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# AGENDA

**THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 24' | Limassol Town Hall**

## OPENING CEREMONY

## NETWORKING SESSION

**18:00** Welcoming notes by the organisers

Nicos Nicolaides | Mayor of Limassol

Nicolas Kyriakides | Executive President, Cyprus Forum

Nicolas Tsapatsoulis | Vice-Rector, Cyprus University of Technology

**18:30** EU Mission Cities briefing session

Penelope Vasquez Hadjilyra, Coordinator of the EU Mission: Climate Neutral and Smart Limassol by 2030

**19:00** Networking session with mayors and local government officials

**This event is by invitation only.**

# FRIDAY, 19 APRIL 24' Cyprus University of Technology, Amphitheatre 1, Tassos Papadopoulos Building

## Opening session

### WELCOMING NOTES BY THE ORGANISERS

09:30

Nicos Nicolaides | Mayor of Limassol

Nicolas Kyriakides | Executive President & Founding Member | Cyprus Forum

Panayiotis Zaphiris | Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology

### OPENING ADDRESSES

09:45

Annita Demetriou | President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

Irene Piki | Deputy Minister to the President

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

Antonia Theodosiou | Commissioner of the Environment

Themis Christophidou | Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission (recorded video)

Vasco Alves Cordeiro | President of the European Committee of the Regions (recorded video)

Mehmet Harmanci | Representative of the Turkish-Cypriot Community of Nicosia

### 10:30 EU MISSION CITIES: Follow Up

Patrick Child | Deputy Director-General in DG Environment– European Commission (recorded video)

Chrysses Nicolaides | Strategy consultant & advisor for cities, Member of the Board of Cities Mission of the European Commission, CNE Business Development Ltd

Penelope Vasquez Hadjilyra | Architect-General Coordinator EU Mission: NZ Limassol 2030, Municipality of Limassol

### 11:00 Keynote Speech

Andreas Vyras | Mayor of Larnaka, President of the Union of Cyprus Municipalities

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

	Amphitheatre 1:	Amphitheatre 2:
11:10	<p><b>Towards net zero mobility in Limassol: an on-demand mobility service to replace private cars</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Christos Gkartzonikas   Project Manager - Transport Modeler, MobyX</li> <li>• Neofytos Ioannou   CEO, nextbike Cy Ltd</li> <li>• Dr. Tamara Djukic   Senior Manager I&amp;D, ERTICO-ITS Europe</li> <li>• Evi Anayiotou   Senior Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Ministry of Transport</li> <li>• George Kyriakou   CEO of EMEL LTD</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Maria Kamargianni   Professor of Transport Systems Innovation &amp; Sustainability, Director of MaaSLab</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> MaasLab</p>	<p><b>Challenges of Achieving Zero Waste   Waste management/Reduction &amp; Circular economy</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lefteris Perikli   President Union of Communities in Limassol District</li> <li>• Dr. Vassilis Litskas   (VL Sustainability Metrics LTD; The Cyprus Institute)</li> <li>• Panayiotis Mountoukos   Director, Nicosia Development Agency - ANEL</li> <li>• Pantelis Georgiou   Mayor of Ipsonas</li> <li>• Joanna Constantinidou   Senior Environment Officer - Department of Environment</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Anthi Charalambous   Director Ideopsis Ltd</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Ideopsis Ltd</p>

