Agenda

2nd Greek-German Think Tank Dialogue

29 October 2026, 13.00 – 30 October 2026, 13.00
Athens

29 October	
13.00-14.00	Welcome Buffet Lunch
14.00-14.15	**Opening Remarks** *Stefan Mair, Director, SWP* *Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum* *Ilja Nothnagel, General Director, German-Hellenic Chamber of Industry and Commerce* *Johannes Ebert, Regional Head of Goethe-Institut Athens*
14.15-16.00	**Defending Europe: Readiness, Deterrence & Strategic Autonomy** ***Keynotes*** *Jens Plötner, Permanent Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Defence* *Thanos Dokos, Secretary General for National Security, Presidency of the Hellenic Government* ***Discussants*** *Markos Vassilikos, Executive Director, Hellenic Centre for Defence Innovation* *Pia Fuhrhop, Head of Research Unit Security Policy, SWP* *Christian Hadjiminas, Founder, EFA Group, President, Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association* *Major General Georgios Panousis, Director, Hellenic National Defense General Staff* *Alkiviadis Thomas, CEO, ALTHOMGroup* Chair*: Elena Lazarou, Director General of ELIAMEP*
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break
16.30-18.00	**Competing in a Fragmented World: Industry, Technology and Innovation** ***Speakers*** *Manolis Mitakis, Boehringer Ingelheim Head Public Affairs Hellas* *Nikos Vettas, General Director IOBE, Professor, Athens University of Economics & Business* *Yiannis Mastrogeorgiou, Special Sec. for Strategic Foresight, Presidency of the Hellenic Government* ***Discussant*** *Nikos Efthymiadis, Chairman, Redestos Group, Chairman & CEO, Thess INTEC* *Chair: Ilja Nothnagel, General Director, German-Hellenic Chamber of Industry & Commerce*

19.30	**Preparing the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the European Union** *Dinner hosted by the German Ambassador* ***by invitation only*** *Tasos Hadjivassiliou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs* *Sebastian Fischer, Deputy Director General EU Policy & Coordination at the Federal Foreign Office* *Dimitris Kairidis, ND Chief Parliamentary Spokesperson, former Minister, Professor of Int. Politics* Chair: *Andreas Kindl, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Greece*

30 October

09.30	**Arrival of Guests & Welcome Remarks** *Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum*
9.45-11.15	**Securing Europe's Lifelines: Energy, Connectivity and Critical Infrastructure** ***Speakers*** *Lisa Badum, Member of German Parliament & Co-chair, German-Greek Parliamentary Group* *Jacopo Pepe, Senior Associate, SWP* *Konstantinos Theofylaktos, Deputy Chairman of the Institute of Energy for SE Europe* *Nikolaos Tsiouvaras, Chief Technology Officer of Sunlight Group* Chair: Stefan Mair, Director, SWP
11.15-11.40	Coffee Break
11.40-13.10	**Greek - German Cultural Relations: Learning from Athens, Ten Years On** ***Speakers*** *Andrea Linnenkohl, Head of Exhibition Management, documenta gGmbH, Kassel* *Fivos Sakalis, Advisor, Strategic Development & National/International Relations, EMST Athens* *Daniel Wetzel, Rimini Protokoll, Berlin* *Katerina Tselou, Advisor to the Minister of Culture* *Chair: Marc-André Schmachtel, Head of Cultural Dep. Goethe-Institut Athens & Region Europe I*
13.10-13.15	**Closing Remarks** *Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum*
13.15	Farewell Buffet Lunch