

BRIEF REPORT OF THE 1ST ANNUAL DELPHI ECONOMIC FORUM

**Under the Auspices of
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Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos**



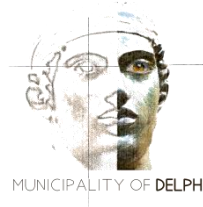
**OUTLOOK FOR GREECE AND THE REGION
VISION 2020-2030**

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H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos entering the Plenary Hall, Delphi Economic Forum

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Ioannis Dragasakis, Deputy PM of Greece in conversation with Pavlos Tsimas, Editor at Large, Huffington Post, Greece

The 1st annual conference "Delphi Economic Forum" took place at the European Cultural Centre of Delphi, Greece, between the 26th and the 28th of February 2016.

It engaged business, political and academic, and other top experts in an effort to address emerging challenges for Greece, influence the national and regional agendas and promote sustainable and socially responsible growth policies.

The Forum brought together more than 140 speakers from Greece, Europe and the United States covering the fields of politics, academics, enterprises and journalism as well as top government ministers, representatives from the main opposition party, European Commissioners, high-ranking officials from global institutions such as World Bank, European Investment Fund, the European Commission, OLAF and highly-influential international think tanks.

The agenda of the meeting covered 20 crucial issues, such as changes in international geopolitical balance of power and challenges facing the eastern Mediterranean region and Greece's long-term growth outlook.

The conference took place under the auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos and was organized with the support of the Region of Central Greece and the Municipality of Delphi.

Among the key policy makers and thought leaders who participated:

*H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, **Mr Prokopios Pavlopoulos***

***Wolfgang Schussel**, Federal Chancellor of Austria 2000-2007*

***Yiannis Dragasakis**, Deputy Prime Minister of Greece*

***Nikos Voutsis**, President of the Hellenic Parliament*

***Loukas Papademos**, former PM of Greece*

***Panagiotis Pikrammenos**, former Caretaker PM of Greece*

***Dimitris Avramopoulos**, EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship*

***Corina Cretu**, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy*

***Giovanni Kessler**, Director-General, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)*

***Giovanni Buttarelli**, European Data Protection Supervisor*

***Charles Ries**, Vice President, The Rand Corporation*

***Adonis Georgiades**, Vice President of Nea Demokratia party*

***Peter Spiegel**, Brussels Bureau Chief, Financial Times*

***Ian Lesser**, Executive Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States*

***George Katrougalos**, Minister of Labor, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity*

***Nikiforos Diamandouros**, former European Ombudsman*

***Dora Bakoyannis**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece*

***Evangelos Venizelos**, former Vice President of the Hellenic Government*

***Kevin Featherstone**, Director of the Hellenic Observatory, LSE*

***George Dertilis**, Professor, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales*

***Nikos Dendias**, former Minister of Defence, Justice and Economy, MP Greece*

***Dirk Reinermann**, Program Manager for Southern Europe, World Bank*

***Deborah Wince-Smith**, President and CEO, US Council on Competitiveness*

***Mujtaba Rahman**, Europe Practice Head, Eurasia Group*

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Dimitris Avramopoulos, EU Commissioner for Migration, Citizenship and Home Affairs addressing the Inauguration



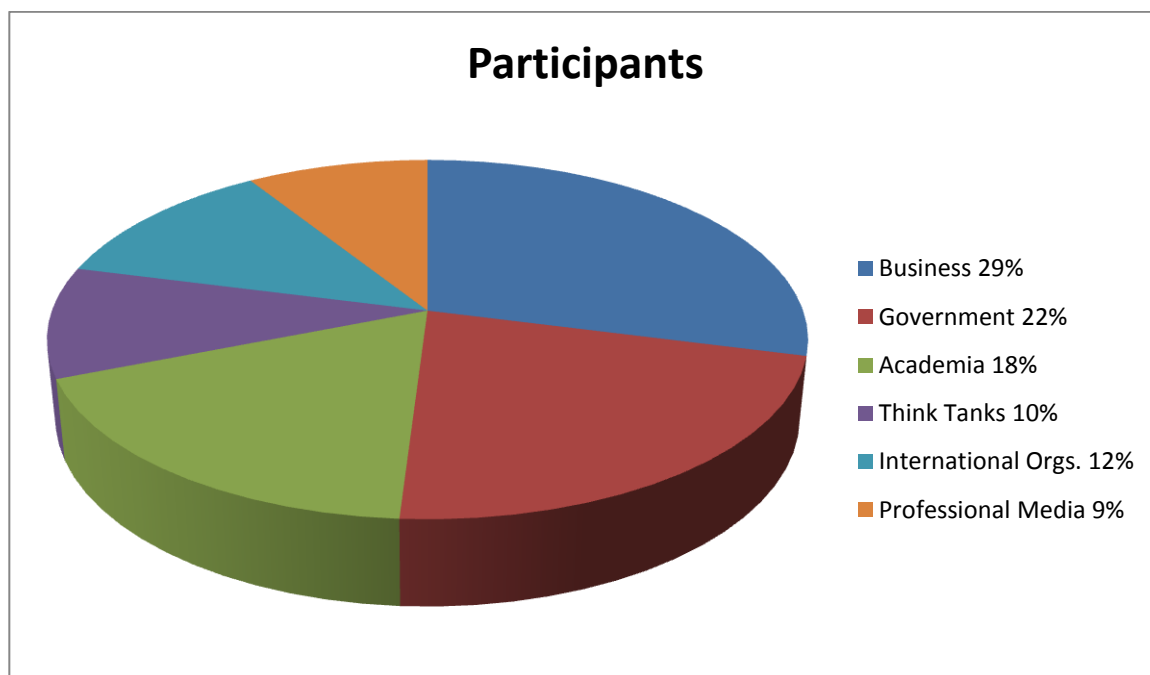
Wolfgang Schüssel, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria 2000-2007, Dora Bakoyannis, former Minister of Foreign Affairs



