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**Opening ceremony**  
October 1st, 2025 at Nicosia Old Town Hall

**Welcome Addresses**

18:30-18:35 Nicolas Kyriakides, Executive President & Founding Member, Cyprus Forum

**Keynote Addresses**

18:35-18:40 Nikos Christodoulides, President of the Republic of Cyprus (recorded message)

18:40-18:45 Costas Kadis, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans (recorded message)

18:45-18:50 Marta Kos, European Commissioner for Enlargement (recorded message)

18:50-18:55 Mario Nava, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

18:55-19:00 Constantinos Yiorkadjis, Chairman of The Nicosia District Local Government Organisation

**19:00-19:30**

**Zeno of Citium address**

Michalis Arghyrou, Professor of Economics, Head of Economics Office of the Prime Minister of Greece

**Discussant:** Kyriakos Iordanou, General Manager, ICPAC

**Knowledge Partner:** ICPAC

**Peace and Democracy Award**

19:30-19:35 Charalambos Prountzos

19:35-19:40 Mehmet Harmanci

19:40-19:45 Giulia Bertezolo, Head of the Cyprus Settlement Support Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (European Commission)

19:45-20:00 Award

20:00-21:00

Networking event

## Panel discussions

October 2nd, 2025 at Nicosia Old Town Hall

8:30-9:00

Registrations

Nicosia Old Town Hall  
Zeno Room

Nicosia Old Town Hall  
Aphrodite Room

9:00-9:30

**Fireside discussion on digital policy, AI, and the role of tech giants in democratic societies**

Nicodemos Damianou, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy

Flavio Arzerello, Meta

**Moderator:** Ioanna Theodosopoulou, Zenox Public Affairs

9:00-9:50

**Wildfire prevention: Building resilient futures**

Kostas Papageorgiou, Department of Forests

Fábio Silva, Fire Behavior Analyst, greenflame

Pierantonios Papazoglou, Research Associate in Civil Protection and Safety of Responders, European University Cyprus (EUC); CERIDES Research & Strategy Manager, Centre of Excellence in Risk and Decision Sciences (CERIDES)

**Moderator:** Georgios Chrysanthou, Journalist, Alpha Cyprus

**Knowledge Partner:** CERIDES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>09:30-10:30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Citizens discuss with an MEP</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Costas Mavrides, MEP</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> Avgoustinos Kitromilidis, Policy Officer, Oxygen for Democracy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evie Theocharous, Policy Officer, Zenox Public Affairs</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> European Parliament Liaison Office in Cyprus</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30-11:00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fireside discussion on institutional reform and democratic resilience</b></p> <p>Irene Piki, Deputy Minister to the President, Government of the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Nicolas Kyriakides, Executive President &amp; Founding Member, Cyprus Forum</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Oxygen for Democracy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:50-10:20</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fireside discussion on Migration Policy: Challenges, Realism, and Prospects for Cyprus and Europe</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nicholas A. Ioannides, Deputy Minister, Deputy Ministry of Migration and International Protection</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Nicolas Kyriakides, Executive President &amp; Founding Member, Cyprus Forum</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00-11:30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cyprus EU Presidency in 2026</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eleftheria Aristotelous, Deputy Head, Programme and Policy Division, Secretariat of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cleopatra Kitti, Certified Independent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:20-11:10</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spotlight on long-term care in Cyprus</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michalis Damianos, Minister of Health (keynote speech read by Rebecca Kokkinofa, Director, State General Laboratory)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Irene Cotter, Doctor working at the Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health</p>

<p>Director; Advisor to international organisations and governments, Founder The Mediterranean Growth Initiative, Cleopatra Kittis Limited</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Elena Lazarou, Director General at ELIAMEP</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> ELIAMEP</p>	<p>Stavroula Georgiou, Administrative Officer, Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare</p> <p>Christos Koulouteris, Team Leader-Cyprus Team, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p> <p>Dr Irshad Shaikh, Head Of Country Office, World Health Organization</p> <p>Marina Polycarpou, Gerontologist, M.Sc. Managing Director, Materia Group</p> <p>Dimitris Lambrianides, President of the Cyprus Paraplegics Organisation</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Marios Kantaris, Health Services Research Centre</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Health Services Research Centre</p>
	<p><b>11:10-11:20</b></p> <p><b>The next day of capital markets: Digitalization, FinTech, and Crypto-Assets</b></p> <p>George Theocharides, Chairman, CYSEC (keynote speech)</p>
<p><b>11:30-12:30</b></p> <p><b>The future of work: Advancing job quality, skills and social prosperity</b></p> <p>Yiannis Panayiotou, Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance</p>	<p><b>11:20-12:00</b></p> <p><b>The future of Europe under new economic and geopolitical challenges</b></p> <p>André Sapir, Senior Fellow at Bruegel and Professor Emeritus at Université libre de Bruxelles</p> <p>Oksana Antonenko, Professor, Florence School of Transnational Governance,</p>

