

# EDUCATION INTEROPERABILITY

## Connecting the dots



Thessaloniki

**Future Thinking  
Dialogues**



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
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## AGENDA

*Agenda is in Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)*

### Day One

#### 15:00 | Opening Remarks

- Vassilis Kafatos, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Nikolaos Bakatselos, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- George J. Tsunis, U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

#### 15:20 | Zooming out to the Future of Learning and Work

- Lieven De Groot, Global Learning and Deloitte University Leader, Deloitte
- Wassili Bertoen, Managing Partner, Deloitte Center for the Edge\*

#### 16:00 | Education Fast Forward: Building a Future that Works for All

- Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

In conversation with:

Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

#### 16:30 | Innovation and Technological Shifts in Education and Labor Markets

- Allyson Parco, Research Analyst, Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution

In conversation with:

Panayiotis Ketikidis, Vice President for Research and Innovation, City College

#### 17:00 | Provide a Transformative Educational Experience for All Students

- Michael J. Schoenfeld, Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations, Duke University

In conversation with:

Peggy Pelonis, President, American Community Schools of Athens\*

#### 17:30 | Preparing Today's Business Knowledge for Tomorrow's Demand on Digital Competence and Soft Skills

- Luca Lepore, Business Development Manager, Cisco Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Israel and Malta

In conversation with:

Panayiotis Ketikidis, Vice President for Research and Innovation, City College

## 17:50 | Broader Changes in Higher Education and the Blockchain Factor

- Louis Soares, Chief Learning and Innovation Officer, American Council on Education (ACE)

In conversation with:

Artemis Zenetou, Executive Director, Fulbright Greece\*

## 18:10 | European Skills Agenda Strengthening Sustainable Competitiveness

- Eva Kaili, Vice-President, European Commission

In conversation with:

Vassilis Kafatos, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce\*

## 18:30 | Talking Europe: Inclusion, Mobility and Digital Learning in Exceptional Times

- Themis Christophidou, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, European Commission

## 18:40 | EU Stem Observatory Report

- Christos Theocharopoulos, Principal at Consulting, Deloitte Greece

In conversation with:

Iro Koliakou, Anna Papageorgiou STEM Center Coordinator, Anatolia College

## 19:00 | Entrepreneurship at University as a Catalyst for Innovation

- Steve Stevens, Coordinator, DO! Ghent University

In conversation with:

Leonidas Tzonis, Executive Vice President and CFO, Hellenic American College\*

## 19:20 | Changing Longstanding Mindsets in Education

- Pericles A. Mitkas, President, Hellenic Authority for Higher Education

In conversation with:

Leonidas Tzonis, Executive Vice President and CFO, Hellenic American College\*

## 19:40 | Tourism Education Aligning Market Requirements

- Sofia Zacharaki, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism

In conversation with:

Litsa Panayotopoulos, Chair, Education-Innovation-Entrepreneurship Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

## 20:10 | Workforce Development in Agriculture

- Brian J. Schilling, Director, Rutgers Cooperative Extension

In conversation with:

Effie Lazaridou, Chief Executive Officer, New Agriculture New Generation

## 20:30 | Closing Remarks

- Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

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## Day Two

### 15:00 | Opening Remarks

- Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Nikolaos Bakatselos, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Elizabeth K. Lee, Consul General, US Consulate General Thessaloniki

### **15:10 | Changing Education in a Practical Way**

- Niki Kerameus, Minister, Ministry of Education\*

In conversation with:

Litsa Panayotopoulos, Chair, Education-Innovation-Entrepreneurship Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **15:40 | Meeting Future Skills Needs: Revolution or Evolution?**

- Konstantinos Koukountzos, Managing Director, Kleemann
- George Milonas, President & CEO, Alumil
- Costas Malamas, Managing Partner, Veltio Greece

Moderated by:

Alexandros Costopoulos, Secretary General, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **16:10 | Bringing Closer Theoretical Education to Practice - Market Needs**

- Triantafyllos Albanis, Rector, University of Ioannina
- Nikos Papaioannou, Rector, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

In conversation with:

- Babis Bakolias, Director and General Manager, ANSYS Hellas\*
- Alex Tsoukalis, CEO, Micrel Medical Devices\*

### **16:40 | Ignite the Future through Education**

- Scott Ralls, President, Wake Technical Community College

In conversation with:

Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **17:10 | The Key Factor of Apprenticeship in Expanding Opportunities for Knowledge and Skills**

- Robert I. Lerman, Fellow, Center on Labor, Human Services and Population, Urban Institute

In conversation with:

Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **17:40 | Skills Development and Lifelong Learning Governance**

- Siria Taurelli, Senior Human Capital Development Expert and Coordinator for Governance and Quality Assurance, European Training Foundation

In conversation with:

Venetia Koussia, Chair, Employment Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **18:10 | Skills Supply and Demand in the Labor Market**

- Spiros Protosaltis, Governor and Chairman of the Board of Directors, DYPA

In conversation with:

Venetia Koussia, Chair, Employment Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **18:40 | Networking Coffee Break**

### **19:00 | How Technology Transfer Ecosystem Bridges Research Activity with Innovation and the Real Economy**

- Christos Dimas, Deputy Minister for Research and Technology, Ministry of Development and Investments
- Nico Gariboldi, Site Lead - Senior Director, Pfizer

Moderated by:

Alexandros Costopoulos, Secretary General, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **19:30 | Make the Best out of NGEU-RRP Funds on Reskilling – Upskilling**

- Sotiris Batzias, Consulting Principal in Strategy, Analytics and M&A, Deloitte Greece Q&A

### **19:50 | The Way Forward: Strengthening Local Skills Partnerships**

- Stavros Kalafatis, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior (Sector of Macedonia-Thrace)\*
- Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor, Region of Central Macedonia\*
- Konstantinos Zervas, Mayor, Municipality of Thessaloniki\*

Moderated by:

Athanasios Kouimtzis, BoD Member and Chair, Agrotechnology Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

### **20:20 | Closing Remarks**

- Vassilis Kafatos, Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

*\*Awaiting Confirmation*