

## **International Conference for Peace and Sustainable Growth**

**17 & 18 June, 2024 | Athens Conservatoire**

### **DAY ONE**

**Monday, June 17 2024**

#### **12.30 ARRIVAL OF GUESTS - REGISTRATION**

#### **13.15 WELCOME - OPENING REMARKS**

**Maria Nikoltsiou**, Conference Presenter; Journalist, Alpha TV  
**Evangelos Kalpadakis**, Coordinator, Alexis Tsipras Institute  
**Venko Filipče**, Director, ZaeV Foundation – One Society for All

#### **13.30 SESSION ONE**

*Whither Europe (and Greece)? Growth and social cohesion challenges.*

**Paolo Gentiloni**, European Commissioner of Economy, Prime Minister of Italy (2016-2018)  
**George Chouliarakis**, Advisor to the Governor, Bank of Greece; Alternate Minister of Finance (2015-2019)  
**Nikos Vettas**, General Director, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE); Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business  
**Fay Makantasi**, Research Director, DiaNEOsis  
**Evgenia Fotoniata**, Co-ordinator, Economy and Society, ENA Institute for Alternate Policies

*Chair: Antonis Papagiannidis*, Lawyer - Journalist

#### **15.00 SESSION TWO**

*Regional developments in the Eastern Mediterranean and Southeast Europe. What are the prospects for peace and stability after the wars in Gaza and Ukraine?*

**Angelina Eichhorst**, Managing Director, European External Action Service (EEAS)  
**Jens Plötner**, Foreign and Security Policy Advisor of the Chancellor of Germany  
**Mustafa Aydin**, President, International Relations Council of Turkey  
**Sotiris Roussos**, Professor, International Relations in the Middle East and the Mediterranean  
**Barak Ravid**, Journalist, CNN political and foreign policy analyst (*online*)

*Chair:* **Constantinos Filis**, Professor and Director, ACG Institute of Global Affairs, American College of Greece

## **16.30 BREAK**

## **17.30 AWARD CEREMONY**

**Antonio Guterres**, Secretary General, United Nations (UN) (*video message*)

*Awarding of the Prespa Peace Award from the former Prime Ministers **Alexis Tsipras** and **Zoran Zaev** to **Matthew Nimetz**, UN Special Representative for the name issue (1994-2019)*

## **17.45 SESSION THREE**

*The negotiations leading up to the Agreement and its implementation six years on. Is the Prespa Agreement a model for resolving disputes peacefully?*

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

**Nikola Dimitrov**, President and co-founder of the Balkan Center for Constructive Policies-Solution; Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs (2017-2020), North Macedonia

**Matthew Nimetz**, UN Special Representative for the name issue (1994-2019)

*Chair:* **Marilena Koppa**, Professor of Comparative Politics, Department of European, International and Area Studies, Panteion University

## **19.15 DISCUSSION ON THE PRESPA AGREEMENT**

**Alexis Tsipras**, Prime Minister of Greece (2015-2019)

**Zoran Zaev**, Prime Minister of North Macedonia (2017-2022)

*Chair:* **Niki Limperaki**, Journalist, MEGA TV

## **19.45 SESSION FOUR**

*The accession perspective of the Western Balkans and its importance for the future of Europe. Are we in a period of stagnation or building new momentum?*

**Milos Vucevic**, Prime Minister of Serbia

**George Papandreou**, Prime Minister of Greece (2009-2011)

**Vlado Bučkovski**, Prime Minister of North Macedonia (2004-2006)

**Igli Hasani**, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania

**Miroslav Lajcak**, EU Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and Western Balkans

Chair: **Nektaria Stamouli**, Deputy editor in chief KATHIMERINI English edition, Eastern Mediterranean correspondent, POLITICO Europe

## 21.15 END OF DAY ONE

## DAY TWO

**Tuesday, June 18 2024**

### 11.30 REGISTRATION

### 12.30 SESSION FIVE

*Geopolitical developments and the role of international organizations in managing crises and ensuring peace*

**Margaritis Schinas**, Vice President for Promoting our European Way of Life, European Commission

**Theodoros Roussopoulos**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe

**Bassim Khoury**, Former Minister of National Economy (2009), Palestine

**Humberto Costa**, Vice President, Workers Party (PT), President, Social Affairs Committee of Federal Senate, Brazil

**Menelaos Menelaou**, Greek Cypriot Negotiator for the Cyprus Problem, Cyprus

**Ilina Mangova**, Country Director, International Republican Institute, North Macedonia

Chair: **Kaki Bali**, Journalist, AVGI

### 14.00 SESSION SIX

*Climate crisis and sustainable growth. How can challenges related to the fair transition towards the green agenda be addressed?*

**Maroš Šefčovič**, Executive VP for the European Green Deal; Commissioner for Climate Action (*video message*)

**Ekrem Imamoglu**, Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey (*video message*)

**Haris Doukas**, Mayor of Athens, Greece

**Julian Popov**, Fellow, European Climate Foundation; Minister of Environment and Water (2023-2024), Bulgaria

**David Livingston**, Senior Advisor in the office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry (*online*)

**Manolis Plionis**, Director and President of the Board of Directors, National Observatory of Athens

**Maria Vassilakou**, Founder, Vienna Solutions; Deputy Mayor and Deputy Governor of Vienna (2010-2019), Austria

Chair: **Harry Tzimitras**, Director, Cyprus Centre, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Cyprus

### 15.15 Conversation of **Harry Tzimitras** with **Geoffrey Pyatt**, Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State (*online*)

15.30

## SESSION SEVEN

*Europe and the rise of far-right and nationalist forces. Which policies can help confront them?*

Metron Analysis Research and Choose Strategic Communications Partner, Presentation by **Stratos Fanaras, Yiannis Balampanidis**

*Chair:* **Maria Nikoltsiou**, Journalist, Alpha TV

16.00

**Martin Schulz**, President and Chairman, Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (FES); President of the European Parliament (2012-2017) (*online*)

**Elly Schlein**, Secretary, Democratic Party (PD), Italy (*online*)

**Stefanos Stefanou**, General Secretary, Progressive Party of Working People (AKEL), Cyprus

**Walter Baier**, Leader of the Party of the European Left, candidate for the European Commission

**Ska Keller**, Member of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, European Parliament

**Magnús Skjöld**, Liaison for International Affairs, Social Democratic Alliance, Icelandic Parliament, Iceland

**Alice Barbe**, Director General, Académie Des Futurs Leaders, France

*Chair:* **Elaine Papoulias**, Executive Director of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES), Harvard University, USA

17.30

## BREAK

19.00

## ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

20.00

## SESSION EIGHT - FINAL REMARKS

*The future of Europe*

**Francois Hollande**, President of France (2012-2017) (*online*)

**Stefan Löfven**, Prime Minister of Sweden (2014-2021)

**Yolanda Diaz**, Second Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Labour and Social Economy, President, Sumar, Spain (*video message*)

**Zoran Zaev**, Prime Minister of North Macedonia (2017-2022)

**Alexis Tsipras**, Prime Minister of Greece (2015-2019)

*Chair:* **Dora Anagnostopoulou**, Journalist, MEGA TV

21.30

## END OF CONFERENCE