<p><b>12:00</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>15-Minute Cities Panel</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remco Reijke   Urban designer   Islant Urban Design Studio</li> <li>• Marina Kyriakou   Architect Urban Planner, Department of Climate Change and Environment, Cyprus Energy Agency</li> <li>• Carlos Moreno   Professor/ Father of 15 Minutes Cities IAA, International Academy of Architecture (recorded video)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Byron Ioannou   Associate Professor, Frederick University</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Frederick University</p>	<p><b>EE2024 youth and EU   How youth benefits from the EU and its role to the EE2024?</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evgenia Chamilou   President of Cyprus Youth DiplomaCY</li> <li>• Andreas Xydias   Vice-President of European Youth Parliament Cyprus</li> <li>• Berk Tansel   Parliamentary Associate to MEP Niyazi Kızılyürek at the European Parliament</li> <li>• Liana Liu Ioannides   Youth Delegate of Cyprus, Council of Europe</li> <li>• Evie Theocharous   Member Officer of Cyprus Youth Diplomacy</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Constantinos Loizou   President of the Cyprus Youth Council</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> European Youth Parliament, Cyprus Youth Diplomacy</p>
<p><b>13:00</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Interviews with podcasters</b></p> <p>Fidias Panayiotou   Content Creator / MEP Candidate / CEO and Founder of Snepwind Limited</p>	<p align="center"><b>Interviews with podcasters</b></p> <p>Christos Parmakkis   Young politician</p> <p>Panis Pieri   Founder Panis.news</p>
<p><b>14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote message:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lia Magnaguagno   Senior Project Officer Council of Europe (recorded video)</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>Local Government Reform: what we need to know</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yiannis Arneftis (discussant)   Independent Candidate for the Municipality of Limassol   Architect</li> <li>• Andreas Ashiotis (discussant)   Independent Candidate for the Presidency of the Nicosia Provincial self-government organisation</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Role of Cyprus in the European Parliament and Committee of the Regions</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katerina Christophides   Candidate MEP Democratic Party</li> <li>• Vassilis Protopapas   Political Scientist, Phd (Director of Service for Academic Affairs and Student Welfare) CUT University</li> <li>• Andros Karayiannis   Mayor of Deryneia</li> <li>• Andromachi Sophocleous   Political Analyst, Volt Cyprus</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Myrto Zoumidou   Journalist, Philelefttheros</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constantinos Yiorkadjis   Mayor of Nicosia</li> <li>• Nikolas Papalos   General Manager, Paphos Sewerage board</li> <li>• Socrates Metaxas   Manager, Waterboard of Limassol</li> <li>• Andreas Tsouloftas   President, Limassol Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Nicolas Kyriakides</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Union of Cyprus Municipalities</p>	<p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> European Parliament Office in Cyprus</p>
<p><b>15:15</b></p>	<p><b>72 Days to Local Government Reform: The Day After</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christos Michaelides (discussant)   Executive Chairman, Cypronetwork Consultancy Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andreas Kitromilidis   President of the Union of Cyprus Communities</li> <li>• Themis G. Filippidis   Secretary General of the Municipality of Pafos</li> <li>• Aristos Damianou   Member of the House of Representatives of Cyprus</li> <li>• Stavros Stavriniades – Independent Candidate Mayor of Strovolos, 2nd Vice President of the European Committee of the Regions, Founder of the Law Firm “Stavros Stavriniades LLC”</li> <li>• Kyriacos Xydias   Mayor of Yermasoyia, Committee of the Regions alternate member</li> <li>• Loizos Hadjivasiliou   Head of Deputy Minister's Office · Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare</li> </ul>	<p><b>15:00 Sustainable Tourism: Challenges and Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippos Drousiotis   Chairman, Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI)</li> <li>• Athina Panayiotou   Director General of Cyprus Organisation for Standardization (CYS) and Cyprus Certification Company (CCC)</li> <li>• Genia Boustany   Director of the Poseidonia Beach Hotel</li> <li>• Vakis Loizides   Senior Tourism Officer, Deputy Ministry of Tourism</li> <li>• Yianna Orphanidou   Coordinator of BBA Hospitality Management Programme, University of Nicosia</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rosie Charalambous   Journalist, Cyprus News Digest</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI)</p>

	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Michalis Socratous   Secretary General, Union of Cyprus Municipalities</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Union of Cyprus Municipalities</p>	
<p><b>16:30</b></p>	<p><b>European Capitals of Culture 2030</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costas Mannouris   Artistic Programme Manager Larnaca 2030</li> <li>• Michalis Karakatsanis   Bid Coordinator Kourion 2030 European Capital of Culture – Candidate City</li> <li>• Eleana Alexandrou   Artistic Director Lemesos 2030 European Capital of Culture – Candidate City</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Georgina Athanasiou   President of the Board of Oxygen for Democracy</p>	<p><b>16:00 EU Elections: Why voting matters &amp; what Europe does for me?</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andreas Kettis   Head of the European Parliament in Cyprus</li> <li>• Charalambos Chrysostomou (General Coordinator of Europe Direct Limassol)</li> <li>• Maria Kola   Candidate for the European Elections 2024 Cyprus, Greens- Citizens' Cooperation</li> <li>• Christiana Xenofontos   Candidate for the European Elections 2024, Democratic Rally (DISY)</li> <li>• Andreas Marcou   Lecturer in Legal Theory, CRoLEV Project Manager UCLan Cyprus</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Moderator:</b> George Isaia   Policy and Programme Officer of Oxygen for Democracy</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Europe Direct Limassol</p>
17:00	<p><b>Smart cities: utilising new technologies and innovation for better solutions and policies</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nadia Lortzie   Smart City Officer/ Project Manager, Nicosia Municipality</li> <li>• Eleni Poulli   Officer A, Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation &amp; Digital policy</li> <li>• Stella Karra   Project Manager/ Researcher, CSI</li> <li>• Andreas Kamilaris   Director, Periopsis</li> <li>• Ireneos Abdelkater   Smart City Pafos</li> <li>• Christos Laoudias   Research Lecturer, KIOS Center of Excellence, University of Cyprus</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Styliani Petroudi   Head of Research Office, CYENS Centre of Excellence</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partners:</b> Periopsis , Cyens, Nicosia Municipality</p>	<p><b>Housing crisis – Unaffordable housing, unaffordable renting</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas Dimopoulos   Assistant Professor in Real Estate, Head of Real Estate Department, Neapolis University Paphos</li> <li>• Elena Koushos   Lawyer/ President Koushos Korfiotis Papacharalambous LLC / Cyprus Land Development Corporation</li> <li>• Andreas Papallas  Architect, ETEK General Council Member, Technical Chamber of Cyprus</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Fabian Thiel, Full Professor of Property Valuation and Land Law, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geomatics</p> <p><b>Knowledge Partner:</b> Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences</p>
18:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>