<p>Mario Nava, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</p> <p>Nicholas Yatromanolakis, Founder, Policy Lab; former Deputy Minister of Culture, Greece</p> <p>Anna Diamantopoulou, President of Diktio - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe</p> <p>George Pantelides, Chairman, Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation (OEB)</p> <p>Stavros Stavrou, President, Cyprus Chamber Of Commerce and Industry</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Maria Hambi, Editor in Chief, Stockwatch</p>	<p>European University Institute</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ioannis Tirkides, Economic Research Manager, Bank of Cyprus</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Cyprus Economic Society</p> <p><i>This session is held in memory of the late Nikos G. Sykas, Strategy and Innovation Consultant, who was a steadfast supporter of the Cyprus Forum, actively engaging with its work and contributing his insight and passion to numerous discussions over the years.</i></p>
<p><b>12:30-13:30</b></p> <p><b>Tax reform in Cyprus: Challenges and the new tax reality</b></p> <p>Makis Keravnos, Minister of Finance (keynote speech read by Maria Heracleous)</p> <p>Marios Tannousis, CEO, Invest Cyprus</p> <p>Michalis Grekas, Indirect Tax Expert, KPMG, Chairman, VAT Committee, ICPAC</p> <p>Eftychios Eftychiou, Chairman of the ICPAC Tax Planning and Policy Committee, ICPAC</p> <p>Grigoris Kamperis, Philip Morris Cyprus</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Georgia Channi, Finance Editor, Politis Newspaper</p>	<p><b>12:00-13:00</b></p> <p><b>Building an open urban data future: The case of Cyprus</b></p> <p>Marios M. Polycarpou, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Director of the KIOS Research and Innovation Center of Excellence at the University of Cyprus</p> <p>Marina Neophytou, Professor at University of Cyprus, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Research Group Leader of the Laboratory-Isle of Excellence in Environmental Fluid Mechanics</p> <p>Gareth Simons, Senior Research Fellow in Building Stock and Energy Modelling, Bartlett School Env, Energy &amp; Resources</p> <p>Valentina Marin, Associate Director, Space Syntax</p>

