



Thessaloniki
**Future Thinking
Dialogues**

Urban Resilience for Future - Ready Cities

November 22, 2024 | The MET Hotel

AGENDA

Agenda is in Eastern European Time (EET)



Organizers



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11:00 | Welcome Coffee and Registration

11:30 | Opening Remarks

Vassilis Kafatos, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Nikolaos Bakatselos, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

▶ Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia

Jerry Ismail, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Thessaloniki

Konstantinos Gioulekas, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior (Macedonia-Thrace Sector)

12:00 | Set the Stage Discussion

Christos Staikouras, Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport

Loukia Saranti, President, Federation of Industries of Greece

conferring with

John D. Saracakis, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

12:30 | Shaping the Future of Cities

Miguel Eiras Antunes, Smart Cities and Urban Transformation Global Leader, Deloitte Portugal

13:00 | Crafting a Vision for Thessaloniki

Stelios Aggeloudis, Mayor, Municipality of Thessaloniki

Stavros Andreadis, President, Cultural Society of Entrepreneurs of Northern Greece

conferring with

Vassilis Kafatos, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

13:30 | Smart and Sustainable Urban Infrastructure

Dimitris Andriopoulos, CEO, Dimand

Nikos Koukountzos, Managing Director, KLEEMANN Group

🌐 Julian Lipscombe, Director, Bennetts Associates

Panos Vlachos, President, Anatolia College

conferring with

Constantinos Davlos, Journalist, SKAI TV

14:10 | Multi-Level Governance to Advance City Life

Paris Billias, Deputy Regional Governor for Infrastructure and Networks, Region of Central Macedonia

🌐 Dana Eleftheriadou, Head of Cities and Proximity Team, DG GROW, European Commission

Lina Liakou, Managing Director for Europe and Middle East, Global Resilient Cities Network

Ilias Pertzinidis, President, Technical Chamber/TKM

conferring with

Alexandros Tsavdaroglou, President, Schediasmos

14:50 | Arxellence 2 by ALUMIL: Envisioning a Sustainable Future for Thessaloniki's Western Waterfront

🌐 Sofia Nikolaidou, Architect

🌐 Aggeliki Tzifa, Architect

conferring with

Constantinos Davlos, Journalist, SKAI TV

15:10 | Light Lunch

16:10 | Ecosystem Resilience and Human Well-Being

- 🌐 **Simon Chinn**, Vice President Research and Advisory Services, Urban Land Institute Europe
- 🌐 **John Law**, Director of LEED for Cities and Communities, U.S. Green Building Council
conferring with
Constantinos Davlos, Journalist, SKAI TV

16:40 | User-centred Urban Mobility

- 🌐 **Bart Treece**, Director, Mobility Innovation Center, University of Washington
- Georgia Ayfantopoulou**, Research Director, Hellenic Institute of Transport, CERTH
- Konstantinos Taggiris**, President and CEO, Organisation of Urban Transportation of Thessaloniki
- Ioannis Toskas**, CEO, Transport Authority of Thessaloniki
conferring with
John D. Saracakis, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

17:25 | Leveraging Technology to Ensure Safety & Security

- 🌐 **Michael Bletsas**, Governor, National Cyber Security Authority
- Michael Masuda**, Policy Advisor, Office of Science and Technology, U.S. Department of State
- Theo Tryfonas**, Professor of Infrastructure Systems and Urban Innovation, School of Civil, Aerospace and Design Engineering, University of Bristol
conferring with
Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

18:05 | Business and Innovation Ecosystems Enabling Economic Growth

- Nikos Efthymiadis**, Chairman and CEO, Thess INTEC
- Stratos Simopoulos**, President, Research and Technology Committee, Hellenic Parliament
- Ioannis Tsaras**, CEO, Thessaloniki Port Authority
- 🌐 **Anastasios Tzikas**, President, Helexpo
conferring with
Petros Papaioannou, Publisher, KTIRIO Publications

18:55 | A Driver for Future Solutions

- Efthimios Bakogiannis**, General Secretary of Spatial Planning and Urban Environment, Ministry of Environment and Energy
- George Milonas**, President, Alumil
- Giannis Papageorgiou**, Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office in Thessaloniki
conferring with
Constantinos Davlos, Journalist, SKAI TV

19:25 | Closing Remarks

- Vassilis Kafatos**, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

19:30 | Cocktail Reception



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