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DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, October 29, 2018

08:30 Arrival of Guests – Registration

09:15 Welcome remarks:

√**Tawfic Khoury**, Chairman of Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group
√**Symeon Tsomokos**, President, Delphi Economic Forum

09:30 Opening Addresses:

√**Alexis Tsipras**, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic
√**Nicos Anastasiades**, President of the Republic of Cyprus
√**Haider al-Abadi**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq
√**Boyko Borissov**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, rotating President, Council of the European Union
Saad Hariri, Prime Minister of Lebanon **(tbc)**
Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister of Malta **(tbc)**
Bakri Hassan Saleh, Prime Minister of Sudan **(tbc)**

Federica Mogherini, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European Union **(tbc)**
Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General, Arab League **(tbc)**
√**Amr Nassar**, Minister of Trade and Industry of Egypt
√**Dimitris Avramopoulos**, EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs & Citizenship

Representatives of Arab and European countries

12:00 Networking break

12:30 **European and Arab Neighborhood Policies in the Mediterranean, Africa and the Middle East**

- Foreign and Security Policies in the Mediterranean, Africa and the Middle East
- The Past and the Future Horizons of Arab-European Relations
- Making Multilateralism Work in the Euro-Arab Region
- Power Dynamics and Strategic Relations between the Arab World and Europe

Chair: √**Faysal Abou Zaki**, Deputy CEO, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group

√**Miguel Angel Moratinos**, f. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (2004-2010), Spain
√**George Katrougalos**, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic
√**Senator Nael Al Kabariti**, President, Union of Arab Chambers
√**Ramona Manescu**, Vice Chair, Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries, European Parliament
√**Sebastian Sons**, Associate Fellow, MENA Program, German Council on Foreign Relations
√**Abdulaziz Al-Mikhlaifi**, Secretary General, GORFA Arab-German Chamber of Commerce



14:15 Networking light buffet lunch

15:00 **Migration Policies in the Mediterranean, Africa and the Middle East**

- Migration Policies and Tackling of the Refugee Crisis in Europe, the Mediterranean Sea and Africa

√**Gilles Pargneaux**, Vice Chair, Delegation for relations with the Mashreq Countries, European Parliament

√**Dimitris Kourkoulas**, Deputy Foreign Minister 2012-2015 Hellenic Republic

15:45 **Institution Building and Social Movements**

√**Dr Laryssa Chomiak**, Associate Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme, Chatham House

√**Kristian Brakel**, Associate Fellow, MENA Program, German Council of Foreign Relations

16:30 **Cooperation with Arab States on Climate Change and Energy Transition**

Chair: √**Frank Wouters**, Director, EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network

√**Gerassimos Thomas**, Deputy Director General, Energy, European Commission

√**Paul van Son**, Chairman MENA & Turkey, RWE Innogy

√**Andreas A. Papandreou**, Professor of Environmental Economics, University of Athens

17:30 **Energy Efficiency in the Region**

- Networks and Connectivity in the Euro-Arab Region
- Natural Gas in the South-Eastern Mediterranean and EU Energy Security

Opening remarks:

√**George Stathakis**, Minister of Environment and Energy, Hellenic Republic (tbc)

√**Kostas Andriosopoulos**, Ex. Dir., Research Centre for Energy Management ESCP Europe Business School

√**Theodoros Tsakiris**, Ass. Professor Geopolitics & Hydrocarbons, University of Nicosia

√**Khamis Juma Buamim**, Chairman, Offshore Arabia

18:45 **Saudi Arabia Vision 2030: A Gateway to a New Era of Prosperity**

- Overview of Saudi Arabia new economic strategy
- The National Transformation Plan: programs and initiatives
- Investment and partnership opportunities
- Mega Projects: Neom, Red Sea Project

19:30 End of Day I

21:00 Official dinner *(by invitation only)*



Tuesday, October 30, 2018

08:45 Arrival of delegates

09:30 Welcome address

Opening addresses:

Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Leader of the Opposition and President, New Democracy Party (**tbc**)

√**Margaritis Schinas**, Deputy DG Communication, European Commission

10:30 **Greece and the Arab World: a Multi-level Cooperation**

Stergios Pitsiorlas, Alternate Minister of Economy and Development, Hellenic Republic (**tbc**)

