

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 Government

Discussants

Markos Vassilikos, Executive Director, Hellenic Centre for Defence Innovation

Pia Fuhrhop, Head of Research Unit Security Policy, SWP

Christian Hadjiminias, 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

Daniel Sahl, Economic Voice of Bertelsmann Foundation

Nikos Vettas, General Director IOBE, Professor, Athens University of Economics & Business

Yiannis Mastrogeorgiou, Special Secretary for Strategic Foresight, Presidency of the Government

Discussant

Nikos Efthymiadis, Chairman, Redestos Group, President, Thessaloniki Technology Park

Chair: Ilja Nothnagel, General Director, German-Hellenic Chamber of Industry & Commerce

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19.30	Preparing the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the European Union <i>Dinner hosted by the German Ambassador by invitation only</i> <i>Tasos Hadjivassiliou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs</i> <i>Sebastian Fischer, Deputy Director General EU Policy & Coordination at the Federal Foreign Office</i> <i>Chair: Andreas Kindl, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Greece</i>
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	Welcome Remarks Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum
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9.30-11.00	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 Costis Stambolis, Chairman and Executive Director, Institute of Energy for SE Europe Nikolaos Tsiouvaras, Chief Technology Officer of Sunlight Group Chair: Stefan Mair, Director, SWP
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11.00-11.30	Coffee Break
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11.30-13.00	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 Deputy Minister of Culture and Sports, Athens Chair: Marc-André Schmachtel, Head of Cultural Dep. Goethe-Institut Athens & Region Europe I
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13.00-13.05	Closing Remarks Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum
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13.10	Farewell Buffet Lunch
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