

1-day Conference

THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

The roles of cohesion policies and European Territorial Cooperation Groups,

Cultural Center of the Municipality of Athens (Antonis Tritsis Amphitheater), 50 Akadimias str., Athens

PROGRAMME

09:15 – 09:30	Arrivals, Registrations, Web connections
09:30 – 09:40	Greetings by Mr. Mauroudis Vouridis Minister of Internal Affairs (tbc)
09:40 – 09:50	Greetings by Mr. Miltiadis Varvitsiotis Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs
09:50 – 10:00	Greetings by Ms Eva Kaili Vice President of European Parliament
10:00 – 10:05	Mr. Haris Kountouros Public relations officer in the European Parliament's Information Office in Greece
10:05 – 10:10	Greetings by Mr. Dimitris Arrianas , President of Board of Directors EGTC Amphictyony
10:10 – 10:15	Greetings by Mr. Grigoris Konstantellos , President of Board of Directors EGTC Efxini Poli, Mayor of Vari-Voula-Vouliagmeni
10:15 – 10:20	Greetings by Mr. Simos Daniilidis , President of Board of Directors EGTC HELICAS, Mayor of Neapoli-Sykies
10:20 – 10:40	The future of Europe, threats and challenges Mr. Panagiotis Ioakeimidis , Emeritus Professor of Athens University, former ambassador, counselor of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:40 – 10:50	Perception and expectations of European influence and prospects in Lebanon: A Middle Eastern perspective Dr. Dima ZEIN de CLERCK Lecturer, vice-president of Academic Affairs of University Al-Kafaat (AKU), Lebanon
10:50 – 11:00	EU Enlargement in Western Balkans. Perceptions and expectations Pr. Sasho Korunovski , Rector of Saint Climent Ohridski University, Bitola, North Macedonia

SESSION 1: The New Cohesion Policy

- 11:00 – 11:20 The new cohesion policy. Citizen's participation in policy planning, **Mr. Ioannis Firbas**, Director General of National Coordination Authority for ESI Funds
- 11:20 – 11:40 EGTCs' role and the overall institutional cross border cooperation as a means to citizen's partnership,
Dr. Antonis Karvounis, Ministry of Interior
- 11:40 – 12:00 Promoting good democratic governance through facilitated co-operation across political and geographical boundaries,
Mr. Niall Sheerin, Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Directorate General II – Democracy, Council of Europe
- 12:00 – 12:20 Cross-border cooperation beyond financial incentives. The domination of the financial incentives in Cross Border Cooperation in S.E. Europe. A matter for change or for maintains,
Mr. Ervin Erős, Director Central European Service for CBC Initiatives Balkans (CESCI Balkans)
- 12:20 – 12:45 Questions - Discussion
- 12:45 – 13:15 **Break**

SESSION 2: Climate Crisis and Borders

- 13:15 – 13:35 Available tools, gaps and weaknesses in the new cohesion policy (the exact title is pending),
Mr. Kremlis George Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister on energy, climate, environment and circular economy issues. Honorary Director of the European Commission
- 13:35 – 13:50 Green growth and a circular economy: challenges for the new cohesion policy in Europe of the regions.
Prof. Nikos Mousiopolos, Dr.-Ing. habil., Prof. h.c. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

13:50- 14:15 Questions – Discussion

SESSION 3: Human Rights in times of pandemics

14:15 – 14:30 Rights of mobility of humans, capital and goods in Europe of tomorrow.
Prof. **Zarotiades Grigoris** Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Political
Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

14:30 – 14:45 The Impact of the Pandemic Management on Civil Rights - Governance
Amidst Crisis

Dr. **Themis Tzimas** Legal Advisor

14:45 – 15:00 Questions – Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Resolution, Mr. **Vassilis Xenos-Gavrielis**, Director of Amphictyony EGTC
End of Conference Proceedings