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# THE FIFTH SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT FOR SOUTH-EAST EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

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## DAY 1 – September 30th

08:30 EEST  
07:30 CET

Arrival of delegates

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## **THE ECONOMIST'S OUTLOOK ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

- To what extent has the pandemic affected the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development?

**Alasdair Ross**, director, The Economist Intelligence unit,  
countries editor, *The Economist's* annual "The World in..." publication

Welcome remarks by:

**Andreas Papandreou**, co-chair, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Greece (SDSN Greece),  
professor, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Official inauguration

H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic **Katerina Sakellaropoulou**

09:25 EEST  
08:25 CET

Keynote opening address

## **WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE EUROPE CLIMATE-NEUTRAL BY 2050**

**Ursula von der Leyen**, president of the European Commission ([recorded message](#))

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## **CLIMATE CRISIS: KEEPING IT A TOP PRIORITY**

*The Economist* in dialogue with:

**Jeffrey Sachs**, director, Global SDSN Leadership Council, director, Center for Sustainable Development,  
Columbia University, USA (via connection)

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## **HOW IS THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 LINKED TO THE SDGs?**

- What are the priorities for sustainable development in a pandemic world?
- New realities that we had never imagined before
- The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) report

**Kostas Skrekas**, minister for the environment and energy, Greece

**Aaron Farrugia**, minister for the environment, climate change and planning, Malta

**Phoebe Koundouri**, president-elect, European AERE, professor, Athens University of Economics  
& Business, co-chair, UN SDSN Greece

**Angelo Riccaboni**, chair, PRIMA Foundation, chair, SDSN Mediterranean, professor, University of Siena

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Discussion

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09:25 CET

## **THE FUTURE EUROPE WANTS:**

## **A GREEN AND DIGITAL, JOB-BASED AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Udo Bullmann**, member, group of the progressive alliance of Socialists and Democrats, European  
Parliament

**Kostas Skrekas**, minister of Environment and Energy, Greece

**Alexandra Mitsotaki**, president, Action Finance Initiative-AFI, co-founder, World Human Forum

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Discussion

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### **"LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND":**

#### **TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THE PANDEMIC EXACERBATED EXISTING INEQUALITIES?**

- Can we avoid setbacks in the progress achieved in the pre-pandemic era?
- Current challenges and participatory actions for social progress

**Assia Bensalah Alaoui**, ambassador at large of His Majesty Mohamed VI, Kingdom of Morocco

**Gabriela Ramos**, assistant director-general for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO (via connection)

**Anastasia Zissi**, professor of community psychology and mental health, department of sociology, University of the Aegean, member of the gender equality committee, University of the Aegean

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Discussion

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### **ERADICATING POVERTY - PRIORITISING SOCIAL JUSTICE**

- Will the EU manage to reduce poverty before 2030?
- Developing effective anti-poverty strategies following covid-19
- What are the new opportunities that emerge from the crisis?

Keynote address:

**Muhammad Yunus**, professor, founder and ex-Managing Director of Grameen Bank, 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate "for his efforts to create economic and social development from below" (via connection)

- **Focusing on Greece**

**Domna Michailidou**, deputy minister of labour and social affairs, responsible for social welfare and social solidarity, Greece

**Petros Kokkalis**, member, the left group, European Parliament

\* **Representative**, DiaNEOsis (*name to be advised*)

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Discussion

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Break

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### **DEALING WITH THE INCREASE OF MEDICAL WASTE IN THE ERA OF COVID-19**

- The significance of developing sustainable methods of vaccination and disposal

\* **Carlos RV Silva Filho**, president, ISWA (International Solid Waste Association)

\* **Panagiotis Prezerakos**, secretary general of health, Greece

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Discussion

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## IMMUNISATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs): HOW ARE THEY LINKED IN THE ERA OF COVID-19?

- What should be the next steps for protection from future outbreaks?

*The Economist* in dialogue with:

\* **Marianna Trias**, WHO representative to Greece & head of WHO country office, World Health Organization

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## THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTH SYSTEMS

- Assessing Greece's combat against the pandemic
- Towards a sustainable patient-centred system
- Rationalising expenditure
- The role of innovation policy

\* **Thanos Plevris**, minister for health, Greece  
**Olympios Papadimitriou**, president, SFEE

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Discussion

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Networking luncheon

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## GREEN FINANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

- The significance of expanding green investment in times of a global crisis

**Marcello Ranucci**, representative from Italy's Ministry of Economy and Finance, G20 Italian Presidency (via connection)

**Stefan Brunnhuber**, programme director, World Academy of Art & Science (WAAS) Expert Group on Innovative Financial Strategies

**Representative**, Greek bank

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Discussion – Chaired by **Phoebe Koundouri**

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## OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND BLUE GROWTH: OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES IN THE PANDEMIC ERA

- How are the oceans expected to contribute to unemployment in the next decade?

**Ioannis Plakiotakis**, minister of maritime and island policy, Greece

**Maria Damanaki**, special adviser for SYSTEMIQ and Paradise Foundation, former commissioner, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

\* **Kirsten Dunlop**, chief executive officer, EIT Climate-KIC

Commentator: **Olga Stavropoulou**, director general, Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA)

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Discussion – Chaired by **SDSN Greece**

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### 2020: 'THE YEAR OF THE QUIET OCEAN'

- What is the impact of human noise to the oceans?
- What can we expect from now on as to the oceans' health?

**Drosos Koutsoubas**, professor of marine biology, head of the department of marine sciences, University of the Aegean

**Nikolaos Skliris**, senior research fellow for ocean and earth science, National Oceanography Centre Southampton, University of Southampton

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Discussion

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End of day sessions

## DAY 2 – October 1st

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Arrival of delegates

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### MIGRATION AND SDGs IN THE PANDEMIC ERA

- The crisis' impact on migration
- Solidarity and migration management in the post-covid world
- Inclusive approaches
- What impact with the migration influx have in the business sector?

