



## ELLADA META VIII:

**Europe, Greece, and the storm of new challenges.**

**Seeking a Frame of Reference**

For the eighth consecutive year, the greek think tank *Kyklos Ideon* (*Circle of Ideas*), in collaboration with the *Delphi Economic Forum*, is organizing its annual conference, part of the series titled “**Ellada Meta**”

This year’s conference is titled: “**Europe, Greece, and the storm of new challenges. Seeking a Frame of Reference**”

**March 16 to 18, 2025**

*Hotel Grande Bretagne (Syntagma square)*

**Opening Session: Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 16:00**

Featuring the presentation of a study by **Metron Analysis**

🔑 Free Admission

📌 Optional Registration: Fill in your details here: <https://e-talk.gr/ellada-meta-viii/>

✔ The conference of Kyklos Ideon, "Ellada Meta VIII" is innovating this year by making public dialogue truly accessible to deaf, hard-of-hearing, and non-Greek-speaking participants. This is made possible through collaboration with the Greek inclusive communication platform *Evenly*, which provides automatic subtitling and real-time translation in multiple languages.

**Instructions** for using the platform will be available at the conference venue.

For **watching** the live streaming (via [YouTube](#)) with subtitles or real-time translation, please check here: <https://app.evenly.care/ekyklos/live>

### **Discussion Topics:**

- **Introduction:** Research by *Metron Analysis*
- **Kyklos I:** The storm of challenges
- **Kyklos II:** The Greek Economy and International Challenges
- **Kyklos III:** Can a New Social Contract Be Formed? – Old and New Inequalities, the Limits of Middle-Class Resilience
- **Kyklos IV:** From Reformist Hesitation to Institutional Innovation
- **Kyklos V:** Geopolitics and Economy – New Challenges for the EU and Greece
- **Kyklos VI:** Greek-Turkish Relations, the Cyprus Issue, and the New International Context
- **Kyklos VII:** The Limits of the “Systemic” and the Protection of Liberal Democracy
- **Final Discussion:** Seeking a Frame of Reference

## PROGRAM

### FIRST DAY

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

- **16:00 Conference registration - Welcome coffee**

#### Conference opening

- Welcome by the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Kyklos Ideon (Circle of Ideas), **Christos Dervenis**
- **16:30-17.10 Research presentation**
  - Presentation of research by Metron Analysis, by **Stratos Fanaras & Giannis Balabanidis** - Discussion with **Sia Kosioni**, Journalist
- **17.15- 20.00 Kyklos I: The storm of challenges**
  - **17:15-17.40 Discussion**
    - **Evangelos Venizelos**
    - **Pavlos Tsimas**
  - **17:45-18.15 Discussion**
    - **Ino Afentouli**, Executive Director, IDIS, former member of the NATO International Secretariat
    - **Giannis Maniatis**, MEP, Vice-President of S&D in the EP responsible for international relations, defense and defense industry, energy security

- Coordination: **Dimitra Kroustalli**, Journalist
- **18:20-18.40 Discussion**
  - **Loukas Tsoukalis**, President of ELIAMEP, Sciences Po, Paris
  - **Giannis Palaiologos**, Journalist
- **18:45-19:05 Discussion**
  - **Christos Rozakis**, Emeritus Professor of NKUA, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs & Vice President of the ECtHR
  - **Pericles Dimitropoulos**, Director of the newspaper To Vima
- **19:10-19:30 Discussion**
  - **Dora Bakoyannis**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
  - **Pavlos Tsimas**, Journalist
- **19:35-19.55 Discussion**
  - **Alexandra Papadopoulou**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
  - **Apostolos Maggiriadis**, Journalist

**End of first day's work**

**SECOND DAY**

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

- **10:30 Start of the second day of the conference**
  - Greeting: **Symeon Tsomokos**, Delphi Economic Forum
  - Introduction: **Tasos Chomenidis**, PhD Civil Engineer, CEO of Lamps Group
- **11.00- 14.00 Kyklos II: The Greek Economy and International Challenges**
  - **11.00-11.20 Discussion**
    - **Yannis Stournaras**, Governor of the Bank of Greece
    - **Eirini Chrysolora**, Journalist
  - **11.25-11.45 Discussion**
    - **Kostis Hatzidakis**, Deputy Prime Minister
    - **Nikos Philippidis**, Journalist
  - **11.50-12.15 Discussion**
    - **Evangelos Mytilineos**, Chairman and CEO, METLEN Energy & Metals
    - **Pavlos Tsimas**, Journalist
  - **12.20-12.40 Discussion**
    - **Theodoros Tryfon**, Co-CEO, ELPEN, President of PEF, Member of the Board of Directors, SEV and Member of the Board of Directors, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
    - **Vaso Angelitou**, Journalist

