

EUROPEAN YOUNG LEADERS: '40 UNDER 40'

A three-day seminar co-organised by EuropaNova and *Friends of Europe*
Athens, 13-15 June 2013

PROGRAMME

Moderated by Young Leader **Kirsten van den Hul**, The Change Agent

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 13 JUNE

13.30 – 14.00 Registration for all European Young Leaders and welcome coffee

OPENING & WELCOME 14.00 – 15.00 INTRODUCTION & WARM UP

Venue: Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel

Welcome remarks by **Guillaume Klossa**, President of EuropaNova, and **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe*, followed by a “warm up” ice breaker with the Young Leaders.

SESSION I 15.00 – 16.30 EUROPE'S ECONOMIC CRISIS: WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHY?

Venue: Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel

Europe's economic crisis has spotlighted major gaps and weaknesses in the European Union's construction, leadership and policymaking and raised doubts about the EU's capacity to analyse, reflect and act in unity.

- *Why have Europeans not been able to forge a common analysis of what went wrong and why?*
- *What role has been played by cultural misunderstandings and lack of trust between governments and EU and national policymakers?*
- *Have any lessons been learned on avoiding future crisis?*

Different aspects of the European crisis will be discussed: economic, social, political, institutional, moral, cultural and geopolitical. The Greek case study will serve as a concrete illustration of the challenge facing Europe.

Maria Damanaki, European Commissioner

Anna Diamantopoulou, President of Diktyo - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, former Minister and former EU Commissioner, and *Friends of Europe* Trustee

Loukas Tsoukalis, President of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

Yanis Varoufakis, Professor of Economics at the University of Texas at Austin and at the University of Athens

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

WORKSHOPS 17.00 – 18.30 POST-CRISIS EUROPE: FACING THE CHALLENGE OF EUROPEAN RENEWAL

Venue: Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel

Ending speculation about the “decline of Europe” requires Europeans to agree on a common vision for Europe's post-crisis renewal. The European Young Leaders will be joined by Greek young leaders during workshops to discuss important issues that the EU will have to address in order to build a better future:

Workshop 1: Rebuilding the European democratic model

Moderated by **Edouard Gaudot**, Political Advisor for the Green Group at the European Parliament

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11.30 – 12.00 *Coffee break*

SESSION III
12.00 – 13.30 **NEW POLICIES TODAY FOR THE YOUTH OF TOMORROW**

Venue: Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel

Many European countries are faced with the problem of rising poverty and unemployment; 23.5% of young Europeans are currently jobless (compared to an average European unemployment rate of 10.9%), with Greece and Spain scoring the highest rates of youth unemployment (60% and 55% respectively). The EU's Youth Employment Initiative earmarks €6 billion pledge to tackle youth unemployment and includes a "Youth Guarantee", which gives under-25s a guarantee of quality work, training or education within four months of leaving school or losing a job.

- *Are the EU's efforts to encourage "Youth Guarantees" making a difference, and how can the 20 million new "green jobs" forecast for the EU by 2020 be made to favour youthful entrants?*
- *Are there policies that might reduce labour market pressures that discriminate against younger and less experienced workers?*
- *What sort of in-depth re-think of social policy throughout Europe is needed to encourage young people to become productive and find jobs?*
- *What should a comprehensive and far-sighted EU jobs strategy consist of?*

Ana Dumitrescu, Filmmaker and Director for the Documentary *Khaos* about the daily lives of Greek citizens living through the economic crisis

Massimiliano Mascherini, Lead Researcher of the Eurofound report "NEETs - Young people not in employment, education or training: Characteristics, costs and policy responses in Europe"

Young Leader contribution by **Dimitris Tsigos**, President of the European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs (YES) and of the Hellenic Start-up Association, and Founder of StartTech Ventures

13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch*

SESSION IV
15.00 – 16.30 **BUILDING A NEW ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR GREECE**

Venue: Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens Hotel

Greece is facing a sixth year of recession, with its economy shrinking by 5.3% in the first quarter of 2013. Still, after nearly crashing out of the euro last year and coming under attack for stalled reforms, Greece has won praise in recent months for getting back on track with deficit-cutting goals and pushing through unpopular austerity measures. But key questions remain about its economic future:

- *What are the main opportunities for a new start of the Greek economy?*
- *What are the priorities to leverage this potential? Reforms? Investments? Education?*
- *What would be the new national and European Growth model?*

Alexandra Konida, Investor Relations Director of Public Power Corporation

Ernestos Panayiotou, Management Consultant at McKinsey & Company

Young Leader contribution by **Max von Bismarck**, Partner and CEO Europe of Skybridge Capital

16.30 – 17.00 *Transfer to the Acropolis Museum*

TOUR & CULTURE
17.00 – 20.00 **GREEK CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Guided tour of the Acropolis Museum and Parthenon marbles, followed by a debate on culture in the Acropolis auditorium with actor **Yannis Papadopoulos**, film director **Yiannis Smaragdis**, and **Marina Lambraki-Plaka**, Professor Emeritus of the History of Art and Director of the National Gallery - Alexandros Soutzos Museum in Athens. The debate will be followed by a performance by Young Leader, Dancer, Poet and Writer **Tishani Doshi**.

20.00 – 23.00 *Dinner at the Acropolis Museum restaurant, hosted by Greek Culture Minister*
Kostas Tzavaras

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DAY 3 – SATURDAY 15 JUNE

08.30 – 09.30 Breakfast at the hotel
09.30 – 11.00 Transportation to Cape Sounio

SESSION V
11.00 – 12.30

EUROPE'S SOFT POWER, HARD POWER DILEMMA

Venue: European Public Law Organization

While it may not have tanks, guns or aircraft carriers, the EU is an important global soft power which uses aid, trade and diplomacy to shape international developments. As the world's largest aid donor, leading humanitarian actor and key driver on issues like human rights, climate change and other non-traditional security challenges, Europe exerted 'soft power' long before the term was coined.

- *But with America's "pivot" to Asia and the shrinkage of Europe to less than 7% of the global population, how real is Europe's soft power and influence in the shaping of the world's geopolitical future? Do these powers present a dilemma or a synergy?*
- *With the instabilities of the Arab spring posing major question marks over the nature of European security and EU countries' military capabilities, should hard power now be much higher on the Union's agenda?*
- *Has the EU begun to shape a new Mediterranean strategy – spanning not just economic cooperation but also support to home-grown democratic reform, security and even increased immigration?*

Welcome remarks by **Spyridon Flogaitis**, Director and President of the Board of Directors of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

Assia BenSalah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large of King Mohamed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco

Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, President of the Circle of the Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development, and 2011-12 European Young Leader

Young Leader contribution by **Dawood Azami**, Senior Broadcast Journalist for the BBC World Service and Visiting Lecturer on Globalisation, Power and International Governance at the University of Westminster

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

SESSION VI
14.00 – 16.00

NEXT LEADERSHIP: SETTING THE NEW EU AGENDA

Venue: European Public Law Organization

As the old way of doing things is replaced by a "new normal", political, economic and civil society leaders in the European Union will have to develop new skills, qualities and accountability to tackle complex challenges.

- *What are the key qualities required to face the new world when considering specific fields such as politics, business and non-governmental organisations?*
- *Why are these skills so important and how will they help prepare for a more stable and secure world order?*
- *What insights can emerge from this programme to prepare the future generation of European leaders?*

Sony Kapoor, Managing Director of Re-Define, an economic and financial think tank

Facilitated by **Thomas Houdaille**, Director of EuropaNova

16.00 onward Leisure time and beach activities

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