

4th Southeast & East Europe Med

Washington D.C.

Monday – Tuesday, February 6-7, 2023

Program Visit to Washington D.C. Meetings with think tanks & Conference

Agenda as of February 3

Monday, February 6, 2023

Roundtable Discussions at U.S. Organizations based in Washington D.C.

10:00 **AT A CROSSROADS: THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY VIA THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

Venue: CENTER FOR MARITIME STRATEGY

Address: 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201

By invitation only

Welcome Remarks:

James G. Foggo, Admiral (ret.); Dean, Center for Maritime Strategy, USA

Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum

Geoffrey Pyatt, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S Department of State

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to the USA

Stephen Carmel, Senior Vice President, Maersk Line Limited, USA

Alexandros Diakopoulos, Vice Admiral (Ret); National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister (2019-2020), Hellenic Republic

Vivian Bouzali, Chief Corporate Affairs & Communication Officer, MYTILINEOS, Greece

Chair: **James G. Foggo**, Admiral (ret.); Dean, Center for Maritime Strategy, USA

10:45 **TOWARDS A GREATER EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN: HOW THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS
AND THE EAST MED GAS FORUM CAN LEAD TO GREATER INTEGRATION IN THE REGION**

Venue: FOUNDATION FOR DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACIES (FDD)

Address: 1800 M St NW, Washington, DC 20036

By invitation only

Panelists:

Jonathan Schanzer, Senior Vice President, FDD, USA

Brad Bowman, Senior Director of the Center on Military and Political Power (FDD), USA

Dimitris Kairidis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Professor of Int'l Relations, Panteion University, Greece

Eric Edelman, former Under Secretary of Defense, former US Ambassador to Turkey,
FDD/Commission on National Defense Strategy, USA

Chair: Lena Argiri, Washington DC Correspondent, Kathimerini & Greek Public Broadcasting (ERT), USA

12:00 **PUTTING THE "WEST" IN WESTERN BALKANS: ACCELERATING THE REGION'S EUROPEAN FUTURE**

Venue: THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES (G | M | F)

Address: 1744 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

By invitation only

In this discussion hosted by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, we will explore how, following Russia's aggression against Ukraine and increasing influence of both Russia and China, the Western Balkans have reclaimed their importance in Western strategic thinking. Following the creation of the European Political Community and the EU's groundbreaking EU-Western Balkans Summit which took place in Tirana in December, we assess the new impetus for the long-awaited integration of the region's countries to the European Union and the liberal world order.

Panelists:

George Katrougalos, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2019), Hellenic Republic

Nikola Dimitrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2017-2020) Republic of North Macedonia

Zoran Popov, Ambassador of the Republic of North Macedonia to the USA

Constantinos Filis, Director, Institute of Global Affairs, American College of Greece, Assoc. Prof. of Int'l Relations, Greece

Nicolas Kyriakides, Executive President & Founding Member, Cyprus Forum, Republic of Cyprus

Gordana DeliĆ, Head of GMF's Balkan Trust for Democracy (*online*)

Chair: Ian Lesser, Vice President, GMF South & Executive Director, Brussels Office

14:30 **CONFLICT PREVENTION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY:
A MILITARY AND NATIONAL SECURITY DILEMMA FOR NATO AND THE WEST**

Venue: Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Address: 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

By invitation only

An exchange of views, hosted by the National Defense University, on the increasing tension in Greek-Turkish relations, and how NATO can leverage the two countries' mutual participation in the organization to create trust, promote military cooperation and lay the ground for a future rapprochement.

Dimitris Kairidis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Professor of Int'l Relations, Panteion University, Greece
Steven Cook, Eni Enrico Mattei Senior Fellow for Middle East & Africa studies; Director, Council on Foreign Relations, USA

Chair: **Endy Zemenides**, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council, USA

16:00 **THE 800 POUND GORILLA IN THE ROOM: TURKEY**

Venue: Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Address: 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

With Turkish elections looming in May, a discussion about potential crises and moves by the Erdogan government and the opposition alliance that may effect the result, and how the result will affect the US-Turkey relationship and Ankara's strategic orientation.

Michael Rubin, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, USA

Merve Tahiroglu, Turkey Program Coordinator, Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED), USA

Jake Sotiriadis, Director of the Center for Futures Intelligence at National Intelligence University (NIU)

Henri Barkey, Cohen Professor of International Relations, Lehigh University;

Adjunct Senior Fellow for Middle East Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, USA

Chair: **Thanos Davelis**, Director of Public Affairs, Hellenic American Leadership Council

Monday, February 6, 2023

Official Dinner at the Fisher Colloquium of the Georgetown University

Address: 37th and O Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20057

18:45 **OFFICIAL DINNER** *(by invitation only)*



Angelo K. Tsakopoulos will be honored with the *ηγέτης* Award

Testimonials (video)

Remarks

Anthony Kennedy, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States (1988-2018)

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the U.S.A.

George Tsunis, US Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Conference at Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Address: 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

07:45 Registration – Coffee/Tea

08:25 Opening Remarks

Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum, Greece

Tom Ellis, Editor in Chief, Kathimerini English Edition, Greece

08:30 **THE US - GREEK STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND ITS IMPACT ON GREECE'S PATH TOWARDS STABILITY**

US – Greek relations have reached new highs over the last decade, cementing the long standing strategic partnership between the two countries. What does the deepening of this relationship mean for Greece's path towards stability and economic growth? How can the country leverage the energetic Greek-American diaspora to meet economic and geopolitical challenges?

Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor of California, USA

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to the USA

Endy Zemenides, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council, USA

Chair: **Alexis Papahelas**, Executive Editor, Kathimerini Newspaper, Greece

09:10 **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Chris Van Hollen, U.S. Senator of Maryland

Chair: **Alexis Papahelas**, Executive Editor, Kathimerini Newspaper, Greece

09:25 **THE GREEN REVOLUTION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

In this panel, experts discuss East Med's untapped potential in producing clean and other forms of energy and how stronger regional partnerships can bridge the need to both combat the climate crisis and address current emerging concerns over energy security.

Geoffrey Pyatt, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S Department of State

Jonathan Cohen, Ambassador (ret), Distinguished Fellow, Royal United Services Institute, USA

Alexandros Diakopoulos, Vice Admiral (Ret); National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister (2019-2020), Hellenic Republic

Konstantinos Bikas, Amb (ret), fmr Head Gr. Nat. Intelligence Service, Int'l Business Director, MYTILINEOS, Greece

John Karydas, CEO, Renewables, Copelouzos Group, Greece

Vladimir Malinov, Executive Director, Bulgartransgaz, Bulgaria

Plamena Nenkova, Dep. Executive Director, Strategies, Communications & Int'l Affairs, Glavbolgarstroy Holding, Bulgaria

Chair: **Nikolas Katsimpras**, Member of the BoD, Hellenic American Leadership Council

10:25 **RELIGION, NATIONAL IDENTITY AND SECURITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**

Gabriel Escobar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Chair: **Katerina Sokou**, Theodore Couloumbis Fellow on Greek-American Relations, ELIAMEP/ Nonresident Fellow, Atlantic Council

10:40 **THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND GREAT POWER POLITICS**

President Biden's professed foreign policy priority following his election was addressing China's increased global influence. Russia's invasion of Ukraine shifted focus back to energy security and re-ignited concerns about Russia's descent to autocracy. How do these developments affect US foreign policy thinking towards the Eastern Mediterranean and the U.S. response to China?

Dereck J. Hogan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for European & Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Osama Mobarez, Secretary General of the Eastern Med Gas Forum, Arab Republic of Egypt

James G. Foggo, Admiral (ret.); Dean, Center for Maritime Strategy, USA

Nicholas M. Logothetis, Vice Chairman of the Board, Libra Group, USA

Constantinos Filis, Director, Institute of Global Affairs, American College of Greece, Assoc. Prof. of Int'l Relations, Greece

Chair: **Lena Argiri**, Washington DC Correspondent, Kathimerini & Greek Public Broadcasting (ERT), USA

11:30 **Break**

11:45 **DISCUSSION WITH**

Chris Pappas, U.S. Congressman, 1st District of New Hampshire

Gus Bilirakis, U.S. Congressman, 12th district of Florida

Chair: **Endy Zemenides**, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council, USA

12:05 **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Ted Deutch, CEO of the American Jewish Committee, USA

Chair: **Tom Ellis**, Editor in Chief, Kathimerini English Edition, Greece

12:20 **UNLOCKING THE ACCESSION OF THE WESTERN BALKANS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The geopolitical turmoil caused by Russia's aggression in Ukraine is considered as maybe the last chance for fulfilling the Union's promise to the countries of the region: unlocking the ever elusive process of EU accession. For both sides, the EU and the countries of the region, have a vested interest in strengthening their relations and embarking on a new era of cooperation and integration. What is needed to further accelerate the process?

Angelina Eichhorst, Managing Director for Europe, European External Action Service of the European Union

Nikola Dimitrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2017-2020) Republic of North Macedonia

H.E. Robert Gelbard, Member, Board of Directors, CEPA; Former US Special Representative to the Balkans, USA

Evangelos Kalpadakis, Diplomatic Advisor to the Leader of the Main Opposition/SYRIZA PA, Hellenic Republic

Chair: **Apostolos Mangiriadis**, News Anchor, Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (ERT), Greece

13:05 **GREECE'S NEW TRAJECTORY TOWARDS REBUILDING ITS ECONOMIC BASE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

From a country on the brink of a catastrophic default twelve years ago, Greece's remarkable journey over the last decade reached a turning point last summer, as the country finally exited the EU's enhanced surveillance framework. How do the fresh challenges of the pandemic first and the energy & inflation crises cause by Russia's aggression in Ukraine put this effort to the test?

Stavros Kalafatis, Deputy Minister of Interior Responsible for Macedonia – Thrace, Hellenic Republic

Deborah Wince-Smith, President & CEO, US Council on Competitiveness, USA

Nikos Vettas, General Director, Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research; Professor, AUEB, Greece

Megan Greene, Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, USA

Christos Harpantidis, Vice President Philip Morris International, South-East Europe

Christian Hadjiminis, Chairman, EFA GROUP; President, Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association, (EENE), Greece

Chair: **Apostolos Mangiriadis**, News Anchor, Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (ERT), Greece

14:00 Concluding Remarks

Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum, Greece

14:05 **End of Conference – Buffet Lunch**

Congressional Meetings at Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

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14:45 **David Cicilline**, U.S. Congressman, 1st District of Rhode Island; Co-Chair, Congressional Hellenic Israel Alliance Caucus

16:00 **Bob Menendez**, U.S. Senator for New Jersey and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Nicole Malliotakis, U.S. Congresswoman, 11th District of New York

John Sarbanes, U.S. Congressman, 3rd District of Maryland

Dina Titus, U.S. Congresswoman, 1st District of Nevada

Rob Menendez, U.S. Congressman, 8th Congressional District of New Jersey

Dimitris Kairidis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Professor of Int'l Relations, Panteion University;
Member of the 3+1 Interparliamentary Working Group

Chair: **Endy Zemenides**, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council, USA