○ **12.45-13.10 Panel**

- **Giorgos Vernikos**, Secretary General of SETE, President of INSETE, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Member and former President of the National Economic and Social Council
- **Apostolos Tamvakakis**, Chairman & CEO, EOS Capital Partners
- Coordination: **Vaso Angelitou**, Journalist

○ **13.15-13.50 Panel**

- **Panagiotis Liargovas**, President of the Center of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE), Professor of Economics, University of Peloponnese
- **Thodoris Pelagidis**, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Greece, Professor of Economic Analysis, PA.PE.I.
- **Theocharis Philippoulos**, President, Capital.gr SA and Attica Publications SA, President, E.N.E.D.
- Coordination: **Eleftheria Kourтали**, Journalist

**-15' Break-**

• **14.05- 17.00 Kyklos III: Can a New Social Contract Be Formed? – Old and New Inequalities, the Limits of Middle-Class Resilience**

○ **14.05-14.35 Panel**

- **Miltiadis Nektarios**, Emeritus Professor, University of Piraeus
- **Panagis Panagiotopoulos**, Assistant Professor, NKUA

- Coordination: **Fai Makantasi**, diaNEOsis
- **15.05-15.25 Discussion**
  - **Nikos Vettas**, General Director, IOBE, Professor, AUEB
  - **Dimitra Kadda**, Journalist
- **15.30-15.55 Discussion**
  - **Nikos Demertzis**, Professor of Political Sociology & Communication, NKUA
  - **Giannis Mastrogeorgiou**, Special Secretary for Foresight / Coordinator of the Advisory Committee for Artificial Intelligence
  - Coordination: **Kostas Giannakidis**, Journalist
- **16.00-16.20 Discussion**
  - **Michalis Sallas**, Chairman of the LYKTOS Group of Companies
  - **Giannis Papadogiannis**, Journalist
- **16.25-16.45 Discussion**
  - **Spyros Theodoropoulos**, Chairman & CEO BESPOKE SGA HOLDINGS SA, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SEV
  - **Niki Lymperaki**, Journalist
- **16.50-17.10 Discussion**
  - **Giannis Retsos**, President of IOBE, CEO of Electra Hotels & Resorts
  - **Nikos Philippidis**, Journalist
- **17.15-17.35 Discussion**

- **Konstantinos Daskalakis**, Professor of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT, President of the Advisory Committee for Artificial Intelligence
- **Kostas Giannakidis**, Journalist
- **17.35-17.55 Discussion**
  - **Ambassador Kurt Volker**, Distinguished Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis; former US Ambassador to NATO and Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations (online)
  - **Pavlos Tsimas**, Journalist
- 5' Break-**
- **18:00- 20.30 Kyklos IV: From Reformist Hesitation to Institutional Innovation**
  - **18.00-18.20 Discussion**
    - **Theodoros Livanios**, Minister of the Interior
    - **Niki Lymperaki**, Journalist
  - **18.25-18.50 Panel**
    - **Kostas Kartalis**, Professor of Physical Environment, University of Athens, Member of the EU Scientific Committee on Climate Change
    - **Kostas Bakoyannis**, Chairman of the Environment Committee of the European Committee of the Regions
    - Coordination: **Katerina Christofilidou**, Journalist
  - **18:55-19.10 Presentation**



- **Ioannis Sarmas**, President of the Court of Auditors e.t., former caretaker Prime Minister
- **19:10-19.25 Presentation: An intervention for the Greek railway**
  - **Ioannis K. Mourmouras**, Professor of Management & Transport Economics, Democritus University of Thrace, former CEO of OSE, former Researcher at INRETS "Institut National de Recherche sur les Transports et leur Sécurité" France
- **19:30-20.30 Panel**
  - **Milena Apostolaki**, Member of Parliament, Lawyer
  - **Dimitris Vervesos**, President of the Plenary of the Bar Associations, President, ABA
  - **Georgios Dellis**, Professor of Law School, NKUA
  - **Giannis Ioannidis**, Lawyer, Vice-President of the National Commission for Human Rights
  - **Antonis Karambatzos**, Professor of Law School, NKUA
  - **Antipas Karipoglou**, Lawyer
  - Coordination: **Ioannou Mandrou**, Journalist

**End of second day's work**

## **THIRD DAY**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2024**

- **10:30 Start of the third day of the conference**

- **11:00-14.30 Kyklos V: Geopolitics and Economy – New Challenges for the EU and Greece**
  - **11:00-11.15 Presentation**
    - **Kostas Kostis**, Director of IMET, Professor, Professor of Economic and Social History, NKUA
  - **11:20-11.50 Panel**
    - **Giorgos Zanias**, Chairman of the BoD of Eurobank AE, Emeritus Professor, AUEB, former Minister of Finance
    - **Gikas Hardouvelis**, Chairman of the BoD of the National Bank and the EETE, Emeritus Professor, University of Piraeus, former Minister of Finance
    - Coordination: **Aggelos Kovaivos**, Journalist
  - **11:55-12.15 Discussion**
    - **Manousos Manousakis**, Chairman & CEO, ADMIE
    - **Christos Kolonas**, Journalist
  - **12:20-12.45 Discussion**
    - **Kevin Featherston**, Emeritus Professor, Professorial Research Fellow, Hellenic Observatory (online)
    - **Giorgos Kouvaras**, Journalist
  - **12:45-13.05 Discussion**
    - **Maria Damanaki**, Climate and Maritime Policy Advisor, former EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs
    - **Giorgos Kouvaras**, Journalist
  - **13.05-13.25 Discussion**

