



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

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European Cultural Centre
Amalia Hotel
Delphi, Greece**

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



DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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CONFERENCE DAY ONE

Thursday, March 2, 2017

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14.00 Registration

15.00-18.15 **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION I** (*Dionysos Hall*)

POWER SHIFTS IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD

The new realities and trends related to the emerging polarity of the global economy and the ensuing reconfiguration of global power centers

18.30 **OFFICIAL OPENING** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

20.30 **Dinner with guest of honor and speaker**
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08.30 **EXECUTIVE ROUND TABLE A** (*Apollon Room*)

OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE SCIENCES IN GREECE

*The Greek Life Sciences sector has been demonstrating a strong growth during recent years.
How can we promote the sector's growing prospects for investment and business development?*

08.30 **EXECUTIVE ROUND TABLE B** (*Ermis Room*)

THE NEW STRATEGIC EQUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

*Mediterranean geopolitics has become central in security terms at a moment of pronounced flux
in outlook and policy on all sides of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic.
What are the forces that will shape the future of the region?*

Programming partner:

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy - ELIAMEP

*ELIAMEP's mission is to provide a forum for public debate on issues of European integration and international relations
and to conduct scientific research that contributes to a better informed and documented knowledge of the European and
international environment.*

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(Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)

11.00 **Session I** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

POPULISM: RESTORING TRUST IN DEMOCRACY

*Overview of the dramatic drop in public trust in political institutions
and an analysis of the causes and consequences of the trust gap across the European continent.*

12.30 **Session II** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

DEBT VS GROWTH

In Conversation

13.15 **Session III** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

In conversation

14.00 Break - Light lunch

15.00 **Session IV** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

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In conversation

15.30 **Session V** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

THE FUTURE OF EU AND EUROPE

Can the Eurozone's emergence from crisis turn into a real economic recovery and a new vision for Europe's future? Or is Europe heading for a "lost decade" in terms of growth and a rise of eurosceptic populism?

17.30 Break

17.45 **Session VI** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

In conversation

19.15 **Session VII** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

INEQUALITY AND THE NEW GLOBALIZATION

The relationship between the rapid pace of trade and financial globalization and the rise in income inequality observed in most countries over the past two decades.

20.30 End of day

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11.30 -12.30 **Session VIII** *(Library)*

TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

12.30 -13.30 **Session IX** *(Library)*

ACCESS TO FINANCE AND THE SOCIAL IMPACT

Programming Partner: People's Trust

(Dionysos Hall)

10.00-13.00 **Session X** *(Dionysos Hall)*

**PRIORITY AXES TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVENESS:
A NATIONAL PLAN FOR THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION – A GROWTH STRATEGY**

Necessary policies to improve the competitiveness of the Greek Economy and create a strategy for growth.

13.00 **Session XI** *(Dionysos Hall)*

**THE REPOSITIONING OF GREECE IN THE WORLD MAP:
STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL IMAGE AND
IDENTITY**

In conversation

13.30 **Session XII** *(Dionysos Hall)*

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS:
A VISION FOR THE YEARS TO COME**

In conversation

14.00 Break - Light lunch

15.00 **Session XIII** (*Dionysos Hall*)

LINKING DIASPORA AND HOMELAND

In a range of policy areas today — including foreign affairs, economic development, and international migration — the place of diaspora increasingly needs to be considered. How can we work towards strengthening the ties between diasporas and homeland?

Opening Statements

16.00 **Session XIV** (*Dionysos Hall*)

ON U.S. LEADERSHIP, POLITICS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER

Opening Remarks

17.30 Break

17.45 **Session XV** (*Dionysos Hall*)

BREXIT: THE IMPACT ON THE UK AND THE EU

An examination of the United Kingdom's relationship with Europe and the long term impact of 'Brexit' on the British & EU economy

**Programming partner: Hellenic Observatory,
European Institute - The London School of Economics and Political Science**

19.15 **Session XVI** (*Dionysos Hall*)

A SHRINKING COUNTRY: GREECE'S DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEM

Programming partner: diaNEOosis

diaNEOsis is an independent, private, non-profit research organisation based in Athens. Its aim is to foster all forms of informed public dialogue and shape concrete proposals that contribute to the resolution of the critical economic and social problems Greece is currently facing.

20.30 End of day

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08.30 EXECUTIVE ROUND TABLE C (*Apollon Room*)

INDUSTRIAL POLICY FOR A SUSTAINABLE GROWTH PATH

How can we redefine industrial policy as a strategy to promote 'high-road' competitiveness that is based on advanced skills, innovation, ecological ambition and an activating social policy?

08.30 EXECUTIVE ROUND TABLE D (*Ermis Room*)

PROTECTING THE FOURTH ESTATE: DEMOCRACY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE MEDIA

Media organizations are generally assumed to play an important role in democracies, but how effective are they in performing this function?

13.00-15.00 EXECUTIVE ROUND TABLE E (*Apollon Room*) – Light lunch will be offered

HIGHER EDUCATION REFORMS IN GREECE

Education is key to Greece's future prosperity. As difficult as the current economic crisis is, it is important not to lose focus on the importance of education and address the problems that have long plagued the nation's higher education system.

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(*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

09.30 Session I (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

ENERGY SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE REGION

Major natural gas fields have been discovered in the Levant Basin of the Eastern Mediterranean. Do these discoveries have the potential both to transform the energy outlook of the countries in which they were found, and foster regional energy cooperation?