	<p>Pavlos Loizou, Founder and CEO, Ask Wire</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Nadia Charalambous, Associate Professor, University of Cyprus; Director of Society and Urban Form (SURF) lab</p> <p>Ilaria Geddes, Research Lead of the Society and Urban Form (SURF) Research Lab at the Department of Architecture, University of Cyprus and a Senior Researcher on the Horizon Europe project Twinning Towards Research Excellence in Evidence-Based Planning and Urban Design (TWIN2EXPAND)</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Surf Lab</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13:00-14:00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch Break</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14:00-14:50</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guardians of democracy: The battle for institutional independence</b></p> <p>Laura Codruța Kövesi, European Chief Prosecutor (recorded message)</p> <p>Demetris Demetriou, President of the Parliamentary Committee on Institutions, Merit and the Commissioner on Administration, DISY</p> <p>Irene Charalambides, Head of Delegation, Vice-President of the OSCE PA, Special Representative on Fighting Corruption, President of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Equal Opportunities for Men and Women, AKEL</p> <p>Dr. Odysseas Michaelides, Leader, ALMA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14:00-15:00</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Green Deal in practice: Cyprus implementation agenda</b></p> <p>Charalampos Theopemptou, Chair of the Environment Committee, Cyprus Parliament</p> <p>Savvas Vlachos, Director, Cyprus Energy Agency</p> <p>Eleni Stylianopoulou, Chief Senior Environment Officer, Secretariat for the Coordination and Support of the Government Programme</p> <p>Nicoletta Neophytou, Director, PwC Cyprus</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Andreas Papallas, Architect / Researcher, ADP</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Movement</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Christophoros Christophi, Legal Matters</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Oxygen for Democracy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> SURF lab</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14:50-15:20</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Balancing the scale: gender equality in politics</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Josie Christodoulou, Commissioner for Gender Equality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Stella Mourouzidou Damtsa, CFA, DEI Chair, CFA Board of Directors</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Stefanos Stavros Evangelides, Advocate/Board Secretary, Accept – LGBTI Cyprus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:00-15:50</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The shrinking of civil society space: Challenges and prospects</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Konstantina Karacosta, Founder and Cost Consultant at K. KARAKOSTA Q.S. L.L.C, Vice President of Civil Society Advocates and President of NGO “ένα εμείς”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dimitris Lambrianides, President of the Cyprus Paraplegics Organisation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Andreas Kyprianides, Secretary General of the Cyprus Youth Council</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Foteini Sokratous, Project Manager and Researcher, CARDET</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Civic Champions project, CARDET</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:20-15:50</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fireside discussion on the introduction of natural gas and the transition from diesel and fuel oil to natural gas</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">George Papanastasiou, Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Charles Ellinas, CEO - Also Councillor, eCNHC - with Atlantic Council</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Atlantic Council</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:50-16:40</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The end of an era? New political formations, upcoming elections and the credibility of polls</b></p> <p>Yiannos Katsourides, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia</p> <p>Filippa Chatzistavrou, Assistant Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens</p> <p>Petros Demetriou, former Deputy Minister to the President, Government of the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p>Andromachi Sophocleous, Political Analyst, Co-president, Volt</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Giorgos Charalambous, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Unit for Comparative Democratic Studies, University of Nicosia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:50-16:40</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Accelerating the energy transition through pragmatic solutions</b></p> <p>Julian Popov, Senior Fellow, Strategic Perspectives</p> <p>Professor Theodoros Zachariadis - Professor and Acting Director of the Energy, Environment and Water Research Centre of the Cyprus Institute</p> <p>Professor Konstantinos Tsimaras - Board Member RAAEY - Vice-President MedReg</p> <p>Costas Papanicolas, Professor, The Cyprus Institute</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Charles Ellinas, CEO - Also Councillor, eCNHC - with Atlantic Council</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Atlantic Council</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:40-17:40</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Breaking the silence: Journalism, political influence, and the fight for truth</b></p> <p>Giorgos Frangos, President, Editors Association of Cyprus (keynote speaker)</p> <p>Kostas Pliakos, Journalist- Supervising producer at CNN Greece, CNN Greece</p> <p>Ayşemden Akın, Editor in chief, Bugun Kibris</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:40-17:40</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>What really happened in Cyprus: A critical assessment since independence and the day forward</b></p> <p><b>Keynote address by the author of the book:</b></p> <p>Andreas Theophanous, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, President of the Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs</p>

<p>Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Former MEP, European Parliament</p> <p>Andreas Cosma, Researcher, OCCRP, Investigative Journalist, CIREN</p> <p>Ilias Nikolaidis, Content Director, diaNEOsis</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ralli Papageorgiou, Journalist, CNA - CYBC</p>	<p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <p>Michalis Kontos, Associate Professor of International Relations</p> <p>Sevki Kiralp, Associate Professor of International Relations</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Evie Phillips, Journalist, Cyprus News Agency</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs</p>
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**Official Conference Dinner (by invitation only)**  
October 2nd, 2025 at 1888

**20:00-20:30**

**Keynote address**

Mario Nava, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

**Panel discussions**  
October 3rd, 2025 at Nicosia Old Town Hall

**8:30-9:00**

**Registrations**

<p align="center">Nicosia Old Town Hall Zeno Room</p>	<p align="center">Nicosia Old Town Hall Aphrodite Room</p>
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**9:00-9:15**

