

"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 by Greek governmental representatives
- Welcome speeches by governmental representatives from Balkans
- 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
 - **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



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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
- **Paraskevi Dramalioti**, President of National Centre for Public Administration & Local Government, 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



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- **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
- **Dr. 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