George Tsipras, Head of the Economic office of the Prime Minister, Hellenic Republic (**tbc**)

√**Costas Douzinas**, Chairman, National Defence & Foreign Affairs Permanent Committee, Hellenic Parliament

√**George Koumoutsakos**, MP, Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Democracy Party

√**Rashad Mabger**, Secretary General, Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Development

√**Constantinos Michalos**, President, Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry

√**Hisham Ayoub**, Vice President, Foreign Investors Association, Bahrain

√**Konstantinos Bitsios**, Vice Chairman, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises

12:00 **Potential Role of Europe in Developing Digital Economy in the Arab Countries**

- Digital transformation visions in the Arab countries
- Investment opportunities in the digital economy in the Arab countries: e-commerce, Smart cities, digital infrastructure, IoT
- EU role in funding digital transformation projects and training
- Economic transformation and reforms in the region

Nikos Pappas, Minister of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media (**tbc**)

Byron Nicolaides, Chairman & CEO, PeopleCert Group, President, CEPIS

12:45 Networking light buffet lunch



13:30 **Role of Transportation in Promoting Growth in Trade and Investment between EU and Arab Countries**

- Impact of the Euro-Arab partnership and collaboration in transportation on economic development, trade and investment
- Potential of linking and integrating road and railway networks
- Identifying key projects of integration in transportation
- Promoting PPP in transportation projects
- Strengthening shipping lines and ports integration between EU and Arab countries
- How can the EU and Arab countries create shipping hubs, and attract investment into ports and logistics

Photis Kouvelis, Minister of Shipping and Island Policy (tbc)

Christos Spirtzis, Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks (tbc)

✓ **Admiral Abd El Kader Darwish**, Vice Chairman, General Authority for Suez Canal Economic Zone

✓ **Dr. Ismail Abdel Ghafar Ismail Farag**, President, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime

✓ **George Tsavlis**, Principal, Tsavlis Salvage Group

✓ **Dipl.-Ing. Mouddar Khouja**, Secretary General, Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC)

15:00 **Recent FDI trends in Europe and the Arab World**

- Growth and social investment Policies
- Jobs, skills and youth employability
- Transport, shipping, construction, logistics
- Trade policies and cooperation
- Investment policies and finance: smart, green investments, circular economy

✓ **Dr. Khalid Hanafy**, Secretary General, General Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce

✓ **Janet Heckman**, Managing Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

✓ **Abdulahim Hassan Naqi**, Sec. General, Union of the Federation of the Gulf Cooperation Council Chambers

✓ **George Kremlis**, EU Commission Honorary Director, In charge of Circular Economy on behalf of DGENV

✓ **Ahmed Badr**, Ex. Director Egypt, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, (RCREEE)

✓ **Ja'afar Al-Hamadanim**, Chairman, Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce

✓ **Philipp Simon Andree**, Director, MENA, Ass. of German Chambers of Industry & Commerce Worldwide Network (AHK)



16:30 **Arab-European Financial Opportunities**

Chair: ✓**Petros Doukas**, fmr Deputy Minister, Hellenic Republic

✓**Elena Ambrosiadou** , Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, Ikos Asset Management Ltd

✓**Dr Mustafa Al-Hiti**, Reconstruction Fund for Areas Affected by Terroristic Operations, Republic of Iraq

✓**Malek Azizeh**, Commercial Director, Fujairah Oil Terminal, UAE

17:30 **Support of the EU for SMEs and MMEs : EU-Arab Cooperation**

✓**Paloma Perez de Vega**, Head of Division, Global partners and Neighbouring Countries, EIB (**tbc**)

✓**Saida Neghza**, President, General Confederation of Algerian Enterprises

✓**Lady Olga Maitland**, Algerian-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Council

✓**Ali Haddad**, President, Algerian Business Leaders Forum

✓**Amal Daraghmech Masri**, Editor in Chief, Middle East Business News and Magazine

18:30 Closing words

✓**Symeon Tsomokos**, President, Delphi Economic Forum

18:35 Farewell drinks