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Venues:
1st Day at Zappeion Megaron (Rooms 13 and 16)
2nd Day at the Conference Hall of the University of Piraeus
Languages:
Greek, German, English (Interpretation provided)

1st DAY: Thursday, 28 February

Location: Zappeion Megaron, Athens | Room 13 and 16

09:00   **Registration**

09:30   **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- on behalf of the European Parliament: **Professor Joachim Starbatty**
- on behalf of the University of Piraeus: **Professor Angelos Kotios**, Rector
- **Pafsanias-Andreas Papageorgiou**, General Secretary, Ministry of Education – on behalf of the Hellenic Government (tbc)
- **Ioannis Plakiotakis**, former President of New Democracy, former Minister, Member of the Greek Parliament
- **Professor Yiannis Maniatis**, former Minister, Member of the Greek Parliament
- **George Markopouliotis**, Head of Representation of the European Commission in Greece

10:00   **The Future of the EU and Eurozone**

Keynote Speakers:
- **Professor Hans-Olaf Henkel**, MEP
- **Professor Christos Hadjiemmanuil**, University of Piraeus and Bank of Greece

11:00   **Panel (1) | "The Price Greece paid" and is it worth for other countries to remain in the Eurozone?**

Moderator: Michael Psillos, Journalist, General Director of AM News Agency

Participants:
- Professor **Hans-Olaf Henkel**, MEP
- Professor **Brigitte Granville**, Queen Mary University of London
- Professor **Panagiotis Liargovas**, University of Peloponnese
- Professor **Napoleon Maravegias**, University of Athens
- Assistant Professor **Spyridon Roukanas**, University of Piraeus

Q&A

12:00   Coffee Break

12:15   **Key elements of an economic development strategy in Greece**

Keynote Speaker
Professor Lois Lambrianidis, General Secretary for Strategic and Private Investments, Ministry of Economy & Development

12:35   **Panel (2) | Ways to improve the investment climate in Greece**

Moderator: Assistant Professor **George Galanos,** Member of Academic Council at Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, University of Piraeus

Participants:
- **Vassilis Korkidis**, President of Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Professor **Nikolaos Philippas**, University of Piraeus
- Professor **Angelos Kotios**, Rector - University of Piraeus
- Associate Professor **Pyrros Papademetriou**, University of Peloponnese
- Professor **Thomas Mayer**, Flossbach von Storch Research

Q&A

13:30   Lunch

14:30   **What is wrong with Populism?**

Keynote Speaker
Assistant Professor **Athanasios Samaras,** Director of Laboratory for Strategic

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14:50   **Panel (3) | Populist Movements in Europe**

Moderator: **Serafim Kotrotsos**, Journalist, Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (ERT)

Participants:
- **Marco Zanni**, MEP
- **Michael Martens**, Auslandskorrespondent FAZ
- **Bernd Kölmel**, MEP
- Professor **Kostas A. Lavdas**, Panteion University
- Assistant Professor **Athanasios Samaras**, University of Piraeus

Q&A

15:45   Coffee break

16:00   **Panel (4) | The importance of the European elections**

Moderator: Journalist from Hellenic Parliament Television

Participants:
- **Eva Kaili**, MEP
- **Paul Rübig**, MEP
- **Ulrike Trebesius**, MEP
- Professor **Maria Mendrinou**, University of Piraeus
- **Dr Haris Kountouros**, Public relations officer of the European Parliament Office in Greece

Q&A

17:15   **Closing Remarks – Conclusions of 1st Day**

20:00   **Gala dinner with speakers (Invitation only)**

2nd DAY: Friday, 1 March

Location: University of Piraeus | Conference Hall
(Interpretation service provided)

09:30   **Registration**

10:00   **Welcoming Address**
by Professor **Angelos Kotios**, Rector - University of Piraeus
Introductory remarks to young Europeans
by Professor **Joachim Starbatty** (MEP)

10:30   **Open Dialogue - Step 1: "Visioning the Future of Europe"**

Moderator: Assistant Professor **Spyridon Roukanas**, University of Piraeus

Discussants:
- **Keynote Speaker - Eva Kaili**, MEP – **"EU and Greece in the era of Digital Economy and Investment"**
- Professor **Hans-Olaf Henkel**, MEP
- **Bernd Kölmel**, MEP
- Assistant Professor **George Galanos**, University of Piraeus, Member of Academic Council at Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

Q&A

11:15   Coffee break & Networking

11:30   **Open Dialogue - Step 2:** "**Formulating the Political Agenda of the EU"**

Moderator: Dr. Nikos Charalampopoulos, Researcher on issues of political violence

Discussants:
- **Kostas Dervos**, MEP Candidate (EPP), President of the Youth Organization of New Democracy (ONNED)
- **Ulrike Trebesius**, MEP
- Assistant Professor **Athanasios Samaras**, University of Piraeus
- Dr **Sofia Mastrokoukou**, Career Office University of Piraeus, Researcher in Social Education (University of Milano-Bicocca)
- **George Antonakakis**, IRTEA - Institute of Research and Training on European Affairs

Q&A

12:15	**Open Dialogue - Step 3: "#ThisTimeIamVoting: A Roadmap for voters and politicians"**

Moderator: Manolis Koutoulakis, Europe Direct Information Center UNIPI – Senior Researcher at the Laboratory for International and European Development Policies and Programmes, University of Piraeus

Discussants:
- Professor **Joachim Starbatty**, MEP
- Professor **Angelos Kotios**, Rector - University of Piraeus

Q&A

13:00	**Closing Remarks of Symposium	Networking buffet**

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