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**Eastern Mediterranean Forum**  
 Shaping partnerships for a sustainable future

Hybrid

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## Agenda

Agenda is in Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)

### 14:00 Registration | Welcome Coffee

### 14:30 Opening Remarks

- Elias Spirtounias**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Nikolaos Bakatselos**, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Georgios A. Georgiou**, President, American Chamber of Commerce in Cyprus

### 14:40 Introduction

**George Kremlis**, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

### 14:50 The U.S. Ambassadors' perspective

- Maria dG Olson**, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece
- Judith G. Garber**, US Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus
- Facilitator: Elias Spirtounias**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### 15:20 The Eastern Mediterranean today

- Grammenos Mastrojeni**, Senior Deputy Secretary General, Department of Energy and Climate Action, Union for the Mediterranean
- Christos Ioakeimidis**, Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP/MAP- MED POL
- Christina Zeri**, Chemist-Oceanographer, Institute of Oceanography, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)
- Facilitator: George Kremlis**, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

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### 16:00 Start-ups & technology as the driving forces for the Eastern Mediterranean circular policy adaptation

**Ethan Edson**, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Ocean Diagnostics  
**Elia Nikitopoulou**, External Affairs Officer, Blue Cycle  
**Facilitator: John Georgiou**, Journalist, Athens - Macedonian News Agency

### 16:30 Sustainable maritime environment

#### The framework

**Loukas Kontogiannis**, Head, Marine Pollution, Subdivision for Protective Measures, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

#### Actions

**Dr. Pascalis Kastanas**, Market Sustainable Packaging Manager, Nestlé

#### Next steps

**Gunter Pauli**, President, Porrima Foundation

**Facilitator: Alexandros Kontis**, Journalist & Chief Editor, Realnews

#### Strong partnerships for a sustainable future: The Intergroup's role

**Ilias Grampas**, Deputy Director, European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD), Secretariat of the European Parliament Intergroup on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development"

### 17:15 Plastics challenges

#### The problem

**Emmanuelle Maire**, Circular Economy, Sustainable Production & Consumption Unit, European Commission

#### Next steps

**Dr. Angeliki Kosmopoulou**, Executive Director, Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

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### 17:45 Networking Cocktail

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### 18:30 Unregulated fishing threatening a viable ocean economy

**Simos Kedikoglou**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Rural Development & Food

**Despina Symons**, Director, European Bureau for Conservation & Development (EBCD)

**Facilitator: George Kremlis**, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

### 19:00 Sustainable blue economy

**Dr. Adonai Herrera-Martínez**, Director, Environment and Sustainability, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

**Juan Bofill**, Senior Water Engineer in the Water Management Division, European Investment Bank (EIB)

**Facilitator: Ifigeneia Koutiva**, Senior Manager at Climate Change and Sustainability Services Practice, EY

### 19:30 Rebranding the economic model towards a sustainable Mediterranean

**Petros Varelidis**, Secretary General of Natural Environment & Water, Ministry of Environment and Energy

**In conversation with: George Kremlis**, AmChamGR Circular Economy Committee Chair and Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister, Presidency of the Greek Government

### 20:00 Closing Remarks