



**09:00-09:30 Registration and welcome
breakfast**

09:30-09:40 WELCOME:

Ioannis Kasoulides, President of
the Glafkos Clerides Institute and
former Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Cyprus

Mikuláš Dzurinda, President of
the Martens Centre and former
Prime Minister of Slovakia

09:40-10:00 KEYNOTE:

H.E. Nicos Anastasiades,
President of the Republic of
Cyprus

**10:00-11:00 PANEL 1 The economic
success of Cyprus: a template
from the Eurozone to the
MENA region**

Haris Georgiades, Minister of
Finance, Republic of Cyprus

Lawrence Gonzi, former Prime
Minister of Malta

Maarten Verwey, Director-
General and Head of the
Structural Reform Support
Service, European Commission

Yiannis Kafkarides, Chief Editor
Kathimerini English Edition (TBC)

Moderated by: Sofia Zaharaki,
Deputy Spokesperson, New
Democracy, Greece

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-11:45 KEYNOTE:

Averof Neofytou, President of
Democratic Rally, Republic of
Cyprus

**11:45-13:00 PANEL 2 Holding the centre
ground: reviving Europe's
middle classes**

Constantinos Petrides, Minister
of Interior, Republic of Cyprus

Charles de Marcilly, Adviser,
European Political Strategy Centre
(EPSC), European Commission

Pantelis Sklias, Rector of
Neapolis University Pafos

Rosamaria Bitetti, Policy
Analyst, LUISS Guido Carli
University

Moderated by: Eoin Drea,
Senior Research Officer, Martens
Centre

13:00-14:15 Networking Lunch





14:15-15:30 PANEL 3 Skills, sharing, start-ups: the new digital economy

Kick-off: Stavriana Kofteros,
Director Digital Transformation &
Innovation, Democratic Rally

Natasa Pilides, Deputy Minister
of Shipping, Republic of Cyprus
and former General Manager of
Invest Cyprus

Kyriakos Kokkinos, National
Chief Scientist for Research &
Innovation, Republic of Cyprus

Lenard Koschwitz, Senior
Director for Global Public Policy,
Allied for Startups

Thomas Spiller, Vice President,
Global Public Policy, The Walt
Disney Company

**Moderated by: Michalis
Sophocleous**, Executive Director
of the Glafkos Clerides Institute

15.30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 PANEL 4 The geopolitics of global energy security: the MENA region and beyond

Yiorgos Lakkotrypīs, Minister of
Energy, Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Shmuel (Sammy) Revel,
Ambassador of the State of Israel
to the Republic of Cyprus

Marina Skordeli, Director of the
Jean Monnet European Centre of
Excellence, University of Athens

Michalis Tsikalas, Editor in
Chief, Kathimerini

**Moderated by: Roland
Freudenstein**, Policy Director,
Martens Centre

17:00-17:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Tomi Huhtanen, Executive
Director of the Martens Centre

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Closing cocktail

An event presented by:

Anna van Oeveren

Communications and Marketing Officer
Martens Centre

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