Corina Cretu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, addressing the Plenary session

Participants Profile

- ✓ **800 participants**
- ✓ **15 nationalities**
- ✓ **21 key topics** discussed
- ✓ **144 business and thought leaders**
- ✓ **40 public sector representatives** from
 - International Organizations such as the **World Bank, IFC, OECD, FRONTEX**
 - EU Authorities including **the EU Commission, EIB, OLAF, EDPS and the EU Parliament**
 - Senior level Greek Government representatives
- ✓ **6 influential international Think Tanks: German Marshall Fund, Eurasia Group, Atlantic Council, Rand Corporation, Stratfor, Konrad-Adenauer-Siftung**
- ✓ Speakers & Moderators from **top Greek & International Media** including the **Financial Times, Huffington Post, Kathimerini, Skai, Naftemporiki**
- ✓ **29 hours** of premium content



Media Participation

- ✓ **50 accredited Journalists**
- ✓ **40 leading Greek and International Titles**
- ✓ **Accreditation from 10 prestigious** international brand names such as **Huffington Post, WSJ, Bloomberg, The Guardian, New Europe** and many more

Media Coverage

- ✓ **35 TV references**
- ✓ **130 press articles**
- ✓ **1,600 web articles**
- ✓ **10 feature articles**
- ✓ **10 full-page interviews**
- ✓ **740 social media references**

Key Issue Areas Covered

- Analysis of the **shifts in the global balance of power on the road to 2020** and beyond that will have a far-reaching impact on businesses, economies, industries and societies and will define the future of Greece and the wider Region
- Understanding the linkages between regional changes and global geopolitics and strategy in the **East Mediterranean and Southeast Europe**
- Redefining the pattern for achieving a **durable and sustainable growth** for Greece: strategies, policies and prospects for a national plan to overcome the crisis
- Assessing the impact of the current crisis on the dialogue about **constitutional revision**
- Findings and lessons to be learned in the **development and evolution of the political institutional infrastructure** in Greece
- Facing one the world's biggest migratory waves and ways for Europe to put **the migration and refugee crisis in context**. Are the European values against the national interests of the Member-States?
- Finding ways to **inject entrepreneurship** in the Greek economy and stimulate growth

- The link between **debt overhang, corruption and growth strategies** as a common EU-Greek interest and the assessment of a “**Blue-Green**” economy
- **Modernizing the Greek banking sector** amidst a large scale of structural changes that are taking place in order to better serve the economy
- The implication for policy makers driven by a **fragmented implosion in Europe’s future** rather than a greater integration
- The study of the role of both **public and foreign direct investments** in facilitating the stimulation of the economy
- The **rise of extremism and populism** in Europe while the democratic values are at stake
- Reform efforts to **upgrade the Greek pension system** while Europe is dealing with **ageing demographics**
- Research focused on **re-skilling the workforce in the digital age**, the role of big data to secure the fundamental rights and the balance between freedom and security
- **Energy efficiency and choices** for Southeast Mediterranean in quest of a common EU Energy Policy
- **The role of Diaspora** in the future of Greece and ways to ameliorate the cooperation and partnership with homeland
- Defining the structural reforms needed for the **national education system** and investing substantially in the human capital

Conference abstracts and invited talks presentations will be published in a **Special Issue** of the Delphi Economic Forum 2016 coming soon along with a **full-detailed report**. The complete program and the details of each session can be accessed from the Forum’s website (www.delphiforum.gr)



Plenary Session “Laying the Foundations for Growth in Greece: Strategy for Sustainable Development” with Dirk Reinermann, World Bank, Loukas Papademos, former PM of Greece, Dr. Ioannis Ioannides, Tufts University, Takis Athanopoulos, IOBE

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Delphi Economic Forum 2017, March 2-5, Delphi

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