12.00 **Session II** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

STRUCTURAL REFORMS FOR MORE INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Structural reforms include a variety of policy initiatives - in product, labor and financial markets, and in tax and benefit systems, among others - to enhance the productive capacity of our economies. How can we design appropriate policies to strengthen growth and make it inclusive and sustainable over time?

Programming partner: TO DIKTIO Network for Reform in Greece and Europe

DIKTIO - NETWORK is a Greek think tank with European orientation, founded in 2013.

13.30 **Session III** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

CULTURAL PREREQUISITES FOR GROWTH

What are the root causes of Greece's current state of under-development and what are the deep and proximate causes of the public debt crisis?

14.30 Break - Light lunch

15.30 **Session IV** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

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18.30 – 20.30 **Session VIII** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

GEOPOLITICS OF THE EUROPEAN BORDERLANDS: THE WESTERN BALKANS

Resolution of political tensions in the region of South East Europe and neighboring countries.

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11.00 **Session IX** (*Library*)

INNOVATION FOR GROWTH: STRATEGIES FOR CREATING VALUE

How can we create a culture that continuously innovates, with the resources to accelerate and sustain organic growth?

12.15 **Session X** (*Library*)

PERIMETER SECURITY THREATS FOR EUROPE & TERRORISM

12.30 **Session XI** (*Library*)

COUNTERING TERROR: SECURITY OR VALUES?

How can we craft effective and holistic counterterrorism strategies that will keep us safe and secure while also upholding the values that underpin our democratic societies?

20.30 End of day

(Dionysos Hall)

11.00 **Session XII** (*Dionysos Hall*)

MIGRATION: FACING THE CRISIS AND MANAGING THE EU RESPONSE

The migration crisis has sparked off an uncoordinated response in an already politically tense European Union. Although many fear that it is a matter of time until the EU-Turkey agreement fails, Member States do not agree on a common line. On top of that policy makers need to work on integration strategies.

Programming partner: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is a German political foundation. With its programmes and projects, it actively contributes to international cooperation and communication.

12.30 **Session XIII** (*Dionysos Hall*)

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13.00 **Session XIV** (*Dionysos Hall*)

**THE FUTURE OF BANKING IN EUROPE:
REGULATION, SUPERVISION, AND THE CHANGING COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE**

An extensive reform agenda, the expectations of a wider set of stakeholders and the realities of a new economic and commercial landscape are reshaping the banking industry. What are the medium to long-term challenges facing the banking sector in Europe?

14.30 Break - Light lunch

15.30 **Session XV** (*Dionysos Hall*)

LONG-TERM INVESTING: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION

How can we get the conditions right for investment to take place and to accelerate the competitiveness enhancing reallocation of resources that is so crucial for the future of South East Europe?

17.30 Break

18.00 **Session XVI** (*Dionysos Hall*)

THE DYNAMICS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP: CREATING JOBS, PROMOTING GROWTH

How do entrepreneurs transform economies, fuel job creation and inspire future generations of leaders?

Programming partner: Endeavor Greece

Endeavor is an international non-profit organization, which selects and supports the most promising companies around the world with the help of the most prominent business leaders and investors globally.

19.15 **Session XVII** (*Dionysos Hall*)

DELIVERING A BUSINESS CASE FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Digitization is rewriting the rules of competition, exposing incumbent companies to the risk of being left behind. What are the critical decisions businesses must make to address the strategic challenge posed by the digital revolution?

Archaeological Museum of Delphi

18.00-20.00 **Session XVIII**

**CULTURAL HERITAGE AS ECONOMIC VALUE:
ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Greece's cultural heritage plays a pivotal role in generating local and regional development, thus contributing to building a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth for the country. How can we further promote cultural heritage as a generator of sustainable development?

20.30 End of day

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09.00 **Session I** *(Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)*

THE POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

The financial crisis has made visible several shortcomings and dysfunctionalities, but also many assets of the Greek Constitution. How can we opt for a constitutional revision that will be substantively effective, institutionally protected, and democratically legitimate?

10.45 **Session II** *(Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)*

INSTITUTIONS AS A FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE OF LONG-RUN GROWTH

*Economic outcomes are determined by the quality of economic institutions, which are rooted in political institutions and the distribution of resources.
How can we get an understanding of the factors that lead a society into a political equilibrium which supports long run growth?*

12.15 **Session III** *(Constantinos Karamanlis Hall)*

DEBT VS GROWTH: (GROWTH IN THE TIME OF DEBT?)

Is there a particular threshold in the level of government debt, above which the medium-term growth prospects are dramatically compromised?

(Dionysos Hall)

10.30 **Session IV** *(Dionysos Hall)*

POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

How can we take a sustainable development path in agriculture and food, while competitively entering and remaining in global markets?

12.00 **Session V** (*Dionysos Hall*)

YOUNG LEADERS ROUNDTABLE: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE FOR GREECE

The Young Leaders Roundtable is an important part of Delphi Economic Forum that will gather young leaders and influencers from all sectors of society to debate on policies that could strengthen productivity, and in so doing, promote inclusive and sustainable growth.

14.30 **Closing Remarks** (*Constantinos Karamanlis Hall*)

Farewell buffet lunch