

AGENDA

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TEPSA Cypriot Pre-Presidency Conference
Nicosia, Cyprus
30-31 October, 2025

*VENUE: UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia
(Makedonitissis 46, Nicosia, Cyprus)*



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Day 1 (Thursday 30 October)



12:45 - 13:15

Registration



13:15 - 13:30

Welcome

- **Jim Cloos**, Secretary-General, TEPSA
- **Andreas Theophanous**, Professor & President, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs (CCEIA)
- **Michalis Kontos**, Associate Professor & Associate Head of the Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia



13:30 - 14:30

Plenary Session I

TEPSA's recommendations and perspectives on the objectives of the Trio Presidency (Poland – Denmark – Cyprus)

Keynote speech by **Nicholas A. Ioannides**, Deputy Minister of Migration and International Protection, Republic of Cyprus

- **Jim Cloos**, Secretary-General, TEPSA
- **Erik Jones**, Professor & Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
- **Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik**, Assistant Professor, Centre d'Études Européennes et de Politique Comparée, Sciences Po Paris

Moderated by: **Michalis Kontos**, Associate Professor & Associate Head of the Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia



14:30 - 15:30

Plenary Session II

"The EU as a global power?"

- **Clélia Chevrier Kolačko**, Ambassador of France to Cyprus
- **Revecca Pedi**, Associate Professor, University of Macedonia
- **Ian Bond**, Deputy Director, Centre for European Reform

Moderated by: **Andreas Theophanous**, Professor & President, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs



15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break



16:00 - 17:00

Plenary Session III

"European security challenges"

- **Konstantinos Kollias**, Ambassador of Greece to Cyprus
- **Øyvind Svendsen**, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
- **Jessica Larsen**, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies

Moderated by: **Panagiotis Papadopoulos**, Ambassador (Ad Honorem)

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Day 2 (Friday 31 October)



09:00 - 10:00

Plenary Session IV “Perspectives on EU enlargement”

- **Irena Rajcinovska Pandeva**, Professor, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
- **Giselle Bosse**, Professor, Maastricht University
- **Pernille Rieker**, Director, ARENA Centre for European Studies & Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Moderated by: **Nicoletta Kouroushi**, Foreign Affairs Analyst & Journalist



10:00 - 11:00

Plenary Session V “Democracy and the role of European Citizens”

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- **Yiannos Katsourides**, Associate Professor, University of Nicosia
- **Alexandros Christos Gkotinakos**, Research Fellow, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- **Andrea Kosta**, PhD Candidate, University of Nicosia

Moderated by: **Bilun Gunes**, Founding Editor in Chief & Platform Lead POLICYPRESS, Cyprus Forum



11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break



11:30 - 12:30

Plenary Session VI “What socioeconomic paradigm for Europe?”

- **Constantinos Petrides**, Former Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus
- **Jean-Louis de Brouwer**, Director of the European Affairs Programme, Egmont Institute
- **Charis Polycarpou**, Head of Economic Policy Department, AKEL

Moderated by: **Marina Zevedeou**, Chief Executive Officer, The Aspen Trust Group



12:30 - 13:30

Plenary Session VII “Energy challenges and green development/transition”

- **Alexia Sakadaki**, Member of the Cyprus Green Party
- **Charles Ellinas**, Councillor, Atlantic Council
- **Andreas Poullikas**, Professor, Frederick University

Moderated by: **Lucia Mokra**, Chairperson of the Board, TEPSA



13:30 - 13:45

Conclusions

- **Lucia Mokra**, Chairperson of the Board, TEPSA
- **Mary Varda**, Research Fellow, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs & PhD Candidate, University of Nicosia

About TEPSA



The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) was established in 1974 as the first transnational research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high-quality research on European integration to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by the interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPSA is active on a wide range of research topics, focusing on differentiated integration, the EU's external relations, democratic participation and citizens' engagement.

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About the Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs

The Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, which is affiliated with the University of Nicosia (formerly the Research Center – Intercollege), has established itself as a pioneering and innovative think-tank and research institution through the quality of its work and its contribution to society and public debate in Cyprus and beyond. The Center seeks to advance academic and policy-oriented research and to contribute to the study and analysis of important economic, political and social issues revolving around Cyprus, the Eastern Mediterranean and the broader region, the EU and the international environment. Particular emphasis has been placed on Cyprus-related issues, Greco-Turkish relations, security and cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean and the broader Middle East, ethnic conflict, socio-economic issues and challenges, issues of governance, political economy and European integration.

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