

«The Eastern Mediterranean in flux»

*King George Hotel, Syntagma Square, Athens
Thursday & Friday | December 4 – 5, 2025*

Thursday, December 4

12:00 Registration

13:00 Opening Remarks

- ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Founder & President, Delphi Economic Forum
- ✓ **Yiannis Pretenteris**, Publisher, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece
- ✓ **Athanasios Platias**, President, The Council for International Relations, Greece

13:25 Opening Statement

- ✓ H.E. President of the Hellenic Republic, **Constantine An. Tasoulas**

13:45 The Day After: The Gaza Peace Plan – What Comes Next?

- ✓ **Dora Bakoyiannis**, Member, Hellenic Parliament; Minister of Foreign Affairs (2006-2009)
- ✓ **Amre Moussa**, Sec-Gen, Arab League (2001-2011); Minister of Foreign Affairs (1991-2001), Egypt
- ✓ **Thanos Dokos**, Secretary General for National Security, Presidency of the Government, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Volker Perthes**, Senior Distinguished Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Germany
- ✓ **Yoel Guzansky**, Senior Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Israel
- ✓ **Konstantina Botsiou**, Prof of Political History and Intl Relations, University of Piraeus, Greece

Chair:

15:15 Break

15:45 The Cyprus issue: A prerequisite for the stability in the Eastern Mediterranean

- ✓ **Prokopios Pavlopoulos**, Former President of the Hellenic Republic; Member of the Academy of Athens

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16:15 Middle East: In Search of a New Security Architecture After the Peace Deal

- ✓ **Emile Hokayem**, Director of Regional Security and Senior Fellow for Middle East Security, IISS
- ✓ **Maria Damanaki**, Advisor on Climate-Oceans; EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (2010-2014)
- ✓ **Galip Dalay**, Sr Consulting Fellow, Turkey Initiative, Middle East & North Africa Program, Chatham House
- ✓ **Constantinos Filis**, Associate Professor & Director, Institute of Global Affairs, American College of Greece
- ✓ **Spyros Litsas**, Professor of International Relations, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Chair:

17:15 The Abraham Accords' New Era After the Sharm el-Sheikh Summit

- ✓ **Gregoire Roos**, Director for Europe, Russia & Eurasia, Chatham House
- ✓ **Faisal Abbas**, Editor-in-Chief, Arab News
- ✓ **Mustafa Aydın**, President, International Relations Council, Türkiye
- ✓ **Sotiris Roussos**, Prof. of Int'l Relations & Religion in Middle East, University of Peloponnese, Greece
- Samir Altaqi**, Middle East Programs, Atlantic Council (*tbc*)

Chair:

18:10 In Conversation

- ✓ **Nikos Androulakis**, Leader of the Opposition; President, PASOK-Movement for Change

Chair:

18:40 Geopolitical Rivalry in the Eastern Mediterranean: The Role of the EU - Russia - China - US

- ✓ **Dimitris Avramopoulos**, EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs & Citizenship (2014-2019)
- ✓ **Constantine Arvanitopoulos**, Director General, Konstantinos Karamanlis Foundation; Minister of Education (2012-2014)
- ✓ **Ioannis Valinakis**, Deputy Foreign Minister (2004-2009), Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Yannis Maniatis**, MEP, EU Parliament; Minister of the Environment, Energy & Climate Change (2009-2015)
- ✓ **Elena Lazarou**, Director General, ELIAMEP
- ✓ **Sean Mathews**, Journalist, Middle East Eye

Chair:

19:45 End of day 1

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09:15 Arrival of guests

10:15 Opening Remarks

✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Founder & President, Delphi Economic Forum

10:20 The East Med Forum Plan: Risk or opportunity for mutual gain?

✓ **George Gerapetritis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic (*video message*)

✓ **Evangelos Venizelos**, Deputy PM & MFA (2013-2015); Prof Emer, Aristotle Uni of Thessaloniki, Greece

✓ **Loukas Tsoukalis**, President of the Board, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy, Greece

✓ **Adm. Evangelos Apostolakis**, MP for State, f. Minister of National Defence, Hellenic Republic (2019)

✓ **Anna Diamantopoulou**, President, Diktio - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe

✓ **Ino Afentouli**, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations (IDIS)

Chair:

11:30 The New Economic Landscape of the Eastern Mediterranean

Haris Theoharis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic (*tbc*)

✓ **Dimitris Politis**, Advisor to the Prime Minister for Investments

✓ **Christos Hadjiemmanuil**, Audit Committee Chair, Bank of Greece; Professor, University of Piraeus

✓ **Gikas Hardouvelis**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Bank of Greece (NBG)

✓ **Yannis Alexis Zepos**, Ambassador a.h.

Chair:

12:20 Major Challenges for the Mediterranean Maritime Trade Routes

✓ **Angelos Syrigos**, Prof. of Intl Law and Foreign Policy, Panteion University; Member of Greek Parliament)

✓ **Costis Frangoulis**, President, Propeller Club, Greece

✓ **Marilena Koppa**, Professor of Comparative Politics, Panteion University, Greece

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13:45 Energy and Infrastructure: Economic Cooperation, Networks, and Geopolitical Rivalries

Stavros Papastavrou, Minister for the Environment and Energy, Hellenic Republic *(tbc)*

✓ **Athanasios Platias**, President, The Council for International Relations, Greece

✓ **Nikolaos Farantouris**, MEP; Professor of EU energy law; Member of the board, The Spinelli Group

✓ **Yiorgos Lakkotrypis**, Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism (2013-2020), Cyprus

✓ **Ariel Levite**, Senior Fellow, Technology & Intl Affairs Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

✓ **Tasos Chatzivasileiou**, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Nea Demokratia, Hellenic Republic

Chair:

14:45 What comes next in the Middle East?

✓ **Ehud Olmert**, Prime Minister (2006-2009), Israel

✓ **Sameh Shoukry**, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2014-2024), Egypt

✓ **Nikos Kotzias**, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2015-2018), Hellenic Republic

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic *(tbc)*

Ahmet Davutoğlu, Prime Minister (2014-2016), Türkiye *(tbc)*

Chair: ✓ **Gregoire Roos**, Director for Europe, Russia & Eurasia, Chatham House

15:45 Break

16:15 In Conversation

✓ **H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

with

✓ **Yiannis Pretenteris**, Publisher, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

17:00 End of conference