**Strengthening the parliamentary system and democracy in Cyprus: Discussion on the role of parliament in enhancing**

**9:00-9:40**

**Cyprus and the EuroMed region: Diplomacy, trade and security in a region of shifting balances**

<p><b>transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in political processes</b></p> <p>Annita Demetriou, President of the House of Representatives (keynote speech)</p>	<p>Michael Tatham, British High Commissioner, British High Commission</p> <p>Dorothee Schmid, Head of the Turkey-Middle East program at IFRI</p> <p>Ilkay Demirdag, Co Founder, Energy Shift Capital</p> <p>Nvard Chalikyan, Research Fellow, APRI Armenia</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Petros Petrikkos, Adjunct Faculty, University of Nicosia</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> APRI Armenia</p>
<p><b>9:15-10:15</b></p> <p><b>Power to the people: Unleashing the future of Citizen Democracy</b></p> <p>Panagiotis Palates, Commissioner For The Citizen</p> <p>Maria Miltiadou, Deputy Executive Director, ONEK</p> <p>Clélia Chevrier Kolačko, Ambassador of France</p> <p>Georgia Klefti, President, Paralimni Youth President, Paralimni Youth</p> <p>Dominik Hierlemann, Senior Advisor, Bertelsmann Stiftung</p> <p>Anastasia Karatzia, Associate Professor in Law, University of Essex</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> George Isaia, Executive Director, Oxygen for Democracy</p>	<p><b>9:40-10:20</b></p> <p><b>Policy priorities and challenges through the lens of the European Parliament and the EU budget for 2028-2034</b></p> <p>Charis Polycarpou, Economist - Head of the Economic Policy Department of AKEL</p> <p>Yasar Aydin, Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS)</p> <p>Sophia Russack, Research Fellow, CEPS</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Yannis Seitanides, Chief Finance Editor, Politis, Daily Newspaper</p>

<p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> EU-CIEMBLY: Democracy for all</p>	
<p><b>10:15-10:55</b></p> <p><b>Fireside discussion on shaping the future of education: Teachers' evaluation, civic education and systemic reform</b></p> <p>Athena Michaelidou, Minister of Education, Sport and Youth</p> <p>Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> George Isaia, Executive Director, Oxygen for Democracy</p> <p>Charalambos Vrasidas, Executive Director-Professor, CARDET</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> CARDET</p>	<p><b>10:20-11:00</b></p> <p><b>The Eastern Mediterranean strategic significance to European and global processes</b></p> <p>Shri Manish, Ambassador of India</p> <p>Amira Oron, Israeli Diplomat and Ambassador to Egypt</p> <p>George Pamboridis, Senior Partner, Pamboridis LLC</p> <p>Aziel Philippos Goulandris, Secretary-General of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> George Hadjipavli, Programme Coordinator, Eastern Mediterranean programme at Oxford</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> SEESOX</p>
<p><b>10:55-11:35</b></p> <p><b>The triple threat to democracy: Corruption, cronyism and mediocrity</b></p> <p>Phedonas Phedonos, Mayor of Pafos</p> <p>Wassim El Hajj, Rector of AUB Mediterraneo The American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo (AUB Mediterraneo)</p> <p>Chrysanthos Chrysanthou, Assistant Professor of Ancient Greek &amp; ERC StG</p>	<p><b>11:00-11:50</b></p> <p><b>Foreign direct investment: Growth engine or dependency trap?</b></p> <p>Omiros Pissarides, Managing Director, Ominthia Capital Ltd</p> <p>Konstantinos Panitsas, Economist, ESF Center, The Conference Board</p> <p>Anastasios Yiasemides, KPMG</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Evangelos Tryfonos, Cyprus</p>

<p>Grantee 2023, University of Cyprus</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sotiris Paroutis, Journalist, OMEGA</p>	<p>Economy and Competitiveness Council</p>
<p><b>11:35-12:35</b></p> <p><b>Revisiting the institution of the Attorney General</b></p> <p>Christina Karakosta, Policy Officer, Rule of Law Unit, European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers</p> <p>Achilles Emilianides, Dean of the School of Law, University of Nicosia</p> <p>Nikitas Hatzimihail, Professor at Department of Law, University of Cyprus, Senior Research Fellow of Institute of Studies for Politics and Democracy</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kriton Dionysiou, Advocate, Lecturer of Law, University of Limassol, Board Member of Institute of Studies for Politics and Democracy</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> ISPD</p>	<p><b>11:50-12:30</b></p> <p><b>Security Vs Defense: The militarisation of Europe</b></p> <p>Panayiotis Hadjipavlis, Defence Director, Ministry of Defence</p> <p>Tomasz Obremski, Program Manager of the Warsaw Security Forum, Casimir Pulaski Foundation</p> <p>Marek Szczepanowski, Ambassador of Poland to Cyprus</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Constantinos Hadjisavvas, Senior Research Fellow, École des Ponts Business School (EPBS), Paris Member, Cyprus Defence Industrial Council</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> École des Ponts Business School</p>
<p><b>12:35-13:05</b></p> <p><b>Fireside discussion on women's leadership and democracy</b></p> <p>Philippa Karsera Christodoulides, First Lady of the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Georgina Athanasiou, President of the Board of Directors, Oxygen for Democracy</p>	<p><b>12:30-13:20</b></p> <p><b>Basketball's legacy: Growth, inclusion, and Cyprus on the international stage</b></p> <p>Andreas Mouzourides, President, Cyprus Basketball Federation</p> <p>Evripides Manoullou, Founder and CEO, Parallax Experience</p>

