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Conference Agenda

European Semester e-Conference on Greece 2020

Stimulating a resilient recovery through investments, digital transformation and green economy

Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 July 2020 | 15.00 – 19.00 (Athens time)

Day 1 | Wednesday 1 July

15:00 Welcome to e-Conference Day 1

Vasilis Nikitas, Economic Analyst, DG for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

Opening Remarks

George Markopoulitis, Head of European Commission Representation in Athens

Paul Kutos, Head of Unit for Greece, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

15:10 Session 1 | EU measures targeting a fast and resilient recovery

Paolo Gentiloni, Commissioner for the Economy, European Commission

Christos Staikouras, Minister of Finance, Hellenic Republic

Moderator: **Nikos Vettas**, General Director of IOBE, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

15:45 Session 2 | Greece in the European Semester Policy Framework post COVID-19

Declan Costello, Deputy Director General, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

Barbara Kauffmann, Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion, European Commission

Michael Arghyrou, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, Ministry of Finance and Greece's Representative at the Eurogroup Working Group

Moderator: **Angelos Athanasopoulos**, Editor-in-Chief of Politics, To Vima

16:30 Break

16:35 Session 3 | New Investments and Reforms for Recovery and Resilience

Maarten Verwey, Director General, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, EU Commission

Alex Patelis, Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister, Hellenic Republic

Moderator: **Eirini Chrysolora**, Journalist, Kathimerini

17:15 Session 4 | Financing the economy – challenges and key recovery accelerators

International Investor perspective: **Michele Napolitano**, Senior Director Europe, Fitch Ratings

Banks' perspective: **Fokion Karavias**, CEO, Eurobank

Capital market perspective: **Socrates Lazaridis**, CEO, Athens Stock Exchange (ATHEX)

ESPA perspective: **Nicola De Michelis**, Director Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation IV, DG REGIO

Dag Detter, Investment Advisor and former President of Stattum Holdings, Sweden

Moderator: **Chris Allen**, Resident Adviser in Athens, DG for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

18:10 **Session 5 | Green Deal for Greece – Greece's competitive advantage**

George Kremlis, Principal advisor to the Prime Minister on energy, climate, environment and circular economy

Green Deal: From Farm to Fork, **Tassos Haniotis**, Director, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Academic perspective: **Phoebe Koundouri**, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business, President-elect, European Association of Environmental and Natural Resource Economists

Business perspective: **Lena Philippou**, Brand President, Chief Innovation Officer at Korres Natural Products

Moderator: **Nikos Avlonas**, President, Center for Sustainability and Excellence

19:05 **Wrap-up of e-conference Day 1 | Nikos Vettas**, General Director IOBE, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

19:10 **End of e-conference Day 1**

Day 2 | Thursday 2 July

15:00 **Introduction to e-Conference Day 2**

George Gatopoulos, Head of Finance and International Macro Unit, IOBE

Ioannis Hadjiyannis, Head of the Athens office, DG REFORM, European Commission

15:10 **Session 6 | Policy reforms for Europe and Greece**

Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development & Investment, Hellenic Republic

Álvaro Santos Pereira, Director of the Country Studies Branch, Economics Department, OECD

Simeon Djankov, Director for Policy, Financial Markets Group, London School of Economics

Nikos Vettas, General Director of IOBE, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

Moderator: **Paul Kutos**, Head of Unit for Greece, DG for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

16:10 **Session 7 | Skills and employment in the post-crisis era**

Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, European Commission

Global perspective: **Christopher Pissarides**, Professor LSE and University of Cyprus, 2010 Nobel Prize Laureate

Niki Kerameus, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Hellenic Republic

Moderator: **Panos Tsakloglou**, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

17:00 **Break**

17:05 Session 8 | Opportunities from digital transformation

Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Minister of State and Digital Governance, Hellenic Republic

Business perspective: **Marco Veremis**, Co-founder and Executive Chairman of Upstream, Partner at BigPi Venture Capital, Member of the BoD, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises -SEV

Local government transformation: **Dimitris Papastergiou**, Mayor of Trikala, President of the Greek Municipal Union (KEDE)

'Industry 4.0' perspective: **Athanasios Savvakis**, President, Federation of Industries of Greece – SBE, Executive Director, Biosolids S.A.

Moderator: **Giorgos Fintikakis**, Editor-in-Chief, Liberal.gr

18:00 Session 9 | Internationalization, innovation, and smart specialization: improving manufacturing competitiveness

Gregory Dimitriadis, Secretary General of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Chairman of Board of Enterprise Greece

Dimitrios Pontikakis, Economist, Directorate for Growth and Innovation, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Manolis Dermitzakis, Chair, National Council for Research, Technology and Innovation and Professor, University of Geneva

Business perspective: **Michail Stassinopoulos**, Executive Member of the BoD of Viohalco, President of Hellenic Production-Industry Roundtable for Growth

Moderator: **Simos Anastasopoulos**, President, Council on Competitiveness of Greece - CompeteGR

18:55 Farewell address - summary of conference takeaways | Chris Allen, Resident Adviser in Athens, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

19:10 Conference close