

Λευκωσία, 24 Σεπτεμβρίου 2025

**Προς: Όλα τα μέλη**

**Θέμα: Πρόσκληση Συμμετοχής στο 21ο Ετήσιο Cyprus Summit του Economist**

Αγαπητά μέλη,

Το ΚΕΒΕ, διαχρονικός υποστηρικτής της διοργάνωσης του Economist στην Κύπρο, σας προσκαλεί να συμμετάσχετε στο 21ο Ετήσιο Cyprus Summit που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στις 3 και 4 Νοεμβρίου 2025 στο ξενοδοχείο Hilton στη Λευκωσία, με θέμα:

**«Bridging continents for security, business and energy».**

Το συνέδριο, διαχρονικά αποτελεί το κορυφαίο οικονομικό γεγονός της Κύπρου και σημείο συνάντησης για κρατικούς αξιωματούχους, επιχειρηματίες και ακαδημαϊκούς από την Κύπρο, την ευρύτερη περιοχή και διεθνώς.

Ενδεικτικά θα αναπτυχθούν θέματα όπως η επόμενη μέρα για την Ουκρανία, με τη συμμετοχή της πρωθυπουργού της Ουκρανίας, Yuliia Svyrydenko, οι γεωπολιτικές προκλήσεις στην Ανατολική Μεσόγειο, η γεωστρατηγική σημασία μιας ενωμένης Κύπρου και η προοπτική δημιουργίας «S20» μικρών κρατών. Επιπρόσθετα, θα υπάρχουν ειδικές συνεδρίες για την ενέργεια, την τεχνητή νοημοσύνη, τις κεφαλαιαγορές, τη γυναικεία ηγεσία, την ανθεκτικότητα των δικτύων και τις εμπορικές σχέσεις ΕΕ-ΗΠΑ.

Για δηλώσεις συμμετοχής και περισσότερες πληροφορίες, παρακαλούμε όπως επισκεφτείτε την ιστοσελίδα [Economist Conferences - Greece](https://economistconferencesgreece.com)

Σας προσκαλούμε να αξιοποιήσετε αυτή την ευκαιρία για ενημέρωση, δικτύωση και ανταλλαγή απόψεων με ειδικούς.

Με εκτίμηση,

Ανδρέας Ανδρέου  
Αναπληρωτής Γενικός Γραμματέας

**Nicosia, 24 September 2025**

**To: All members**

**Subject: Invitation to Participate in the 21st Annual Cyprus Summit of The Economist**

Dear members,

The Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), a long-standing supporter of The Economist event in Cyprus, invites you to participate in the 21st Annual Cyprus Summit. The event will take place on November 3 and 4, 2025, at the Hilton Hotel in Nicosia and is entitled:

**«Bridging continents for security, business and energy».**

The conference has historically been Cyprus's leading economic event and a meeting point for government officials, business leaders, and academics from Cyprus, the wider region, and internationally.

Topics to be discussed include the future of Ukraine, with the participation of Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister, Yuliia Svyrydenko; geopolitical challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean; the geostrategic importance of a united Cyprus; and the prospect of creating an "S20" of small states. Additionally, there will be special sessions on energy, artificial intelligence, capital markets, female leadership, network resilience, and EU-US trade relations.

For registration and more information, please visit the website [Economist Conferences - Greece](#)

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity for information, networking, and the exchange of views with experts.

Yours faithfully,

Andreas Andreou  
Deputy Secretary General

**Programme**

# **21st Annual Cyprus Summit**

Bridging continents for security,  
business and energy

November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 | Hilton Nicosia



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Day one – November 3rd 2025

16:00	Registration and welcome coffee
16:30	<p><b>Official Opening</b></p> <p><b>Ukraine: The next day</b></p> <p>At the heart of the diplomatic efforts for the next day in Ukraine, there are issues such as territorial integrity, national sovereignty, and the reconstruction of the war-torn country. What are the key elements that a roadmap for the future of Ukraine should include?</p> <p>* <b>Yuliia Svyrydenko</b>, prime minister of Ukraine</p>
16:50	<p><b>Navigating tensions in a shifting global order</b></p> <p>This panel will focus on the foreign policies of countries of the eastern Mediterranean, examining the effort to balance between the implications of America's changing agendas and the geopolitical flashpoints that continue to pose security risks in the region.</p> <p><b>Harris Georgiades</b>, chairman parliamentary committee on foreign affairs, chairman, Clerides Institute, fmr finance minister, Republic of Cyprus</p> <p><b>Tzipi Livni</b>, former minister of foreign affairs, Government of Israel</p> <p><b>Sameh Shoukry</b>, former minister of foreign affairs, Government of Egypt</p>
17:35	<p><b>The geostrategic importance of a potentially united Cyprus</b></p> <p>This session will examine the prospect of Cyprus's reunification and the possible benefits that derive from it for security, stability, energy efficiency and multilateral co-operation in the region.</p> <p><b>Dimitris Avramopoulos</b>, former European commissioner for migration, home affairs and citizenship, former minister of foreign affairs of Greece</p>
17:50	<p><b>Arguments for creating a "small states club"</b></p> <p>What is the secret of success for small states in the 21st century? Can small states play a bigger leadership role in an increasingly fragmented world? How can small states counter the dominance of major powers and be effective mediators in global conflicts? Is it time for an S20 group of small states to play a role on the world stage? This session will discuss how a new consortium of small states, an S-20, could play a big role in preventing war, promoting peace and tackling other global challenges.</p> <p>The Economist in dialogue with:</p> <p><b>Armen Sarkissian</b>, former president and prime minister, Armenia</p>

