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MS. KATERINA SAKELLAROPOULOU



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GEORGIOS M. MIHALOS FOUNDATION

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DIALOGUES

Bridging the East Med

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Europe & Eastern Mediterranean: Geopolitics - Energy - Insularity

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Greeting

Dear friends,

We welcome you, for the third consecutive year, to the «Nisyros Dialogues». This Forum of «Dialogues» that has proven to be an institution that fuels public «Dialogue» on issues of Geopolitics, Energy and Security, Environment, Climate Change, Cultural Heritage, and Sustainable Development.

At the heart of «Nisyros Dialogues 2024» lie the changes taking place in Europe with developments in the Eastern Mediterranean, energy security, and more. Also, the sustainability of insularity based on developments in the Eastern Mediterranean region and the challenges of the modern era, such as digitalization, which must not leave behind the islands and remote regions of Greece.

With guest «Dialogue» speakers, including representatives of the Government and democratic political parties of the country, distinguished academics, former diplomats from Greece and abroad, entrepreneurs and senior executives of high prestige, as well as representatives of Generation Z, we aim to enrich, once again, the public discussion. We aim to generate content, opinions, thoughts, and concerns to be appropriately utilized by the academic and scientific community and decision-making bodies.

This beautiful and demanding journey began from my personal need to honor my father by creating an International Center for the exchange of views and fruitful «Dialogue», while also highlighting our ancestral homeland, Nisyros island. This volcanic island, with its special beauty, unique energy, and significant geostrategic position in the Southeastern Mediterranean region.

By my side, I have the honor and above all the luck, to have brotherly friends and valuable collaborators, the Founding Members of the Foundation, who enrich the «Nisyros Dialogues» with their knowledge and experience, but primarily with their soul and love. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

I also warmly thank all those who contributed to the organization of this year's «Nisyros Dialogues 2024». My family, who steadily supports my vision. All the partners who worked to achieve this year's result. The important entities with which we have formed strategic partnerships: the National Technical University of Athens, the Natural Environment and Climate Change Organization (NECCA), the Association for the Protection of Mount Hymettus (SPAY), the Doha Forum. All our valuable sponsors: the Gold Sponsor DEPA Commercial S.A., the Silver Sponsors Greek National Tourism Organization and NECCA, the Bronze Sponsors Piraeus Bank and Faria Renewables, and our supporters: Bank of Greece, Pancreta Bank, EYDAP, the Green Fund, ACS, Amazon Web Services, Inspiring Earth, the Hellenic Recycling Agency (EOAN) for its contribution to the organization, and our Media Sponsor, the Athens-Macedonian News Agency.

With sincere regards to all of you,

Panagiotis Mihalos

*Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation NPO
«Nisyros Dialogues»*

«Nisyros Dialogues[®]» Insight

The «Nisyros Dialogues – Bridging the East Med» are created, organized and carried out by the «Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation – Sustainability of Nisyros» NPO, to produce and promote ideas and projects aimed at highlighting and promoting the Eastern Mediterranean as a region of Sustainable Development, Cultural Understanding, and International Cooperation.

An international center for exchanging views and fruitful dialogue that steadily fuels public discourse on issues of Geopolitics in the Eastern Mediterranean, Energy and Security, Environment, Climate Change, Cultural Heritage, Sustainable Regional Development, and Insularity.

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In this era, where the sustainable evolution of humanity is at stake, in its natural environment, and in a region that has historically been a crossroads of civilizations, the «Nisyros Dialogues – Bridging the East Med» take place annually.

Within this context, the «Nisyros Dialogues – Bridging the East Med» – a Forum for Dialogue, a modern Think Tank - promotes creative «Dialogue» for sustainable environment, energy, and culture.

«Nisyros Dialogues» speakers include representatives of the Government, the political sphere and Civil Society, diplomats, academics, technocrats, entrepreneurs, and high-ranking executives from Greece and abroad, as well as journalists with extensive experience in national and international media.

In recent years, the «Nisyros Dialogues» have emerged as an event of utmost importance, attracting each year a multitude of visitors (high-profile speakers and guests from Greece, Europe, the US, and the Eastern Mediterranean region), highlighting and strengthening the internationalization of the Nisyros island and coastal regions' sustainability, within the context of Eastern Mediterranean as a region of Sustainable Development, Cultural Understanding, and International Cooperation.

