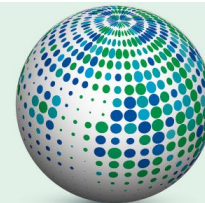


# BALKANS & BLACK SEA FORUM



Executive Roundtable

ATHENS-GREECE | 5 JULY 2023

## “ The role of Greece in the Balkan and the Black Sea regions ”

*The Balkans & Black Sea Forum “executive roundtable” brings together visionary policymakers, diplomats and businessmen to review challenges, assess implications, identify opportunities and promote bi-/multi-lateral cooperation across the region. Restricted to experts and selected audience by invitation only, they provide space for open, sincere and out-of-the-box dialogue and debate.*

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*About 2023: Following the grave geopolitical consequences provoked by the war in the region and the disruptions in energy, connectivity, security and stability, States must embark on an effort to reach viable solutions and to agree on a new code of conduct. The “executive roundtable 2023” focuses on “The role of Greece in the Balkan & Black Sea regions” and on how Greece could contribute to this effort by assuming a significant role, both political and economic.*

### Agenda

**09.30-10.00:** Registrations

**10.00-10.30:** Welcome remarks

1. Mr. Giannis Balakakis, Chair Executive Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum
2. Ambassador (a.h.) Michael B. Christides, Co-Chair Executive Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum
3. Dr. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director, European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

**10.30-12.00:** Chapter 1: Energy sector

1. H.E Ms. Lajla Brandt Jakhelln, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Greece & Cyprus
2. Mr. Thanos Dokos, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister
3. Mr. Costis Stambolis, Executive Director, Institute of Energy for South East Europe
4. Dr. Yannis Maniatis, Professor Piraeus University, fm. Minister of Energy & Environment
5. Dr. Michael Thomadakis, Chief Officer Strategy & Development, DESFA SA
6. Moderator: Mr. Lambros Kalarrytis, Journalist

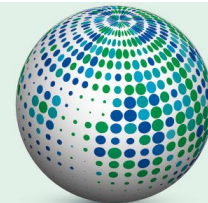
**12.00-12.30:** Break (coffee)

**12.30-14.00:** Chapter 2: Innovation-Technologies, Economics, Environment

7. H.E. Mr. Sergii Shutenko, Ambassador of Ukraine
8. Mr. Erik Holmgren, Economic Counselor, Embassy of the United States
9. Ms. Christina Papaconstantinou, Deputy Governor, Bank of Greece
10. Mr. Hendrik Bosshammer, Project Manager SEE, OECD
11. Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis, Deputy Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS
12. Moderator: Mr. Anthony Papayiannides, Journalist

**14.00-15.00:** Break (light lunch)

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## 15.00-16.30: Chapter 3: Connectivity, Mobility, Infrastructure

13. Mr. Konstantinos Fragkogiannis, Deputy Minister, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs
14. H.E Mr. Noam Katz, Ambassador of Israel
15. H.E Mr. Yerlan Baudarbak-Kozhatayev, Ambassador of Kazakhstan
16. H.E. Mr. Valentin Poriazov, Ambassador of Bulgaria
17. Moderator: Mr. Anthony Papayiannides, Journalist

## 16.30-17.00: Break (coffee)

## 17.00-18.30: Chapter 4: Soft power, Intercultural cooperation

18. H.E. Ms. Lina Skerstonaitė, Ambassador of Lithuania
19. H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Kenevezos, Ambassador of Cyprus
20. H.E. Ms. Lidija Boskovska, Ambassador of North Macedonia
21. Mr. George Kremlis, Chair Greek Initiative UN level on climate & culture, EPLO
22. Mr. John Nomikos, Director, European Intelligence Academy
23. Ms. Xenia Kaldara, President, Cacoyannis Foundation
24. Moderator: Ambassador (a.h.) Michael B. Christides, Co-Chair Executive Committee, BBSF

## 18.30-19.00: Conclusions

Ambassador (a.h.) Michael B. Christides, Co-Chair Executive Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum  
Mr. Giannis Balakakis, Chair Executive Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum

## Remarks

- Official language is Greek with simultaneous translation from/to English
- Participation is by invitation only. No livestreaming will be available

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