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**“The Economic and Social Councils
as drivers for sustainable solutions to new challenges
towards Southeastern Europe’s integration”**

Social Dialogue Summit 2023

**20 March 2023
Thessaloniki, Greece**

PROGRAM

09:00 - 09:30 **Registration**

09:45 - 11:30 **Opening session**

Ioannis Paidas, President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece

Christos Staikouras, Minister of Finance

Stavros Kalafatis, Deputy Minister of Interior Responsible for Macedonia - Thrace,
Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Thessaloniki A' Nea Dimokratia

Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President of the European Commission

H.E. Lachezara Stoeva, President of the Economic and Social Council UN-ECOSOC
(*recorded video message*)

Ioannis Amanatidis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Thessaloniki A' SYRIZA,
Fmr. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Apostolos Panas, Member of the Hellenic Parliament Halkidiki PASOK - Movement
for Change

Konstantinos Zervas, Mayor of Thessaloniki

11:30 - 13:30 **First Panel:**
Mitigating the impact of energy crisis - collaborative initiatives

Coordinator:

Zornitsa Roussinova, President of the Economic and Social Council of Bulgaria

Speakers:

- Rainer Pritzer, Senior Specialist for Social Dialogue, ILO
- Gëzim Kalaja, President of the Union of Independent Unions of Albania (BSPSH)
- Dr. Ivan Mišetić, President of the Economic and Social Council of Croatia
- Panagiotis Champas, General Secretary of the Union of Cypriot Farmers (EKA)
- Patricia Chaves, UN Senior Sustainable Development Officer (*online*)
- George Karanikas, President of the Hellenic Confederation of Commerce and Entrepreneurship (ESEE)
- Nikolaos Tsemperlidis, President of Consumers Protection Center (KEPKA)

Interventions - Discussion

13:30 - 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 - 16:30 **Second Panel:**
Cooperation in the energy sector as an opportunity for sustainable development (Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy, UN Agenda 2030)

Coordinator:

Bogdan Simion, President of the Economic and Social Council of Romania

Speakers:

- Nikola Selaković, Chairman of the Social and Economic Council of the Republic of Serbia and Minister for Labour, Employment, Veterans and Social Affairs
- Mile Boskov, Executive President of Business Confederation of North Macedonia (BCM)
- Luan Bregasi, President of BiznesAlbania
- Ivanina Yankova, National Secretary of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria CITUB
- Yannis Maniatis, *fmr.* Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Associate Professor, Department of Digital Systems, University of Piraeus
- Georgios Kavathas, President of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (GSEVEE)
- Konstantinos Konstantinou, General Manager, SEV Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Tasos Yiapanis, General Secretary of the Panagrotikos Farmers' Union of Cyprus
- Andrea Marinucci, Global Deal/OECD

Interventions - Discussion

16:30 - 18:00 **Third Panel:**
Regional integration in SEE and the process towards the accession to the EU for the candidate countries

Coordinator: Ionut Sibian, President of the EESC's Western Balkans Follow-up Committee

Speakers:

- Abdelkader El Khissassi, Deputy secretary General of the Union for Mediterranean (UFM)
- Daniel Becker, Secretary General of the Economic and Social Council of Luxembourg, Vice Secretary General of AICESIS for Europe
- Kol Nikollaj, President of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Albania KSSH
- Georgi Stoev, Representative of Group 1, Economic and Social Council of Bulgaria
- Sterică Fundulea, Vice-President of the of the Economic and Social Council of Romania
- Konstantinos Kollias, President of the Economic Chamber of Greece (OEE)

Interventions - Discussion

18:00- 18:15 **Conclusions:**
Ioannis Paidas, President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece
Konstantinos Gioulekas, Chairman of the Standing Committee on National Defense and Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Parliament

20:30 **Dinner**

Venue: "Thessaloniki Concert Hall" Maurice Saitiel (March 25 & Paralia, 546 46 Thessaloniki)
Working Languages: English, French, Greek.