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## EURO-MEDITERRANEAN SUMMIT 2016

### Major challenges for the Euro-Mediterranean region 24-25 October 2016, Hotel "Mare Nostrum", Vravrona, Greece

The European Economic and Social Committee, in cooperation with the Economic and Social Council of Greece, is organising its yearly Euro-Mediterranean Summit of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions on 24 and 25 October in Vravrona, Greece.

The Summit aims to promote greater understanding of the main issues affecting organised civil society in the Euromed region and to discuss the common challenges they face in order to propose concrete solutions.

This year, the Summit will focus on the following topics:

- **Promotion of legal migration**
- **Women participation in labour force and women's entrepreneurship**
- **Organised civil society and climate change in the view of the COP22**
- **The coordination of social protection systems**

The Prime Minister, **Alexis Tsipras**, has been invited to open the Summit, with the following key speakers intervening during the event: **George Dassis**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee, **George Vernicos**, President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece, **Munther Shar'e**, President of the Jordan Economic and Social Council and **Sergi Farré**, Representative of the Union for the Mediterranean. The second day discussions will be opened by **Dimitris Mardas**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. Institutional representatives and prominent personalities from Economic and Social Councils in the Mediterranean will also participate.

This Summit will bring together a range of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions, representatives of employers' organisations, trade unions, other economic and social interests groups as well as NGOs from more than 30 countries.

The meeting will conclude with the adoption of a Final Declaration that will be sent to the political authorities of the Euro-Mediterranean area as civil society's contribution and disseminated widely amongst civil society organisations in the region.

More on the event and the programme with all the speakers to be found on [our webpage](#).

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