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08:30 - 09:00 **ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION**

MORNING SESSION | Moderation: **Nikos Filippidis**, journalist

09:00 - 09:10 **WELCOME REMARKS**

Ioannis Tsakiris, Deputy Minister of Development and Investments

09:10 - 10:30 **KEYNOTE SPEECHES**

Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece

Margaritis Schinas, Vice President of the European Commission

Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development and Investments

Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner of Cohesion and Reforms

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the Association of Greek Regions

10:30 - 11:30 **SESSION 1: NATIONAL STRATEGY "GREECE 2020-2030"**

- **Nikos Vettas**, General Director, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE) and Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business
[Growth challenges and policy priorities](#)
- **Joost Korte**, Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
[Developing a Strategy that works for the Greek people](#)
- **Joaquim Oliveira Martins**, Deputy-Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities OECD
[The OECD Territorial Review of Greece](#)

Moderator: **Dimitrios Skalkos**, Secretary General for Public Investments and PA, Ministry of Development and Investments

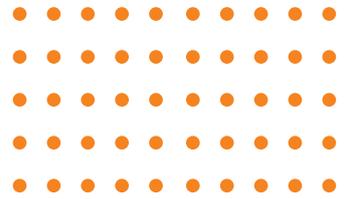
11:30 - 12:30 **SESSION 2: SMART EUROPE - INNOVATIVE AND SMART ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION**

- **Manolis Dermitzakis**, Professor of Genetics, University of Geneva and Chair, National Council for Research, Technology and Innovation
[Back to basics in research and innovation](#)
- **Zoe Cournia**, Founder Ingredio and Senior Researcher at the Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens
[Research & Innovation in start-up companies and research centers as a driver for development](#)
- **Petros Soukoulis**, Vice President of the Regional Council for Research & Innovation in Eastern Macedonia & Thrace
[Digital transformation in industry](#)

Moderator: **Leonidas Christopoulos**, Secretary General of Digital Governance and Simplification of Procedures, Ministry of Digital Governance

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12:30 - 13:30 SESSION 3: GREEN AND RESILIENT EUROPE WITH LOW CARBON EMISSIONS

- **Alexandra Sdoukou**, Secretary General for Energy & Mineral Resources, Ministry of Environment and Energy
[A decade for green development](#)
- **Dimitrios Kontaxis**, President of the Federation of Recycling and Energy Recovery Industries and Enterprises in Greece (SEPAN)
[The circular economy in Greece as a catalyst for growth](#)
- **Ioli Christopoulou**, Policy Director, The Green Tank
[The critical decade: Financing for a sustainable future](#)

Moderator: **Giorgos - Stavros Kremlis**, Principal Advisor to the Prime Minister for Energy, Climate, Environments and Circular Economy

Q&A SESSION WITH THE AUDIENCE

13:30 - 14:30 LIGHT BUFFET LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSIONS | Moderation: **Iro Rantou**, journalist

14:30 - 15:30 SESSION 4: CONNECTED EUROPE - IMPROVING MOBILITY AND REGIONAL ICT INTERCONNECTIVITY

- **Nikos Stathopoulos**, Secretary General for Transportation, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
[Infrastructure and information Networks: The double face of modern mobility](#)
- **George Yannis**, Professor, National Technical University of Athens and Transportation Engineer
[Key Challenges for a Sustainable National Transport System](#)
- **Costas Kargakos**, Loan Officer, Greek Public Sector Financing, European Investment Bank
[European Investment Bank supporting growth in Greece](#)

Moderator: **Niki Dandolou**, Special Secretary For European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund & European Social Fund Programmes (ERDF, CF & ESF)
Ministry of Development and Investments

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15:30 - 16:30 **SESSION 5: SOCIAL EUROPE – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS**

- **Harry (Chariton) Kyriazis**, Management Consultant, Dep. Member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Vice-Chairman of International Training Center of ILO
Skills for today's needs: Can this program succeed?
- **Apostolis Dimitropoulos**, Secretary General for Higher Education, Ministry of Education & Religious Affairs
The role of education in a sustainable recovery: changes and priorities
- **Stavros Gavroglou**, Deputy General Manager, National Institute of Labour and Human Resources
Needs Assessment Mechanism for the Labour Market: Digital Tools for the Design of Effective Social Policies

Moderator: **Christos Goulas**, Director of the Institute of Labor, General Confederation of Greek Workers

Q&A SESSION WITH THE AUDIENCE

16:30 - 17:30 **SESSION 6: EUROPE CLOSER TO THE CITIZENS – INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL TYPES OF TERRITORIES**

- **Konstantinos Agorastos**, Governor of the Region of Thessaly
Integrated Spatial Development, Tool for Sustainable Development
- **George Petrakos**, Professor at the Department of Planning and Regional Development, School of Engineering and former Rector of the University of Thessaly
The Strategy for Regional Cohesion and Development in the new decade
- **Georgios Kasapidis**, Governor of the Region of Western Macedonia
Strategic orientation of the post-lignite era in the region of Western Macedonia
- **Stavros Benos**, President of Diazoma Association
The spiritual background of the PA 2021 -2027

Moderator: **Christiana Kalogirou**, Secretary General of Aegean and Insular Policy, Ministry of Maritime and Insular Policy

Q&A SESSION WITH THE AUDIENCE

17:30 - 18:30 **INTERVENTIONS BY STAKEHOLDERS' REPRESENTATIVES** **WRAP UP VIDEO**

18:30 **CLOSING SESSION**