

## «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
- ✓ **Athanasios Platias**, President, The Council for International Relations, Greece
- ✓ **Yiannis Pretenteris**, Publisher, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

**13:25** Opening Statement

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

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

- ✓ **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
- ✓ **Nomi Bar-Yaacov**, International Peace Negotiator, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- ✓ **Volker Perthes**, Senior Distinguished Fellow, German Institute for International & Security Affairs (SWP), Germany
- ✓ **Konstantina Botsiou**, Prof. of Political History and Int'l Relations, University of Piraeus, Greece

Chair: ✓ **Tania Bozaninou**, Editor-in-Chief on International Matters, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

**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

Chair: ✓ **Dimitra Kroustalli**, Managing Editor, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

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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)
- ✓ **Nomi Bar-Yaacov**, International Peace Negotiator, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- ✓ **Galip Dalay**, Sr. Consulting Fellow, Turkey Initiative, Middle East & North Africa Program, Chatham House
- ✓ **Amre Moussa**, Sec-Gen, Arab League (2001-2011); Minister of Foreign Affairs (1991-2001), Egypt
- ✓ **Constantinos Filis**, Associate Professor & Director, Institute of Global Affairs, American College of Greece

Chair: ✓ **Stratis Aggelis**, International Matters, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

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

- ✓ **Gregoire Roos**, Director for Europe, Russia & Eurasia, Chatham House
- ✓ **Yoel Guzansky**, Senior Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Israel
- ✓ **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

Chair: ✓ **Odin Linardatou**, Chief Editor, TO VIMA International Edition, Greece

### 18:15 In Conversation

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

Chairs: ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Founder & President, Delphi Economic Forum  
and ✓ **Grigoris Tziovaras**, Political Editor, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

### 18:45 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)
- ✓ **Yannis Maniatis**, VP, S&D Group; MEP; Minister of the Environment, Energy & Climate Change (2009-2015)
- ✓ **Constantine Arvanitopoulos**, Director General, Konst. Karamanlis Foundation; Minister of Education (2012-2014)
- ✓ **Ioannis Valinakis**, Deputy Foreign Minister (2004-2009), Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Elena Lazarou**, Director General, ELIAMEP
- ✓ **Sean Mathews**, Journalist, Middle East Eye

Chair: ✓ **Marilia Papathanasiou**, International Matters, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

### 20:00 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

✓ **Anna Diamantopoulou**, President, Diktio-Network for Reform in Greece & Europe; Former EU Commissioner

✓ **Loukas Tsoukalis**, President of the Board, ELIAMEP; Professor, Sciences Po Paris

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

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

Chair: ✓ **Periklis Dimitrolopoulos**, Director, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

**11:30** The New Economic Landscape of the Eastern Mediterranean

✓ **Harry Theoharis**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic

✓ **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: ✓ **Ntinos Siomopoulos**, Journalist, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

**12:30** Major Challenges for the Mediterranean Maritime Trade Routes

✓ **Angelos Syrigos**, Prof. of Int'l Law and Foreign Policy, Panteion University; Member of Greek Parliament

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

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

Chair: ✓ **Christos Dogas**, Managing Editor, TO VIMA Newspaper, Greece

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**13:15** Break

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

- ✓ **Tasos Chatzivasileiou**, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Nea Demokratia, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Nikolaos Farantouris**, MEP; Professor of EU energy law; Chairman, EUROGAS Legal Affairs (2016-2019)
- ✓ **Yiorgos Lakkotrypis**, former Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism (2013-2020), Cyprus
- ✓ **Ariel Levite**, Senior Fellow, Technology & Int'l Affairs Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- ✓ **Costis Stambolis**, Chairman & Executive Director, Institute of Energy for SE Europe (IENE)

Chair: ✓ **Christos Kolonas**, Managing Editor, ot.gr, Greece

**14:45** What comes next in the Middle East?

- ✓ **Alexandra Papadopoulou**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Ehud Olmert**, Prime Minister (2006-2009), Israel
- ✓ **Sameh Shoukry**, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2014-2024), Egypt

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

**15:30** Break

**16:00** 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