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AGENDA

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025 | LIMASSOL TOWN HALL

Opening Ceremony

18:00 | Welcome Addresses

Yiannis Armeftis, **Mayor of Limassol, Limassol Municipality**

Panayiotis Zaphiris, **Professor/Rector, Cyprus University of Technology**

Nicolas Kyriakides, **Executive President, Cyprus Forum**

Liu Yantao, **Ambassador of China to the Republic of Cyprus**

18:45 | Local Government Survey Presentation by IMR

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

This event is by **invitation** only

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WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

Cyprus University of Technology,
Amphitheatre 1, “Tassos Papadopoulos” Building

Opening Ceremony

8:30 | Registrations

9:00 | Welcome Addresses

Nicolas Kyriakides, **Executive President, Cyprus Forum**

Yiannis Armeftis, **Mayor of Limassol, Limassol Municipality**

Panayiotis Zaphiris, **Professor/Rector, Cyprus University of Technology**

9:15 | Keynote Addresses

Marc Cools, **President of the Congress of Local and Regional
Authorities of the Council of Europe**



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WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

Cyprus University of Technology,
Amphitheatre 1, “Tassos Papadopoulos” Building

Panel Discussions

9:30 - 10:30 | Local Government Reform and the European Charter: Are We Meeting the Standards?

Moderator: Michalis Socratous, Director, Union of Cyprus Municipalities

Antonis Economides, Director of Local Government Directorate, Ministry of Interior

Aristos Damianou, MP, Chairman, Internal Affairs Committee

Constantinos Yiorkadjis, Chairman, Nicosia District Local Government Organisation

Andreas Vyras, Chairman, Union of Cyprus Municipalities

Andreas Kitromilides, Chairman, Union of Cyprus Communities

Achilles C. Emilianides, President of Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts, Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts

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WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

Cyprus University of Technology,
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Panel Discussions

10:30-11:20 | From Reform to Reality: One Year of Local
Government Transformation in Cyprus

Moderator: Nicolas Kyriakides, Executive President, Cyprus Forum

Giannis Tsouloftas, Chairman, Limassol District Local Government
Organisation

Yiannis Karousos, Chairman, District Local Government of Famagusta

Angelos Hadjicharalambous, Chairman, District Local Government of
Larnaka

Charalambos Prountzos, Mayor of Nicosia, Nicosia Municipality

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**11:20-11:50 | Fireside discussion on
Governance at a Local Level**

Phedon Phedonos, Mayor of Pafos, Pafos Municipality

In conversation with: Nicolas Kyriakides, Executive President,
Cyprus Forum



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Panel Discussions

11:50-12:50 | National-Local Cooperation to Accelerate
Climate Neutrality

Moderator: Lina Liakou, Global Director of Engagement and Practice,
Resilient Cities Network

Yiannis Armeftis, Mayor of Limassol, Limassol Municipality

Kyriacos Xydias, Mayor of Amathounta, Amathounta Municipality

Pantelis Georgiou, Mayor of Kourion, Kourion Municipality

Christodoulos Partou, Mayor of Aradippou, Aradippou Municipality

Marios Theophilou, Meteorological Officer A', Directorate General
Growth, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Cyprus

Athanasios Kolyvas, Municipal Engineer, Strovolos Municipality

George Ioulianos, City Finance Specialist, Bankers without Boundaries

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WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

Cyprus University of Technology,
Amphitheatre 2, “Tassos Papadopoulos” Building

14:20-15:20 | Workshop

**Continuing the Discussion on National-Local
Cooperation to Accelerate Climate Neutrality**

*Following the panel discussion, this workshop
will delve deeper into strategies for
strengthening collaboration, facilitating a
focused discussion among cities and local
actors.*

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Panel Discussions

13:20-14:20 | Mobility hubs with e-buses, charging infrastructure and the introduction of e-bikes and e-scooters

Moderator: Maria Kamargianni, Director of MaasLab, Professor of Transport Systems Innovation, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, Oxford University

Andreas Nikiforou, Head of the Public Passenger Transport Directorate, Public Transport Officer A, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works

Dimitrios Rizopoulos, Research Associate, Railways and Transport Lab, National Technical University of Athens

Evi Vasileiou, Head of scheduling Department, OASA (Athens Urban Transport Organisation)

Efi Pavlou, Transport Engineer, Scheduling Department, OASA (Athens Urban Transport Organisation)

George Kyriacou, Chief Executive Officer, EMEL LTD

Neofytos Ioannou, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Nextbike

Michele Pampanini, Board Member & Chief Operating Officer, RideMovi

Haralampos Ioannou, Assistant Director, Studies and Connections Department, Distribution Directorate of the Limassol Regional Office, Electricity Authority of Cyprus



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Panel Discussions

14:20-15:20 | Shaping a Climate-Neutral Future: The Tilliria
Complex Vision & Roadmap

Moderator: Penelope Vasquez Hadjilyra, Architect - Project
Coordinator, Municipality of Limassol

Antonia Theodosiou, Commissioner of the Environment and Animal
Welfare, Presidency of the Republic of Cyprus - Office of the
Commissioner for the Environment and Animal Welfare

Anna Dionysiou, Standards Officer, Cyprus Organization for
Standardization

Theodoros Zachariadis, Professor, The Cyprus Institute

Irene Hadjisavva, Senior Officer, Department of Town Planning and
Housing

Monika Heyder, Senior Expert of Green and Digital Transformation,
ICLEI European Secretariat, CEN/TC 465 Coordinator

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Panel Discussions

15:35-16:25 | Evidence-Based Urban Design and Planning for Sustainable Cities

Moderator: Andreas Papallas, Architect / Researcher, ADP

Christos Passas, Design Director, Urbanist and Architect, Zaha Hadid Architects

Lora Nicolaou, Professor, Department of Architecture, Frederick University

Alkis Dikaïos, Architecture, Athos Dikaïos + Associates Architects

Neofytoula Angelidou, Municipal Engineer, Municipality of Larnaca

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Panel Discussions

16:25-17:05 | Participatory Tools for Rule of Law in Cyprus:
Local Governance

Moderator: George Isaia, Executive Director, Oxygen for Democracy

Charalampos Theopemptou, Chair of the Environment Committee,
Parliament of Cyprus

Georgia Klefti, President, Paralimni Youth

Georgios Sotiropoulos, Co-founder - Strategic Planner, OPU Collective

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Panel Discussions

17:05-17:45 | You(th) in Local Governance: Municipal
Youth Councils

Moderator: Avgoustinos Kitromilidis, Policy Officer, Oxygen for
Democracy

Mario Grubišić, Head of Sector - FutureLAB, European Committee of
the Regions

Adamantia Zisimopoulou, Project and Policy Officer, Cyprus Youth
Council

Loukas Lingis, Co-founder, Ignite Foundation

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WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025

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17:45-18:45 | Workshop

Consultation on You(th) in Local Governance

Following the panel discussion, this workshop will delve deeper into strategies for enhancing youth engagement in local governance, facilitating a focused exchange among municipalities, youth representatives, and local stakeholders.