- **Georgios-Stylianos Prevelakis**, Emeritus Professor of Geopolitics, Panthéon-Sorbonne University (Paris 1)  
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Hellenic American University
  - **Vasilis Nedos**, Journalist
  - **13:25-13:45**
    - **Panagiotis Roumeliotis**, Emeritus Professor of International Political Economy, Panteion University, former Minister
    - **Ilias Siakantaris**, Journalist
  - **13:50-14.35 Panel**
    - **Kristin Fabbe**, Chair in Business and Comparative Politics, European University Institute's Florence School of Transnational Governance, Florence, Italy
    - **Stefanos Gadolfo**, Director of the Columbia Global Center, Athens
    - **Panagiotis Glavinis**, Professor of International Economic Law, Dean, AUTH
    - **Plamen Tonchev**, Head of the Asian Studies Department, Institute of International Economic Relations (IDOS)
    - Coordination: **Vasilis Nedos**, Journalist
- 10' Break-**
- **14:45-17.00 Kyklos VI: Greek-Turkish Relations, the Cyprus Issue, and the New International Context**
    - **14:45-15.30 Panel**

- **Panagiotis Ioakeimidis**, Emeritus Professor, NKUA
- **Dimitris Kairidis**, Professor of International Relations, MP, Vice-President of the Committee on National Defense and Foreign Affairs of the Parliament
- **Antonis Kamaras**, Political Scientist, Research Associate, ELIAMEP
- **Konstantina Botsiou**, Professor of History and International Relations, University of Piraeus, General Director of the Council on Foreign Relations (CfIR-GR)
- Coordination: **Aimilios Perdikaris**, Director of APE/MPE
- **15:35-16.25 Panel**
  - **Dimitris Karaitidis**, Honorary Ambassador
  - **Stelios Perrakis**, Emeritus Professor, Panteion University, former Ambassador - Permanent Representative of Greece, Council of Europe
  - **Athanasios Platias**, Emeritus Professor of Strategy at the University of Piraeus and President of the Council on Foreign Relations
  - **Sotiris Rizas**, Research Director at KEINE, Academy of Athens
  - **Katerina Sokou**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council (online)
  - Coordination: **Odin Linardatou**, Journalist
- **16:30-17.00 Discussion**

- **Ioannis N. Grigoriadis**, Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Bilkent University; Senior Fellow and Head of the Program on Turkey, ELIAMEP
- **Vasilis Karatzas**, Investment Leader, Emerging Markets
- **Manolis Kostidis**, Journalist, Correspondent in Turkey
- **17:00-17.20 Discussion**
  - Ambassador Ivo Daalder, CEO of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and U.S. Ambassador to NATO (2009-13) (online)
  - Christos Michaelides, Journalist
- **17:20-19.45 Kyklos VII: The Limits of the “Systemic” and the Protection of Liberal Democracy**
  - **17:20-17.45 Panel**
    - **Thanasis Diamantopoulos**, Emeritus Professor, Panteion University
    - **Panagiotis Doudonis**, PhD in Constitutional Law, University of Oxford, MP
    - **Lefteris Kousoulis**, Political Scientist
    - Coordination: **Dimitra Kroustalli**, Journalist
  - **17.50-18.10 Discussion**
    - **Stathis Kalyvas**, Professor of Political Science, University of Oxford
    - **Xenia Kounalaki**, Journalist
  - **18:15-19.00 Panel**

- **Petros Efthymiou**, former President of the OSCE  
Parliamentary Assembly, former Minister
- **Dimitris Papadimitriou**, Professor of Political Science,  
University of Manchester (online)
- **Takis Pappas**, Political Scientist Lamprini Rori, Assistant  
Professor of Political Analysis, National and Kapodistrian  
University of Athens
- Moderator: **Myrto Lialioti**, Journalist
- **19.05-19.25 Discussion**
  - **Tasos Giannitsis**, Emeritus Professor, National and  
Kapodistrian University of Athens, former Minister
  - **Antonis Papagiannidis**, Journalist
- **19:30-19.45 Pandora**  
**Christos Chomenidis**, Author
- **19.45-20.15 Closing discussion: " Seeking a Frame of Reference"**

**Evangelos Venizelos - Alexis Papachelas**