremis**, Professor of Political History, University of Athens, Greece

✓**Efstathios Efstathopoulos**, President, Federation of University Teachers

13.30 Conclusions

13.45 Reception - light Buffet