

# Cyprus Forum Brussels 2025

## Shaping Europe's Future and the Role of Cyprus

Twenty years since the accession, one year before the Cyprus Presidency

Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 15:00-16:30

European Parliament, Room A3E-2

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### 15:00 Opening Remarks

**Loucas Furlas**, Member of the European Parliament

**Nicolas Kyriakides**, Cyprus Forum

### 15:10 Keynote speech

**Costas Kadis**, EU Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

### 15:15 Keynote speech

**Christina Rafti**, Permanent Representative of Cyprus in the EU

### 15:20 Keynote speech

**Ioannis Vrailas**, Permanent Representative of Greece to the European Union

### 15:25 EU Security and Defence: The role of Cyprus

#### *Speakers*

**Constantinos Constantinou**, Colonel, Military Representative to the EU Military Committee, Republic of Cyprus

**Loukas Tsarmaklis**, Vice Admiral, Military Representative of Greece to the EU Military Committee

**Constantinos Hadjisavvas**, Director of Digital Resilience and Defence, DIGITALEUROPE, Member of the Cyprus Defence Industrial Council

*Moderator*

**Amanda Paul**, European Policy Centre

## **15:55 Resolving Conflict and Economic Prospects: Lessons from Cyprus and Beyond**

*Speakers*

**Giulia Bertezzolo**, Head of Unit Cyprus Settlement, European Commission

**Anneli Koudstaal**, Program Manager Southern Europe, World Bank

**Evan Kalpadakis**, Coordinator, Tsipras Institute for Peace, Justice and Sustainable Growth

**Erhan Ercin**, Former Special Representative to the Turkish Cypriot leader

**Loucas Fourlas**, Member of the European Parliament

*Moderator*

**Harry Tzimitras**, PRIO Cyprus

## **16:15 Cyprus: One year before the EU Presidency**

*Speakers*

**Eva Yiasemidou**, Presidency Coordinator, Permanent Representation of Cyprus

**Zsolt Darvas**, Bruegel

**Eleni Zika**, Head of Scientific Impact and Feedback to Policy, ERCEA

*Moderator*

**Yiorgos Kakouris**, Brussels correspondent Cyprus News Agency, Alpha, Kathimerini