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ΠΡΟΣ: Όλους τους ενδιαφερομένους

**ΘΕΜΑ: Economist Conference - 20th Annual Cyprus Summit
21st & 22nd, November 2024, Hilton Nicosia**

Κυρία/Κύριε,

Το Κυπριακό Εμπορικό και Βιομηχανικό Επιμελητήριο είναι και φέτος υπερήφανος υποστηρικτής του 20^{ου} Συνεδρίου Economist – 20th Annual Cyprus Summit, που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στις 21 και 22 Νοεμβρίου 2024, στη Λευκωσία, συγκεντρώνοντας διακεκριμένους ομιλητές και ειδικούς, από ένα ευρύ φάσμα πολιτικοοικονομικών θεμάτων για να συζητήσουν τα τρέχοντα οικονομικά, γεωπολιτικά και κοινωνικά ζητήματα.

Με έμφαση στην καινοτομία, τη βιωσιμότητα και την περιφερειακή συνεργασία, το συνέδριο προσφέρει μια μοναδική ευκαιρία στην επιχειρηματική κοινότητα της Κύπρου να συμμετάσχει σε υψηλού επιπέδου συζητήσεις, να αποκτήσει γνώση για τις αναδυόμενες παγκόσμιες τάσεις και να δικτυωθεί με διεθνείς και τοπικούς φορείς λήψεως αποφάσεων.

Σας ενθαρρύνουμε να συμμετάσχετε στο συνέδριο για να ενημερωθείτε σχετικά με τις τελευταίες εξελίξεις που θα μπορούσαν να επηρεάσουν τη λειτουργία και το στρατηγικό σχεδιασμό της επιχείρησής σας.

Το ΚΕΒΕ, ως μακροχρόνιος υποστηρικτής του συνεδρίου, έχει εξασφαλίσει ειδικό καθεστώς συμμετοχής για τα μέλη του. Όσα μέλη ενδιαφέρονται να παρακολουθήσουν το συνέδριο παρακαλούνται όπως επικοινωνήσουν μαζί μας στην ηλεκτρονική διεύθυνση andand@ccci.org.cy ή/και στο τηλέφωνο 22889860 μέχρι τις 8 Νοεμβρίου 2024.

Παρακαλούμε δείτε το συνημμένο πρόγραμμα για περαιτέρω πληροφορίες.

Με εκτίμηση,

Ανδρέας Ανδρέου
Διευθυντής - Τμήμα Βιομηχανικής Ανάπτυξης,
Καινοτομίας και Περιβάλλοντος

Nicosia, 3 October 2024

To: All members

**Subject: Economist Conference - 20th Annual Cyprus Summit
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Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to announce that the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry is once again a proud supporter of the upcoming 20th Cyprus Summit organized by *The Economist*. This prestigious event will take place in Nicosia on November 21 & 22, 2024, bringing together global leaders, policymakers and industry experts to discuss pressing economic, geopolitical and social issues.

With a focus on innovation, sustainability and regional collaboration, the summit presents a unique opportunity for Cyprus's business community to engage in high-level discussions, gain insights into emerging global trends and network with international and local decision-makers.

We encourage you to attend in this event to stay informed on the latest developments that could impact your business operations and strategic planning.

The Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as a longstanding supporter of the conference, has secured a special participation status for its members. Members who are interested in participating in the conference please contact us via email at andand@ccci.org.cy and /or at 22889860 no later than November 8th, 2024.

Kindly review the attached agenda for further information.

We look forward to seeing you at the summit!

