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Following a severe and prolonged crisis, Europe is at a turning point, with signs of economic recovery. At the same time, significant divergence has been observed between the economic center and the periphery, as well as more intense competition with the rest of the world. The lessons learnt from the crisis may be particularly useful for avoiding similar adverse socioeconomic situations in the future. At least to some extent, the weaknesses of economic governance in Europe have been identified. Many of the solutions implemented are of unprecedented, including the banking union and the provision of economic support to member-states under the condition of accomplishing structural reforms. In this context, the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE) in cooperation with Megaron Plus and under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organizes a series of lectures entitled “Europe, economy and growth”, since the growth prospects of the Greek economy are inextricably linked to the new developments in Europe, taking into consideration the new opportunities and challenges.

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