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16TH CYPRUS VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Europe: Putting solidarity to the test

Cyprus: In need of a new growth model?

November 24th 2020 • 2:00 pm (EET) • 7:00 am (EST)

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14:00 EET
(07:00 EST)

THE *ECONOMIST*'S FORECAST ON EUROPE'S ECONOMY

- Discussing recession shapes
- The impact of the pandemic on the eastern Mediterranean's economic and geopolitical landscape
- Brexit: Back to the drawing board?

John Peet, political and Brexit editor, *The Economist*

14:05 EET
(07:05 EST)

CYPRUS AFTER THE STORM

- Building resilience
- Enhancing regional cooperation
- Supporting economy and the society
- A test for EU's cohesion

Keynote address:

Nicos Anastasiades, president, Republic of Cyprus (recorded message)

14:20 EET
(07:20 EST)

EUROPE: PUTTING SOLIDARITY TO THE TEST

- How has Cyprus tackled the pandemic?
- The business & academic perspectives

Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for health and food safety (recorded message)

Ierotheos Papadopoulos, head, European Commission Representation in Cyprus

Theodore Tryfon, president, Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF), member of the board, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)

Christoforos Hadjikyrianou, CEO and president of the council, European University Cyprus

14:40 EET
(07:40 EST)

Discussion

15:00 EET
(08:00 EST)

Break

15:10 EET
(08:10 EST)

THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AFTER THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: WHAT WILL CHANGE & WHAT WILL NOT?

Keynote speaker:

Robert Menendez, United States Senator (acceptance in principle)

15:20 EET
(08:20 EST)

Discussion

15:35 EET
(08:35 EST)

US FOREIGN POLICY & THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Nicholas Burns, former US under secretary of state for political affairs

ENERGY DIPLOMACY IN TURBULENT TIMES

- Is there hope for peace & mutual understanding?

Nikos Christodoulides, minister of foreign affairs, Cyprus

Nikolaos Dendias, minister of foreign affairs, Greece

15:55 EET
(08:55 EST)

Discussion

16:15 EET
(09:15 EST)

EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND STABILITY

AT THE CROSSROADS OF THREE CONTINENTS

- Drilling activities and exclusive economic zones in the Levantine basin
- Alliances in the Mediterranean region: Is there a game changer?
- Escalating tension with Turkey: Next steps?

* **Florence Parly**, minister for the armed forces, France

Charalambos Petrides, minister of defence, Cyprus

Thanos Dokos, national security advisor to the prime minister, Greece

Spyros Economides, associate professor in international relations and European politics, London School of Economics

16:35 EET
(09:35 EST)

Discussion

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Break

17:05 EET
(10:05 EST)

THE POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROSPECTS FOR EUROPE AND CYPRUS

- Is there enough ammunition to trigger recovery?
- The Eurobond concept: pros and cons
- How soon can the Cypriot economy recover?

Klaus Regling, managing director, European Stability Mechanism (ESM)

Jeroen Dijsselbloem, chairman, Dutch Safety Board, former president, Eurogroup

Harris Georgiades, former minister of finance, Cyprus, deputy leader, Democratic Rally

- The business perspective

Evgenios Evgeniou, CEO, PwC Cyprus

Charis Pouangare, deputy CEO, Bank of Cyprus

17:45 EET
(10:45 EST)

Discussion

18:05 EET
(11:05 EST)

TESTING THE STRENGTH OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

- Are the banking systems in a position to contain the recession and boost recovery?
- Mainstream and alternative ways to finance recovery
- Reducing non-performing loans: Why is it now more crucial than ever?
- Cyprus: Is there a risk of a new bank crisis?
- How is the “new normal” accelerating the fintech revolution?

* **George Panteli**, permanent secretary, Ministry of Finance, Cyprus

Michalis Athanasiou, executive director global corporate banking & markets, Bank of Cyprus

Athanasios Vamvakidis, managing director & global head of G10 foreign exchange strategy, Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Cristina Torrella, senior director, financial institutions, Fitch Ratings

Michael Christos Charalambides, CEO and managing director, ECommBX

18:35 EET
(11:25 EST)

Discussion

18:55 EET
(11:55 EST)

Break

19:05 EET
(12:05 EST)

WILL THE HYDROCARBONS EXPLORATION RESUME ITS MOMENTUM?

- The current global trends in the energy sector
- Hydrocarbons exploration in the eastern Mediterranean:
The repercussions of the pandemic – the political implications

Natasa Pilides, minister of energy, commerce and industry, Cyprus

In dialogue with business:

* **Romarc Roignan**, vice president North Africa, Total Exploration & Production Representative, Chevron (name to be advised)

19:25 EET
(12:25 EST)

Discussion

19:45 EET
(12:45 EST)

ENERGY TRANSITION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: GREECE'S SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

In dialogue with the Economist:

* **Andreas Shiamishis**, chief executive officer, Hellenic Petroleum

19:50 EET
(12:50 EST)

Discussion

20:00 EET
(13:00 EST)

TOWARDS A POST COVID-19 GROWTH AND BUSINESS MODEL

- Innovation – flexibility - competitiveness
- Technology disruption in the post-pandemic world

Gallina Andronova Vincelette, director for the EU countries, World Bank Group

Christodoulos Angastiniotis, president, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry

20:10 EET
(13:10 EST)

Discussion

20:30 EET
(13:30 EST)

End of sessions

* Awaiting confirmation

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