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**International Conference**  
**“European Migration Policy: Contemporary Challenges**  
**& Effects on Mediterranean Member - States of the EU”**

Athens, 9-10 February 2010  
Royal Olympic Hotel

T u e s d a y 9<sup>th</sup> o f F e b r u a r y 2 0 1 0

09.00 - 10.00      **Registrations**

10.00 - 10.30      **Opening - Introductory Speeches**

Christos Polyzogopoulos, President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece (OKE)

Georgios Dassis, President of Employees Group (Group II) of the EESC

Antonio Marzano, President of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS), President of the National Council of Economy and Labour of Italy (CNEL)

10.30 - 11.30      **Address - Statements**

Theodoros Pangalos, Vice President of the Greek Government

Georgios Kaminis, Greek Ombudsman

Representatives of the Greek Political Parties

11.30 - 12.00      **Coffee break**

12.00 - 13.30      **P a r t I**  
**Challenges to the European Policy on Migration and Asylum**

Presiding: Christos Polyzogopoulos, President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece (OKE)

Ioannis Ragousis, Minister of Interior, Decentralization and Electronic Governance

Antonio Marzano, President of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS), President of the National Council of Economy and Labour of Italy (CNEL)

Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños, Representative of Employees Group (Group II) of the EESC

Loukas Tsoukalis, President of the Administrative Council of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Professor of European Organisation, University of Athens

**Questions - Discussion**

13.30 - 15.00 **Lunch**

15.00 - 16.30 **P a r t I I**  
**Common European policies against irregular migration**

Presiding: Sonny Portelli, Chairman of Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (MCESD)

Michalis Chrisohoidis, Minister of Citizen Protection

Peter Schatzer, Chief of Mission, Regional Director for the Mediterranean, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Ilkka Pertti Juhani Laitinen, Executive Director of Frontex

Iro Nikolakopoulou-Stephanou, Professor of European Social Law and Policy, Panteion University of Athens

**Questions - Discussion**

16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee break**

17.00 -18.30 **P a r t I I I**  
**Interregional perspectives for co-operation and dialogue framework**

Presiding: Giorgio Alessandrini, President of the National Body for the Coordination of the Integration Policies for the Social Integration of Strangers, National Council of Economy and Labour of Italy (CNEL)

Kollias Konstantinos, First Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Tuğrul Kudatgobilik, Co-chairman of the Turkey - EU Joint Consultative Committee of the EESC, President of the Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations (TISK)

Dimitris Xenakis, Director of Euro-Mediterranean Policy Unit at the Hellenic Center for European Studies, Lecturer in International Politics at the University of Crete

Panagiotis Syriopoulos, Research Associate of INE - GSEE, International and European Affairs

**Questions - Discussion**

20.00-22.00 **Dinner**

10.00 - 11.00

**P a r t I V**  
**Second generation migrants in the EU**

Presiding: Ioannis Stefanou, Vice President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece (OKE)

Anna Diamantopoulou, Minister of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs

Francisco José González de Lena, Representative of the Economic and Social Council of Spain

Sukhdev Sharma, Representative of Various Interests Group (Group III) of the EESC

Achmed Moavia, Greek Forum of Migrants

Alexandros Zavos, President of the Hellenic Migration Policy Institute (IMEPO)

**Questions - Discussion**

11.00 - 11.30

**Coffee break**

11.30 - 13.00

**P a r t V**  
**Economic dimensions of migration**

Presiding: Francisco José González de Lena, Representative of the Economic and Social Council of Spain

Andreas Loverdos, Minister of Labour and Social Security

Sonny Portelli, Chairman of Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (MCESD)

Pedro Almeida Freire, Representative of Employers Group (Group I) of the EESC

Giannis Panagopoulos, President of the Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE)

John Yfantopoulos, President of the National Center of Social Research (EKKE), Professor at the University of Athens

Antonios Kontis, Associate Professor of International Economic Relations, Director of Institute for the Study of Migration and Diaspora, University of Athens

**Questions - Discussion**

13.00 - 13.30

**Conclusions**

Mario Sepi, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Christos Polyzogopoulos, President of the ESC of Greece (O.K.E.)

13.30 - 14.00

**Press Conference**

14.00 - 15.30

**Lunch**

*Working Languages: Greek, French, English, Italian.*