

"Digital transformation, networking, collaborations and convergences in the Balkans"

09.30-09.45 **Stavros Kalafatis**, Opening speech by Deputy Minister of Interior Sector Macedonia and Thrace

09.45-10.45 **Opening greetings**

- **Makis Voridis**, Minister of Internal Affairs, Greece
- **Kyriakos Pierrakakis**, Minister of Digital Governance, Greece
- **Dr Emilija Stojmenova Duh**, Minister of Digital Transformation, Slovenia
- **Slavica Grkovska**, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of good governance policies of the Republic of North Macedonia
- **Kostas Fragogiannis**, Deputy Minister for Economic Diplomacy and Openness, Greece
- **Blagovest Kirilov**, Deputy Minister in charge of Information Technology and Information Society, Bulgaria
- **Georgios Zervos**, Special Secretary for European Regional Development Fund, Ministry of Development & Investments, Greece
- **Maria Antoniou**, Head of the Prime Minister's office in Thessaloniki, Greece

11.00-13.00 **1st Session: Digital Transformation, convergences and networks in the Balkans of business operators**

Moderator: - **Dr. Dimitrios Tzovaras**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas - CERTH, Greece

Speakers: - **Leonidas Christopoulos**, Secretary General of Digital Governance and Simplification of Procedures, Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece

- **Victoria Kalogirou**, Programme Manager for EU policies and a Seconded National Expert at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Informatics (Interoperability Unit – D2), Brussels



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- **Nikos Efthymiadis**, Chairman & Ceo, Thess INTEC AE, Greece
- **Orhideja Kaljoshevska**, Western Balkan Investment Framework, Country Manager for Republic of North Macedonia
- **Anastasios Tzikas**, President of Thessaloniki International Fair HELEXPO SA & Chairman of Technopolis Thessaloniki ICT Business Park S.A, Greece
- **Dr. Aleš Hančič**, Managing Director TECOS, Slovenia
- **Dimitrios Goulias**, Economic Analyst at Greek Exporters Association (SEVE), Greece
- **Dragana Bečić**, Assistant Director, Office for Information Technologies and e-Government, Government of the Republic of Serbia
- **Paraskevi Dramalioti**, President of National Centre for Public Administration & Local Government, Greece

13.00-13.30 *Coffee break*

13.30-15.30 **2nd Session: Digital Transformation, convergences and networks in the Balkans of public and self-governing bodies**

Moderator: **Prof. Agis M. Papadopoulos**, Chairman of the Board EYATH S.A. – Thessaloniki Water and Sewage Company, Greece

Speakers:

- **Prof. Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos**, Secretary General of Information Systems for Public Administration, Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece
- **Gilles Kittel**, Team Leader – Instrument for Pre-Accession, Enlargement Negotiations and EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) DG REGIO, Brussels
- **Georgia Valatsou**, Permanent Secretary General, Ministry of Interior, Greece
- **Simic Sanda**, Head of Division, Ministry of European Integration, Serbia
- **Dimitris Papastergiou**, President of Central Union of Greek Municipalities – Mayor of Trikala city, Greece
- **Dana Eleftheriadou**, Head of Cities and Proximity Team, European Commission, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Brussels



- **Angeliki Bouziani**, Head of the Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes (INTERREG), Ministry of Development & Investments, Greece

15.30-17.30 **3rd Session: Digital Transformation, convergences and networking in the Balkans of scientific bodies**

Moderator: **Spyros Ignatiadis**, Strategic Planning and Operations Manager IDS Consulting, Greece

- Speakers:**
- **Prof. Sokratis Katsikas**, Director, Norwegian Center for Cybersecurity in Critical Sectors (NORCICS), Norway
 - **Prof. Marya Stankova PhD**, Head of Tourism Department, Faculty of Economics, South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Bulgaria
 - **Prof. Theodora Varvarigou**, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece
 - **Prof. Dr. Sandro Nizetic**, Head of Department of Thermodynamics LTEF - Laboratory for Thermodynamics and Energy Efficiency, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Split, Croatia
 - **Prof. Dimitris Iakovidis**, Deputy Head of the Dept. of Computer Science and Biomedical Informatics, Director of the Biomedical Imaging Laboratory, Greece
 - **Prof. Eden Mamut, PhD, Eng.**, Director, Institute for Nanotechnologies & Alternative Sources of Energy, "Ovidius" University of Constantza, Romania
 - **Prof. Panayiotis Ketikidis**, Professor of Innovation and Technology, CITY College, University of York Europe Campus, Chairman of the South East European Research Center (SEERC) and Business Angel Investor, Greece

17.30 **Stavros Kalafatis**, Forum closure and conclusions by Deputy Minister of Interior Sector Macedonia and Thrace