**Knowledge Partner:** Oxygen for Democracy

Sotiris Themistokleous, Ph.D., Director of Strategic Development, Center for Social Innovation (CSI)

Professor Dikaia Chatziefstathiou, Professor of Applied Olympic Studies, Director of the Olympic Studies Research Centre for Safe Sport and Human Rights, Associate Dean REKM, Canterbury Christ Church University

**Moderator:** Theodoros Tsiolakis, Sports journalist

**13:00-14:00**

**Lunch Break**

## **Panel discussions**

**October 3rd, 2025 at Ledra Palace Hotel**

**14:00-14:50**

**Bridging the divide: The future of the Cyprus problem in light of recent developments**

Menelaos Menelaou, Negotiator of the Greek Cypriot side for the Cyprus Problem

Niyazi Kızılyürek, Former Member of the European Parliament

Giulia Bertezzolo, Head of the Cyprus Settlement Support Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (European Commission)

Dr. Marvin Suesse, Associate Professor in Economics, Trinity College Dublin

**Moderator:** Harry Tzimitras, Director, Peace Research Institute Oslo-PRIO Cyprus Centre

**Knowledge Partner:** PRIO Cyprus Centre

**14:50-15:50**

### **Enhancing collaborative frameworks across the divide**

Theodoulos Ioannou, Office of the Negotiator

Amalia Avraam, Lawyer, Michael Kyprianou&Co LLC, Vice president of the youth board  
Cyprus, Greek Cypriot co-chairwoman, Youth Technical Committee

Christoforos Dimitriou, Legal Counsel, EU Law Across the Divide

Nadia Kornioti, Associate Lecturer in International and Comparative Public Law, School of  
Law, UCLan Cyprus

Meltem Onurkan Samani, Founding Director, Cyprus Peace and Dialogue Centre

**Moderator:** Fiona Mullen, Owner-Director, Sapienta Economics Ltd

**15:50-16:50**

### **Unlocking the potential of regional organisations in the Mediterranean for peace and stability**

Dr. Alessandro G. Lamonica, Manager, Public Policies Unit, Anna Lindh Foundation  
Adjunct Professor, Brussels School of Governance

Marie-Claire Boillot, Senior Energy and Climate Change Expert, Union for the  
Mediterranean Secretariat (UfMS)

Androulla Vassiliou, Vice President, Europa Nostra

Harry Tzimitras, Director, PRIO Cyprus Centre, Expert, Diplomeds – The Council for  
Mediterranean Diplomacy

**Moderators:** Emmanuel Cohen-Hadria, Co-Founder, Member of the Executive Board,  
Diplomeds – The Council for Mediterranean Diplomacy

Bilun Gunes, Founding Editor in Chief & Platform Lead, Policypress

**Knowledge Partner:** Competence Center MENA Peace & Security-Cyprus Branch,  
Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Diplomeds-The Council for Mediterranean Diplomacy

**16:50-17:40**

### **Powering peace: The bi-communal solar future of Cyprus**

Dimitris Kairidis, Member of Parliament for Athens-North (New Democracy) and  
Parliamentary Party Spokesman, Hellenic Parliament

Fikri Toros, Member of the Republican Turkish Party (CTP)

Charis Psaltis, Professor of Social and Developmental Psychology, University of Cyprus

**Moderator:** Michel Vedrenne Gutiérrez, Head of Section, European Commission

**Knowledge Partner:** Cyprus Settlement Support Unit, DG REGIO of the European  
Commission

**17:40-18:30**

**Urban dynamics across the UN buffer zone: Famagusta and Nicosia**

Byron Ioannou, Professor of Urban Planning at the Department of Architecture, Frederick  
University

Gizem Caner, Urban Planner (PhD)

Münevver Özgür Özersay, Architect (PhD)

**Moderator:** Müge Akkar Ercan, Professor Dr.