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Eastern Mediterranean Forum
 Shaping partnerships for a sustainable future

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Agenda

Agenda is in Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)

14:00 Registration | Welcome Coffee

14:30 Opening Remarks

- Elias Spirtounias**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Nikolaos Bakatselos**, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Georgios A. Georgiou**, President, American Chamber of Commerce in Cyprus
- Oded Rose**, CEO, Israel-America Chamber of Commerce

14:40 Introduction

George Kremlis, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

14:50 The U.S. Ambassadors' perspective

- Judith G. Garber**, US Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus
- Maria dG Olson**, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece
- Facilitator: Elias Spirtounias**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

15:20 The Eastern Mediterranean today

- Grammenos Mastrojeni**, Senior Deputy Secretary General, Department of Energy and Climate Action, Union for the Mediterranean
- Christos Ioakeimidis**, Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP/MAP- MED POL
- Christina Zeri**, Chemist-Oceanographer, Institute of Oceanography, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)
- Facilitator: George Kremlis**, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

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16:00 Start-ups & technology as the driving forces for the Eastern Mediterranean circular policy adaptation

Ethan Edson, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Ocean Diagnostics
Elia Nikitopoulou, External Affairs Officer, Blue Cycle
Facilitator: Nicole Kazatzidou, Journalist, Athens - Macedonian News Agency

16:30 Sustainable maritime environment

The framework

Loukas Kontogiannis, Head, Marine Pollution, Subdivision for Protective Measures, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Actions

Dr. Pascalis Kastanas, Market Sustainable Packaging Manager, Nestlé

Next steps

Gunter Pauli, President, Porrima Foundation

Facilitator: Alexandros Kontis, Journalist & Chief Editor, Realnews

Strong partnerships for a sustainable future: The Intergroup's role

Ilias Grampas, Deputy Director, European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD), Secretariat of the European Parliament Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development"

17:15 Plastics challenges

The problem

Emmanuelle Maire, Circular Economy, Sustainable Production & Consumption Unit, European Commission

Next steps

Dr. Angeliki Kosmopoulou, Executive Director, Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

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17:45 Networking Cocktail

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18:30 Unregulated fishing threatening a viable ocean economy

Simos Kedikoglou, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Rural Development & Food

Despina Symons, Director, European Bureau for Conservation & Development (EBCD)

Facilitator: George Kremlis, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

19:00 Sustainable blue economy

Dr. Adonai Herrera-Martínez, Director, Environment and Sustainability, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Juan Bofill, Senior Water Engineer in the Water Management Division, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Facilitator: Ifigeneia Koutiva, Senior Manager at Climate Change and Sustainability Services Practice, EY

19:30 Rebranding the economic model towards a sustainable Mediterranean

Petros Varelidis, Secretary General of Natural Environment & Water, Ministry of Environment and Energy

In conversation with: George Kremlis, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

20:00 Closing Remarks