Kind regards,

Andreas Andreou
Director – Industrial Development,
Innovation and Environment

Programme

20th Annual Cyprus Summit

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Thursday, November 21st 2024

08:30	Registration – Welcome coffee
09:00	<p><i>Opening remarks by the conference's chair</i></p> <p>THE ECONOMIST'S OUTLOOK ON THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE & THE REGION</p> <p>John Peet, associate editor, special reports, <i>The Economist</i></p>
09:05	<p><i>Official opening and keynote address</i></p> <p>HIGHLIGHTING CYPRUS'S ROLE IN A VOLATILE ENVIRONMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New priorities – New challenges <p>Nikos Christodoulides, president of the Republic of Cyprus</p>
09:20	<p>THE MEDITERRANEAN BETWEEN TWO THEATRES OF WAR: THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION – POSSIBLE PATHS TO PEACE</p> <p>Constantinos Kombos, minister of foreign affairs, Cyprus</p> <p>* Ayman Safadi, deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs, Jordan</p> <p>* Badr Abdelatty, minister of foreign affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt</p>
09:40	Discussion
10:00	<p>UK-EU RELATIONS UNDER A NEW PRISM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is the UK positioning itself? <p>The Economist in dialogue with:</p> <p>Irfan Siddiq, British high commissioner to Cyprus</p>
10:10	<p>RE-ASSESSING THE SECURITY ARCHITECTURE FOR EUROPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How should Europe tackle the current geopolitical turmoil?• Will trans-Atlantic ties strengthen or not?• An update on Israel-Gaza war: What next? <p>Shlomo Ben Ami, former minister of foreign affairs, Israel, vice-president, Toledo International Centre for Peace (TICpax)</p> <p>* Michal Baranowski, managing director, German Marshall Fund</p> <p>* Tasos Chatzivasileiou, MP, Hellenic Parliament, International Secretary of Nea Demokratia Party</p>
10:30	Discussion

10:50 THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION IN THE SPOTLIGHT AFTER THE RECENT US ELECTION

Julie Davis Fisher, US ambassador to Cyprus

- * **George Tsunis**, US ambassador to Greece
- * **Jacob J. Lew**, US ambassador to Israel
- * **Yael Lempert**, US ambassador to Jordan
- * **Herro Mustafa Garg**, US ambassador to Egypt
- * **Lisa Johnson**, US ambassador to Lebanon

Michael Rubin, senior fellow, American Enterprise Institute

11:30 Discussion

11:50 Break

12:20 ENERGY SECURITY AND DIVERSIFICATION: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN'S ENERGY RESOURCES AND CORRIDORS

- Renewable energy projects and the significance of the region's connectivity
- Electricity interconnectors and their importance

* **George Papanastasiou**, minister of energy, commerce and industry, Cyprus

* **Osama Mobarez**, secretary general, East Mediterranean Gas Forum (EMGF)

* **John Ardill**, vice-president, global exploration, ExxonMobil

Janet Shalom, head, division for international relations and foreign policy, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, Israel

* **Manousos Manousakis**, chairman and CEO, Independent Power Transmission Operator, Greece

12:55 Discussion

13:15 ENERGY PRIORITIES FOR SE EUROPE & THE MEDITERRANEAN WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU'S NEW MANDATE

The Economist in dialogue with:

- * **Andreas Shiamishis**, chief executive officer and executive board member, HELLENiQ ENERGY

- 13:25 THE FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE IN EUROPE: TAILWINDS AND HEADWINDS**
- When will interest rates go down?
 - Where does fintech stand in a volatile environment?
 - Can the banking system support growth and social cohesion in an environment of unpredictability?

Christodoulos Patsalides, governor, Central Bank of Cyprus (initial acceptance)

Jose Manuel Campa, chairperson, European Banking Authority (via connection)

Frank Elderson, member of the executive board, European Central Bank

Nick Hill, managing director, financial institutions group, Moody's Ratings

Michael C. G. Charalambides, CEO and managing director, ECOMMBX

Representative, Astrobank (name to be advised)

14:10 Discussion

14:30 THE FUTURE OF PAYMENTS: NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

The Economist in dialogue with:

Panagiotis Polydoros, country manager for Greece, Cyprus & Malta, Mastercard

14:40 FINANCIAL MARKETS & ECONOMIC GROWTH: A TWO YEAR FORECAST

Wim Van Aken, mission chief for Cyprus, European Stability Mechanism

Vassiliki Lazarakou, chair, Hellenic Capital Market Commission (via connection)