18:10 **The EU's next long-term budget: adapting to new realities**

**Michalis Hadjipantela**, member, European Parliament

(speakers to be advised)

18:50 **End of sessions - Day 1**

19:00 **Cocktail reception**

20:00 **Opening dinner**

**How are America and Europe redefining their place in the world?**

In view of the developments in American foreign and trade policy this session discusses how transatlantic relations are evolving and what impact it will have on the eastern Mediterranean region. What does the new American administration's agenda signify for global trade, investment and energy security. The session will also address the growing influence of China and Russia on the world economy and artificial intelligence (AI) industry, and the implications for Europe's strategic autonomy, sovereignty and economic resilience.

Guest of honour and keynote speaker:

**Mike Pompeo**, 70th US secretary of state, executive chairman, Impact Investments

## **Day two – November 4th 2025**

08:15 **Registration and refreshments**

08:45 ***The Economist's* outlook on the eastern Mediterranean region**

**John Peet**, associate editor, special reports, *The Economist*

**Joan Hoey**, editor of the Democracy Index and Europe consultant, Economist Intelligence

09:00 **Official opening and keynote address**

**A strategic nexus in a strategic region**

Cyprus's pivotal position in the eastern Mediterranean's geopolitical landscape makes the country critical to the region's energy, security and diplomacy. But the political division of the island continues to pose challenges. How can Cyprus fulfil its full potential in regional and international affairs?

**Nikos Christodoulides**, president of the Republic of Cyprus



09:15

### **Rethinking economic growth and banking in a fragmented world**

Trade wars, geopolitical disputes, digitisation and demands for sustainability are transforming economic growth. What is next?

\* **Paschal Donohoe**, president of the Eurogroup, minister for finance, Ireland (via connection)

**Christodoulos Patsalides**, governor, Central Bank of Cyprus

\* **Pierre Gramegna**, managing director, European Stability Mechanism (ESM)

10:00

### **Smart finance: AI and the fintech era**

The introduction of advanced technologies in banking are changing the way funds are transacted and managed. This panel will consider the opportunities and challenges of AI in the era of fintech and cyber security.

**Gregory Dellas**, group chief compliance and risk officer, ECOMMBX, chair, ACAMS Cyprus Chapter

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

\* **Dorit Dor**, managing partner, Qbeat Ventures

10:45

### **Energy geopolitics in the eastern Mediterranean**

European requirements for energy security and the role of the eastern Mediterranean as a strategic energy hub have attracted investors to the region. What should they expect in the future?

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

\* **Stavros Papastavrou**, minister of environment and energy, Government of Greece

\* **Eli Cohen**, minister of energy and infrastructure, Israel

\* **Tasos Chatzivasileiou**, MP, Hellenic Parliament, fmr deputy minister of foreign affairs, Greece

Business representatives (names to be advised)

11:30

### **Networking break with refreshments**

12:00

### **Building a future-ready workforce**

AI is revolutionising the skills workforces need for economic future growth. This panel will examine ways to enhance business capabilities in a changing world.

**Athena Michaelidou**, minister of education, sport and youth, Government of Cyprus

**Nikolaos Mavridis**, AI consultant & academic

**Philippos Soseilos**, chief executive and chairman, PwC Cyprus

**Achim Schmillen**, lead economist for social protection and labor, World Bank

12:35

### **The prospects for capital markets in the eastern Mediterranean**

This panel will discuss the potential of capital markets within the current international and regional landscape as well as the opportunities arising from partnerships in the region.

**George Theocharides**, chairman, Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC)

\* **Vassiliki Lazarakou**, chair, Hellenic Capital Market Commission

**Yosef Zinger**, chairman, Israel Securities Authority

12:55

### **Investing in turbulent times**

The wisdom that successful investments require stability has been overturned in recent years by turbulent geopolitical and economic developments of recent years. This session will consider the adaptability and resilience of the European economy within this new reality.

\* **Representative**, Invest Cyprus (names to be advised)

**Stavros Stavrou**, president, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Olga Eftychidou**, head of legal, Sioufas & Associates Law Firm

**Annelly Koudstaal**, programme manager Southern Europe, EU Country Management Unit, World Bank

13:30

### **Unlocking women's potential in energy**

As the world is shifting toward renewables and smarter energy systems, diversity becomes a necessity. This session will explore the role of women in shaping the energy landscape, highlighting how inclusive leadership and targeted upskilling programmes are transforming the industry.

**Josie Christodoulou**, commissioner for gender equality, Republic of Cyprus

EMGF EmpowerMed Network (names to be advised)

14:00

### **Network resilience and security of supply**

This session will explore the distinction between resilience and immunity in networks, examining both the challenges and potential solutions. The discussion will focus on the roles of technology, regulation and finance.

**Amos Lasker**, managing partner, Amrav Investment, chief executive, Israeli Energy Innovation Community

14:15

**Tariff troubles: America vs the EU**

This panel will assess the implications of trade frictions between America and Europe and explore the wider impact of tariffs for the global economy.

**Richard Baldwin**, professor of international economics, International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland

14:30

**Networking Luncheon**

15:30

**End of conference**

**\* Awaiting confirmation**

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