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10th Business Forum Greece-Sweden
Crosscurrents: Policy, Power, Innovation

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Divani Caravel Hotel, Olympia Hall, Athens, Greece

At a time when Europe stands at a crossroads of strategic tension and industrial transformation, the 10th Business Forum Greece-Sweden will bring together voices from diplomacy, business and technology to examine what's next. The way that national and European choices are shaping the future's resilience, competitiveness and security, will be discussed through three sessions focused on Geopolitics, Energy and Defense & Innovation, aiming thus to connect the dots between policy, production and purpose.

Agenda

13:00 - Registration & Welcome Coffee

14:00 – Opening Remarks

George Georgakopoulos, Chairman, Hellenic-Swedish Chamber of Commerce

14:07 – Opening Remarks

H.E. Håkan Emsgård, Ambassador of Sweden to Greece

14:15 – Opening Address

Kostis Hatzidakis, Deputy Prime Minister

14:30 - Session 1 | Geopolitics: Pressure Points & Policy Directions

Geopolitics and geoeconomics were until recently fairly unusual terms in public discourse. Global developments in 2025 however, show that the trend of growing uncertainty and volatility in the political, economic, security and business domains continues, and likely will remain, as the established architecture for international cooperation is increasingly challenged and redefined. Tariffs on global trade are approaching levels not seen for nearly a century, while Europe and Greece must act decisively to advance their competitiveness and productivity to keep pace with rapid developments in the US and China. What are the most significant political decisions that need to be made, and what does this mean for the business community who will play a crucial role in driving growth both in Greece and Europe?

14:35 Keynote Address I

Diana Janse, State Secretary for Foreign Trade, to Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Benjamin Dousa

14:45 Keynote Address II

Harry Theocharis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

14:55 - Panel Discussion and Q&As

Panelists:

- **Dr. Göran von Sydow**, Director, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS)
- **Ambassador h. c. Konstantinos Bikas**, International Business Director, Metlen Energy & Metals
- **Alex Patelis**, Economist, Chief economic adviser to the Prime Minister 2019-2024

Expert Panel Moderator:

- **Ambassador Ad. H Grigorios Vassiloconstandakis**
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15:50 - Session 2 | ENERGY: Resilience and Investment

Greece is on a rapid trajectory towards decarbonizing its energy system and is now among the leading nations in Europe for renewable energy. While the proportion of renewable energy in electricity generation is growing, so is the total production capacity, as continued electrification in mobility, industry and tech sectors create more demand. Greece's strategic geography makes it well placed as a regional energy hub for interconnectors across the Mediterranean and onwards to the European continent. Infrastructure investments are key to this development. What are the bottlenecks, and where should future investments be focused?

15:55 Keynote Address III

***Stavros Papastavrou**, Minister of Environment and Energy

**Exact time to be confirmed*

16:05 – Panel Discussion and Q&As

Panelists:

- **Thomas Achimastos**, Group Vice Chairman, Chief Business Development & Strategy Officer, Copelouzos Group
- **Costas Papadopoulos**, Special Advisor, Hitachi Energy/former Country MD, Greece & Cyprus
- **Konstantinos Petropoulos**, General Manager, Structured & Shipping Finance, Piraeus Bank S.A.

- **Ioannis Margaris**, Deputy Chairman & Chief Technology, System Planning and Strategy Officer, Independent Power Transmission Operator (IPTO)

Expert Panel Moderator:

- **Apostolos Zampelas**, Partner, McKinsey & Company
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17:05 - Coffee Break

17:35 - Session 3 | DEFENSE & INNOVATION: Infrastructure for the next era

Innovation has long been integral and innate to the defense sector. Intensifying geopolitical threats in recent years have in the meantime accelerated the critical need for EU member states and NATO allies to prepare for new and emerging threats. As NATO allies now commit to higher spending targets, and the EU lays the groundwork for significant investments in defense, how can collaboration with industry be optimized and innovation in the defense sector cultivated?

17:40 Keynote Address IV

Dr. Thanos Ntokos, Secretary General for National Security

17:50 - Panel discussion and Q&As

Panelists:

- **Josefin van der Meer**, Program Director, Civil-Military Innovation Program (CMIP)
- **Somaya El Marrakchi**, Head of Business Development, Mission Critical Networks, Ericsson
- **Lars-inge Möller**, Head of Defense Product & Operation, Volvo Defense
- **Stefan Lundmark**, Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Saab
- **Dimitris Skalaïos**, Executive Director & CRO, Hellenic Aerospace Industry S.A. / Chairman, Hellenic Aerospace, Security & Defense Industries Group (HASDIG)
- **Panagiotis Lymperis**, Chairman of the Board, Hellenic Center for Defense Innovation (HCDI)

Expert Panel Moderator:

- **Dimitris Koutsopoulos**, CEO, Deloitte Greece
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19:10 - Closing Remarks

George Georgakopoulos, Chairman, Hellenic-Swedish Chamber of Commerce

19:15 – Standing Cocktail Reception