**Notis Mitarachi**, minister of migration and asylum, Greece

\* **Dimitris Avramopoulos**, former commissioner for migration, home affairs & citizenship, European Commission

\* **Dimitri Papalexopoulos**, chairman of the BoD, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)

\* **Amed Khan**, president, Paradigm Global Group

\* **Per Heggenes**, CEO, IKEA Foundation

**Sofia Kouvelaki**, chief executive officer, The HOME Project

**Angeliki Dimitriadi**, senior research fellow, head, migration programme, ELIAMEP

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Discussion

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### SPEEDING UP THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Linear economy vs circular economy: what are the new opportunities in the horizon?
- Main obstacles that stand in the way
- Zero waste: an update

**Peter Börkey**, principal administrator, OECD Environment Directorate

**Theodora Antonakaki**, director, Climate Change and Sustainability Centre (CCSC), Bank of Greece

- Sustainable waste management for circular economy: the need for change

**Katia Lasaridi**, professor & head, department of geography, Harokopio University, former president of the board, Hellenic Recycling Agency

**Business representative** (*name to be advised*)

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Discussion

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Break

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### SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT

- What are the issues that should be addressed in the coronavirus era?
- Assessing the impact of human activity so far
- Socio-economic aspects of water-resource management

**Maria Papadopoulou**, professor, National Technical University of Athens, president of management board, Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA), Ministry of Environment & Energy, member, National Water Council

**Panagiotis Nastos**, director of the Laboratory of Climatology and Atmospheric Environment, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, president of the Hellenic Meteorological Society

**Harry Sachinis**, chief executive officer, EYDAP

**Nikos Charalambides**, executive director, Greenpeace Greece

\* **Bertrand Camus**, chief executive officer, Suez

- Case study:

**Yiannis Georgakellos**, communications & corporate affairs director, Athenian Brewery

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Discussion

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### CIRCULAR DESIGN: AT THE HEART OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Products that prevent waste
- Manufacturing sustainable products: providing incentives
- Business incentives to increase circular economy

**Mieke De Schoenmakere**, project manager integrated policy analysis, European Environment Agency

\* **Pavlos Vlachos**, associate professor of marketing, Alba Graduate Business School, The American College of Greece

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Discussion

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### BIODIVERSITY LOSS: INCREASING PANDEMIC INCREASE FACTORS

- The impending need to conserve biodiversity and manage wildlife more sustainably
- The EU Biodiversity strategy for 2030
- Acting before it is too late

**Anne Larigauderie**, executive secretary, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services (IPBES) ([recorded message](#))

\* **Nick Ostle**, researcher, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University, UK

**Demetres Karavellas**, CEO, WWF Greece

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Current and future trends
- How does it affect ecosystems and biodiversity conservation?
- Factors to be taken into consideration

**Giorgos Amyras**, deputy minister of environment and energy, Greece

\* **Socrates Famellos**, former alternate minister of environment and energy, Greece

\* **Karina Veum**, board member, Association of European Renewable Energy Research Centers

\* **Representative**, Hellenic Petroleum (*name to be advised*)

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Discussion

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Networking luncheon

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## ELECTRIC VEHICLES: "GREEN" ENOUGH?

- Latest assessments on EVs environmental footprint
- Future scenarios and expectations
- Innovation and entrepreneurship: bringing ideas to life

**Christos Dimas**, deputy minister for research and technology, Greece

**Evangelos Bekiaris**, president, Hellenic Institute of Electric Vehicles (HELIEV)

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Discussion

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## SUSTAINABLE CITIES AFTER THE COVID-19 ERA

- What has been the pandemic's impact on urban areas?
- Flexibility in working patterns posed by the pandemic: a benefit to big cities?
- The role of digital infrastructure in achieving cities' sustainability goals

**Kostas Bakoyannis**, Mayor of Athens

**Ekrem Imamoğlu**, Mayor of Istanbul (via connection)

**Dimitris Papastergiou**, president, Union of Mayors of Greece (KEDE), mayor of Trikala

- The business perspective

**George Tsaprounis**, corporate affairs executive director, WIND Hellas

Commentator: **Marnie McGregor**, head of communications & strategic partnerships, global covenant of mayors for climate & energy (GCoM)

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Discussion

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## THE FASHION INDUSTRY - SESSION I REVOLUTIONISING SUSTAINABILITY

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Opening remarks:

**Pavlina Proteou**, president & CEO, Beyond CSR

**Simone Cipriani**, chair, UN Alliance for Sustainable Fashion, CTO Ethical Fashion at WTC

**Alexandre Stutzman**, senior advisor to the president, UN General Assembly

**Carry Somers**, founder and global operations director, Fashion Revolution

**Anne Marr**, programme director, jewellery, textiles & materials, acting deputy director, Textile Future Research Centre, Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London (via connection)

**Chryssi Tzanetou**, associate lecturer, Central Saint Martins, Birkbeck MBA, University of the Arts London, founder, Leadership Studio

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Discussion

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## THE FASHION INDUSTRY - SESSION II EMERGING TRENDS AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODELS

- The role of circular economy and digitalization

**Saman Sarbarzavan**, COO, associate dean, professor, researcher, École des Ponts Business School

**Bettina Heller**, programme officer, Resources and Markets Branch, UNEP Economy Division (via connection)

**Elena Espinoza**, acting head of social issues, Principles for Responsible Investment (via connection)

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Discussion

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End of conference

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Cocktails

\* Awaiting confirmation

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