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**Geopolitical Developments in the Eastern Mediterranean
and Energy Security**



**Digitalization and Smart Islands:
Paradigms & Prospects**



**Climate Change:
Gr-eco Islands, Sustainability of islands
and Coastal Regions**



**Tourism and Overtourism:
Limits, Management, and Ecotourism**

D I A L O G U E S P R O G R A M

Thursday, July 04

18:30 Welcome - *Oxos Mezedopolio, Mandraki*

Friday, July 05

18:00 Departure for the venue of the «Dialogues» - *Volcano Crater*

18:30 **Opening of the «Nisyros Dialogues 2024»**

Dialogues General Coordinator: Journalist Alexia Tasouli

Greeting by the President of the «Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation», Mr. Panagiotis G. Mihalos

Greetings:

- *His Eminence Metropolitan Nathaniel of Kos & Nisyros*
- *Archimandrites Ioustinianos*
- *Christofis Koroneos, Mayor of Nisyros island*
- *Leonidas Raptakis, State Senator of Rhode Island, USA, President of the World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association*
- *Members of Parliament of Dodecanese Islands*

18:45 **Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece (video message)**

19:00-20:00 **Dialogue 1st - Geopolitical developments in the Eastern Mediterranean and Energy Security**

Dialogue Moderator: Athanasios (Tom) Ellis, Editor in Chief, Kathimerini English edition

Dialogue Speakers:

- **Thodoros Skylakakis**, Minister of Environment and Energy of the Hellenic Republic (online)
- **Daniel B. Smith**, fmr Acting Secretary of State USA, fmr Ambassador to Greece
- **Yannis Maniatis**, Vice President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), Member of the European Parliament PASOK-KINAL, Professor, f. Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
- **Dimitrios Paraskevopoulos**, Ambassador a.h, fmr Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Dr. Sotirios Serbos**, Associate Professor in International Politics, Democritus University of Thrace

20:00-20:45 **Dialogue 2nd - Digitalization & Smart Islands: Paradigms and Prospects**

Dialogue Moderator: Maria Sarafoglou, Journalist ANT1

Dialogue Speakers:

- **Dimitris Papastergiou**, Minister of Digital Governance of the Hellenic Republic
- **Ioannis K. Chatjigeorgiou**, Rector of the National Technical University of Athens
- **Pavlos Chatzidimitriou**, AWS (Amazon Web Services), Public Sector Lead - Greece, Cyprus, Malta
- **Konstantinos Antonopoulos**, President & CEO of INSPIRING EARTH S.A.

21:00 **Dinner** - *Emporios Square*

Saturday, July 06

10:00 **Parallel Action: «The Nisyros Dialogues - Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation Trail»** - Location: Nikia

The Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation and SPAY continue their initiative connecting the «Nisyros Dialogues - Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation Trail», bridging Mount Hymettus with Nisyros island via intermediate islands. The Inter-island Trail Networks represent the symbolic connection of trails based on the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in 2023 between the two organizations. This memorandum was signed at the initiative of the former President of SPAY, Mayor of Elliniko-Argyroupoli Mr. Yiannis Konstantatos, and the President of the «Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation», Mr. Panagiotis G. Mihalos. On June 14, 2024, in Mount Hymettus, the two organizations implemented the first part of the «Nisyros Dialogues - Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation Trail». Now, here on Nisyros island, we are joining the two ends of the «Nisyros Dialogues - Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation Trail». (Optional participation)

18:00 Departure for the venue of the «Dialogues» - Location: Volcano Crater

18:30-19:30 **Dialogue 3rd - Climate change: GR-eco islands, Sustainability of the Islands and Coastal Greece**

Dialogue Moderator: Fanis Papathanasiou, Journalist ERT

Dialogue Speakers:

- **Alexandra Sdoukou**, Deputy Minister of Environment & Energy of the Hellenic Republic
- **Christos Zerefos**, Secretary General of the Academy of Athens, Climate Envoy for Greece (video message)
- **Emmanuela Doussi**, Professor of International Institutions, NKUA, Chairholder for Climate Diplomacy of UNESCO
- **Marios Dafnomilis**, EU Climate Pact Ambassador, Head of Development at WeFor NGO
- **Gavriil Sakellaridis**, Economist, Head of New Left Political Strategy
- **Dionysios Temponeras**, LL.M. in Labour Law, f. Secretary General of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
- **Christos Basdekis**, Head of Customer Activities Department of DEPA Commercial S.A.

19:30-20:45 **Dialogue 4th - Tourism, Hypertourism: Limits, Management and Ecotourism**

with the presentation of the study by N.E.C.C.A. and diaNEOSIS:

«Strategic Plan for the Organization and Development of Tourism in the areas of the Natura 2000 network»

Dialogue Moderator: Fanis Papathanasiou, Journalist ERT

Dialogue Speakers:

- **Angela Gerekou**, President of the Greek National Tourism Organization (video message)
- **Nadia Giannakopoulou**, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, PASOK - KINAL
- **Gikas Gikas**, Mayor of Ios island, Greece
- **Maria Papadopoulou**, Professor NTUA., President of the Board of N.E.C.C.A.
- **Dr. Fay Makantasi**, Research Director of diaNEOSIS

21:00 **Official Dinner** - Location «Porta», Nikia Square

- His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (recorded message)
- **Keynote Speaker: Margaritis Schinas, European Commission Vice-President**
for Promoting our European Way of Life
in the **«Straightforward Dialogue» with Athanasios (Tom) Ellis,**
Editor in Chief, Kathimerini, English Edition
- **Closing Remarks by the President of the «Georgios M. Mihalos Foundation», Mr. Panagiotis G. Mihalos**

Sunday, July 07

11:30 «The children are playing» - Ouzeri «Oasis»

15:30 Departure from Nisyros

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