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Agenda for Conference
Integrating Greece into the European Semester Policy Framework:
Priorities for sustainable growth and competitiveness

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Acropolis Museum, Athens

09:00 Registration (museum opens at 9:00)

09:30 Welcome: George Markopouliotis, Head of the European Commission Representation in Athens

09:35 Introduction: Maarten Verwey, Director General, Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS), European Commission

09.45 Session 1: Greece in the European Policy Framework

09.45 – 10.15: **European Semester Country Report for Greece**, Declan Costello, Mission Chief for Greece, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN) and Barbara Kauffmann, Director, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), European Commission

10.15 - 10.30: Q&A session

10.30 - 10.45: **Greece's Growth Strategy**, Dimitris Liakos, Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

Moderator: Nikos Vettas, Director General IOBE, professor AUEB

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 Session 2: Benchmarking business environment & regulation

World Bank Doing Business Survey (Maria Magdalena Chiquier, World Bank, Private Sector Development Specialist)

IMD World Competitiveness Rankings (Christos Cabolis, IMD WCC Chief Economist)

Good practice from Portugal, Ricardo Pinheiro Alves, Ministry of the Economy, Portugal

IOBE on business environment reforms

Moderator: John Papageorgiou, EU Affairs, Athens Municipal Radio, Head of Athens Digest

12:15 Session 3: Implementing structural reforms for growth – EC support

Dimitris Papagiannakos, Secretary General for Coordination

George Pitsilis, Governor of Independent Authority for Public Revenue

Dionisios Tsagkris, Head of Directorate on Better Regulatory Framework, Ministry of Economy and Development - Investment licensing

Ulrich Laumanns, GIZ - Energy

Ludovic Seringes SRSS - Hellenic Development Bank

Anastasia Xepapadea, Secretary General for Anti-corruption -Tackling Anti-Corruption

Moderator: Yiannis Hadjiyiannis, Head of the Athens office, Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS), European Commission

13:30 Lunch break

14:30 Roundtable 1: Reducing administrative burden

Janek Mäggi, Minister of Public Administration, Republic of Estonia. Digital identity, the once-only-principle and reducing administrative burden. Good practice from member state experience

Costas Kapsouropoulos, DG CNECT e-Government and Trust Unit, European Commission

Diomidis Spinellis, professor AUEB, former Secretary General of General Secretariat for Information Systems (GSIS)

Dimitri Vayanos, professor LSE, director of the Financial Markets Group Research Centre (FMG)

Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Dianeosis director

Greek business perspective, Ilias Kikilias, INSETE director

Moderator: Eirini Chrysolora, journalist at Kathimerini

16:00 Coffee break

16:15: Roundtable 2: Creating a regulatory environment fostering innovation

Good practice from Netherlands, Saskia van den Brink, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands

Alexander Kritikos, Research director, DIW Berlin

Aristos Doxiadis, Venture capital professional, founder of Big Pi

Marcos Veremis, Co-founder & executive Chairman of UPSTREAM SA

George Xirogiannis, SEV director for industry, growth and infrastructure

Moderator: Chris Allen, Resident Adviser in Athens, DG ECFIN, European Commission

17:30 Farewell address: Taking Business Reform forward in Greece, Paul Kutos, Head of Unit for Greece, DG ECFIN, European Commission

18:00 Conference close