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32nd Annual Greek Economic Summit



Redefining growth  
for an inclusive and sustainable future

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## About GES2021

<p>▶ The <b>American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce</b> is organizing its <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Greek Economic Summit (GES2021)</b>, to be held on December 6-8, 2021, in Athens, Greece – taking place every day from 3:00pm to 8:00pm (EEST). The Summit is organized in cooperation with the <b>Athens Stock Exchange</b> and with the strategic partnership of the <b>U.S. Chamber of Commerce</b> and the <b>Atlantic Council</b>. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Summit will adopt a hybrid format, with limited physical presence and extended virtual participation, using the latest AV technology and telecom platforms for a seamless experience.</p> <p>▶ Since its launch in 1990, GES has grown into a national institution, reflecting the political and economic life of the country and serving as the premier forum for key stakeholders from Greece and abroad to come together to exchange ideas and share insights on the course of the Greek and international economy, examine key local and global issues, and propose policy points. In over three decades, the Summit has attracted — and continues to attract — heads of state, senior public officials and political leaders, top policymakers, chief executives and industry experts, and leading representatives of the country’s academic, financial and media communities alongside eminent foreign dignitaries, specialists, and international organization heads. To date, GES has featured more than 1,000 distinguished speakers.</p>	<p>▶ Titled <b>“Redefining growth for an inclusive and sustainable future”</b> this year’s Summit will look at several worrying trends that threaten to undermine democratic values and social cohesion and will seek to put forth ideas and proposals that will help shape a roadmap toward a future of inclusive and sustainable prosperity.</p> <p>▶ Despite the rapid development of technologies and communications that can contribute to the democratization of our society, it is obvious that our world is still a world of great contradictions, inequalities and exclusions, with rising financial, social and political insecurity and instability putting social cohesion at risk. The growing accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few and the simultaneous shrinking of the middle class in recent decades have created major rifts in the public’s trust in the political system, especially in developed countries.</p> <p>▶ Pandemic crisis and its economic consequences have laid bare many of these realities, with most governments’ response centered around abandoning conservative economic policies and embarking on generous aid and relief programs that have helped bolster the necessary social cohesion. At the same time, the increase of intense climate events with huge economic and social impacts has signaled the urgent need for rapid changes in environmental protection and management policies. Meanwhile, geopolitical developments constitute another important element in increased global uncertainty and concern.</p>	<p>▶ Clearly, new policies are needed that will lead to growth and prosperity for all, without exclusions and divisions, and always with respect for the environment, which belongs to us all. This means greater democratization, strengthening of institutions, and respect for ethics and universal human values.</p> <p>▶ Amid all this and following more than a decade of economic struggle, Greece today is striving for quick recovery, already having created a narrative or success that is being received with increasing enthusiasm by both business and investors. It is an ambitious plan that includes the EU’s Recovery and Resilience Facility, privatization projects, restructuring of public expenditures with an emphasis on production, adoption of innovation and R&amp;D models, the digitalization of the public sector, and more outward-looking measures already underway, at the implementation stage.</p> <p>▶ As Greece celebrates the 200th anniversary of its independence, the country is looking to the future in a dramatically changing world, working to pave the way for sustainable development and prosperity for all based on democratic principles and human values. Key in any effort to accomplish such goals are building a country’s human capital capacity and investment in research and development for innovative products and services.</p>
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