

DRAFT Agenda

Greek-German Think Tank Dialogue

13 November 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 14 November 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Ludwigkirchplatz 3–4, 10719 Berlin

13 November

12:00 p.m. Welcome Lunch

12:25 p.m. **Opening Remarks**
Stefan Mair, Director, SWP
Symeon G. Tsomokos, Founder & President, Delphi Economic Forum
Christoph Wolfrum, Europe Director, Federal Foreign Office

12:30 p.m. **Europe's Defence Awakening: The European Quest for Strategic Autonomy and the ReArm Plan**
Carolyn Thielking, Director of the Planning and Command Staff, Federal Ministry of Defence
Athanasios Dokos, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister, Hellenic Republic

Chair: Elena Lazarou, Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

02:00 p.m. Coffee Break

02:15 p.m. **Shifting Sands: Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitics in the Age of Uncertainty**
Christoph Wolfrum, Europe Director, Federal Foreign Office
Margaritis Schinas, Vice President of the European Commission (2019-2024)

Chair: Stefan Mair, Director, SWP

03:45 p.m. Coffee Break

04:00 p.m. **Fuelling the Future of Europe: Energy Security & Green Transition**
Gerhard Schlaudraff, Director for Climate Diplomacy, Federal Foreign Office
Dimitris Mantzos, MP & Parliamentary Representative, PASOK - Kinima Allagis Energy of Greece (2013-2015)

Chair: Nikos Vettas, General Director, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research

05:30 p.m. **Break**

07:30 p.m.	Reception hosted by Alexandros Papaioannou, Ambassador of Greece to Germany <i>Greek Embassy Berlin, Hiroshimastraße 11-15, 10785 Berlin</i>
	Thomas Rachel MP, Chairman of the German-Greek Parliamentary Group, CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group, German Bundestag Tasos Chatzivasiliou, MP and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (2025)

14 November	
9:15 a.m.	**The Western Balkans' European Promise: Realities and Roadblocks** Funda Tekin, Direktorin, Institut für Europäische Politik Nikos Panagiotopoulos, MP, Minister of Migration and Asylum (2024 - 2025) *Chair: Symeon G. Tsomokos, Founder & President, Delphi Economic Forum*
10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.	**The EU Migration Crisis Revisited: Lessons Learned and Unlearned a Decade Later** Sebastian Fischer, Director for EU Policies, Refugees and Migration, Federal Foreign Office Panagiotis Mitarachi, MP, Deputy Minister of Economic Development & Competitiveness (2012-2015) *Chair: Anne Koch, Associate, Research Division Global Issues, SWP*
12:30 p.m.	**Closing Remarks** Alexandros Papaioannou, Ambassador of Greece to the Federal Republic of Germany
12:35 p.m.	Farewell Lunch

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