Constantin Cotzias, European director, Bloomberg LP

15:00 Discussion

15:20 Networking luncheon

16:20 End of 1st day sessions

Friday, November 22nd 2024

09:00	Arrival of the delegates
09:30	CAN CYPRUS'S RE-UNIFICATION TALKS REGAIN MOMENTUM? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconciliation efforts on behalf of the civil society <p>* María Angela Holguín Cuéllar, personal envoy of the secretary-general on Cyprus, United Nations</p> <p>Annita Demetriou, president of the House of Representatives of Cyprus, president of the Democratic Rally Party (DISY)</p> <p>Stefanos Stefanou, general secretary, Progressive Party of Working People (AKEL)</p> <p>Nicholas Papadopoulos, president, Democratic Party (DIKO)</p> <p>Angelos Syrigos, associate professor of international law and foreign policy, Panteion University, MP, Hellenic Parliament</p>
10:00	Discussion
10:20	CYPRUS'S EFFORT FOR A MORE RESILIENT GROWTH MODEL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovating• Building resilience• Empowering women leadership in the region <p>* Bothaina Al-Ansari, chief executive officer, QG</p> <p>Stavros Stavrou, president, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>Maria Panayiotou, president, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)</p> <p>* Philippos Soseilos, chief executive officer and chairman, PwC Cyprus</p>
10:50	Discussion
11:10	Break
11:40	A NEW MEDITERRANEAN REFUGEE CRISIS AHEAD? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do governments and international institutions respond?• The significance of multilateral co-operation• Addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza <p>Sofia Voultepsi, deputy minister of migration and asylum, Greece</p> <p>Natalie Boucly, deputy commissioner-general, programmes and partnerships, UNRWA</p>
11:55	Discussion

12:10 HOW CAN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM CONTRIBUTE TO CYPRUS'S GROWTH AND RESILIENCE?

* **Christoforos Hadjikyprianou**, CEO and president of the council, European University Cyprus

12:20 INVESTMENTS IN CYPRUS THAT WILL PROVE GAME-CHANGERS

- Which investments promote extroversion and regional co-operation?

* **Evgenios Evgeniou**, chairman, Invest Cyprus

The investors have the floor:

Sunil Kapoor, COO & partner, OL Shipping Group

Wassim El Hajj, rector, AUB Mediterraneo

12:40 Discussion

**13:00 NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSITIONS:
EXPERTISE AT THE SERVICE OF PROSPERITY AND INCLUSIVENESS**

- Cyprus as a promising technology hub
- Empowering the region's talent – attracting new
- The new roles of universities in economic and social development

Nicodemos Damianou, deputy minister of research, innovation and digital policy, Cyprus

- Innovative business leaders have the floor

* **Timur Turlov**, CEO and founder, Freedom Holding

* **Nicholas Tymoshchuk**, CEO, Energame

Uzy Zwebner, founder and CEO, BaseCamp, co-founder, High Tech Park, Beer Sheva, Israel

Christoforos Soutzis, executive director, Capital.com, Cyprus

Giorgos Nikoloudis, chief technology officer, Aambience Services

13:40 Discussion

**14:00 THE ROLE OF THE BLUE ECONOMY IN GREEN TRANSITION:
THE STRATEGY FOR ISLAND COUNTRIES**

- Blue economy: opportunities for prosperity and co-operation in the Mediterranean region

* **Marina Hadjimanolis**, shipping deputy minister, Cyprus

* **Patricia Scotland**, secretary-general, The Commonwealth

* **Andreas Hadjiyiannis**, president, Cyprus Union of shipowners

Nikolaos Isaris, head of representation, European Commission Representation in Cyprus

* **Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou**, co-chief executive officer, Tototheo Global

14:30 Discussion

**14:50 50 YEARS FROM THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS
MEMORY OF HISTORY: THE ROLE OF ART AND CULTURE**

The Economist *in dialogue with:*

Vasiliki Kassianidou, deputy minister of culture, Cyprus

Loukia Loizou-Hadjigavriel, director, The Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation

* **Andreas Georgiou**, actor, director and producer

15:10 Discussion

15:30 Networking luncheon

16:30 End of conference

* Awaiting confirmation

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