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08.30 Arrival of Guests - Registration

09.00 Welcome Remarks

- ✔ **Symeon G. Tsomokos,** Founder and President, Delphi Economic Forum, Greece
- ✔ **John Sotos,** Co-President, The Hellenic Initiative Canada

09.05 Opening Statement

- ✔ **Theodoros Livanios**, Minister of Interior, Hellenic Republic

09.15 Closer Than Ever?

The Evolving Strategic Partnership Between Canada and the EU

This session explores the deepening political, economic, and security ties between Canada and the European Union. Panelists will analyze the legal and geopolitical boundaries of transatlantic cooperation, assess the long-term potential for unprecedented integration, and highlight joint resilience mechanisms such as the EU's SAFE framework.

Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Economic Development, Government of Canada
Or
- ✔ **Sonya Huanita Thissen**, Ambassador of Canada to the Hellenic Republic
- ✔ **Dimitrios Markopoulos**, Deputy Minister of National Economy & Finance, Hellenic Republic

Chair: tbc

09.45 Research presentation: Overall Favourability of Greece in Canada hits a 13 year high

- ✔ **Nikita Nanos**, Chief Data Scientist, nanos Research Corporation

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10.05 Investing in Transatlantic Economic Cooperation and Trade Frameworks

A focused discussion on bilateral trade relations, strategic economic partnerships, and leveraging foundational agreements like CETA to unlock new commercial pipelines. This panel examines Greece's dramatic transformation from economic pariah to investment success story, while addressing the structural reforms, regulatory updates, and market opportunities that still need to be realized to sustain long-term growth.

Opening statement

Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Econ. Development, Job Creation & Trade, Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Discussants

✔ **Dan Tisch**, President & CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce
✔ **Constantine Katsigiannis**, President, Canada-Greece Chamber of Commerce
✔ **Vasileios Tsianos**, President, European Union - Canada Chamber of Commerce
✔ **Theo Argitis**, Senior Vice President, Business Council of Canada

✔ *Chair*: **Nikita Nanos**, Chief Data Scientist, nanos Research Corporation

11.10 Networking break

11.50 Smart Capital, Stronger Markets: FDI & The New Growth Blueprint

Global capital flows are rapidly changing course. This session evaluates how strategic Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) can be harnessed to build resilient economies, mitigate transatlantic risk, and capture high-yield, long-term growth across key sectors.

✔ **Nikos Sergis,** Head of PPP Unit, Ministry of National Economy & Finance, Hellenic Republic
✔ **George Gretes**, Managing Partner, Taygetos Capital
✔ **Nikos Vettas**, Dir. Gen., Foundation for Econ. & Industrial Research (IOBE); Prof., Athens Univ. of Econ.& Business

✔ *Chair*: **Stephanie Petsis**, President, Hellenic Canadian Board of Trade

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12.20 Energy Resilience: Critical Minerals, Nuclear Innovation, and Sustainable Energy Systems

Securing the clean energy transition demands both reliable baseload power and resilient supply chains. This panel unites two pillars of net-zero strategy: deploying Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) as a clean power source and securing global critical mineral supply chains through Canadian expertise and transatlantic capital.

- ✔ **George Christides**, President, Canadian Nuclear Association
- ✔ **Alex Kotsopoulos**, Partner, RSM Canada
- ✔ **George Laskaris**, President, Deon Policy Institute
- ✔ **Olga Khakova**, Senior Advisor and Senior Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis, USA

- ✔ *Chair*: **Vasileios Tsianos**, President, European Union - Canada Chamber of Commerce

13.00 Networking lunch break

14.00 Defending Tomorrow
Security Strategy and Civil Resilience in an Age of Disruption

An examination of how modern defense and civil protection policies must evolve to counter rapid technological, geopolitical and environmental shifts. This topic analyzes how nations can build resilience against unconventional threats—from cyber warfare to supply chain vulnerabilities and from wildfires to mega-disasters—in an increasingly volatile global landscape.

- ✔ **Alexandros Diakopoulos**, Executive Chairman and CEO, Hellenic Aerospace Industry
- ✔ **Neil Sweeney**, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, De Havilland Canada
- ✔ **Daniel Lauzon,** Vice President, Global Public Policy, CAE Defense and Security
- ✔ **Pierre Seïn Pyun**, Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs, Bombardier
- ✔ **George Lampropoulos,** President & CEO, A.U.G. Signals Ltd
- ✔ **Panagiota Dafniotis**, Chief Legal & Intellectual Property Officer, Strix

- ✔ *Chair*: **Andrew Steele**, Head, Federal Affairs & Strategic Planning, Philip Morris International

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15.00 Strengthening Diaspora Engagement with the Motherland

This panel will explore efforts by the Hellenic Republic to expand engagement with Diaspora communities and identify opportunities and challenges in the relationship with the Greek state.

✔ **Maira Myrogianni,** Secretary General for Greeks Abroad & Public Diplomacy, Hellenic Republic
Ioannis Chatzantonakis, Consul General of Greece to Toronto
✔ **Mike Manatos**, Executive Director, The Hellenic Initiative USA

✔ *Chair*: **John Sotos,** Co-President, The Hellenic Initiative Canada

15.30 Presentation
Canada–Greece Comprehensive Bilateral Trade, Investment & Strategic Partnership Study

✔ **Constantine Katsigiannis**, President, Canada-Greece Chamber of Commerce

15.40 The Sovereign AI Era
Building Interoperable Stack, Secure Infrastructure, and a Resilient Workforce

This session will explore the intersection of enterprise evolution and macro-digital governance. We will examine how bilateral agreements—like the EU-Canada digital partnership—are paving the way for trustworthy AI standards, secure digital identity wallets, and mechanisms to protect independent media from AI-driven disinformation.

Opening Statement
Honourable Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation, Government of Canada

Discussants
✔ **Costas Kapsouropoulos,** Digital and Science Counsellor, EU Delegation to Canada
✔ **Tassos Repakis**, Chief Legal Officer, Bally's Intralot Canada
✔ **Nikita Nanos**, Chief Data Scientist, nanos Research Corporation
✔ **John Psihogios**, Co-Founder & CEO, Axilogic, Canada

✔ *Chair*: **Yonida Koukio**, Oziel Law

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16.20 Reversing Rural Population Decline in Greece
Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Communities

One of the greatest long-term challenges facing Greece is the accelerating depopulation of its rural communities. Declining birth rates, an aging population, and the migration of young people to urban centres and abroad threaten the economic viability, cultural heritage, food security, and social cohesion of large parts of the country.
This discussion explores the economic consequences of rural depopulation, strategies to encourage young entrepreneurs and families to remain in or return to rural Greece, and how the Greek diaspora can contribute through investment, philanthropy, mentorship, and advocacy.

- ✔ **Effie Lazaridou,** CEO, New Agriculture New Generation
- ✔ **Jackie Mirkopoulos**, Founder & Principle Consultant, Seven Neighbours
- ✔ **Eva Papadaki**, Project Manager, HOPEGenesis
- ✔ **Natasha Bourliaskou**, Director, Development & Global Initiatives, THI Canada

- ✔ *Chair*: **Kostis Katsanevas**, Special Advisor, Crestview Strategy

17.00 End of Forum

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