

PROGRAMME

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The Strategic Implications of the Chinese Investments in Piraeus

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The Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER) and the Greece/Cyprus Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) are organizing a two-panel conference on the geostrategical, economic and social implications of the Chinese investments in Piraeus, Greece's largest port. A group of prominent experts from Greece and abroad, including academics, state-officials and specialized journalists are brought together to analyze the multifaceted aspects of the issue.

17:00h Registration

17:30h Welcoming remarks

Dr. Charalambos Tsardanidis, Director, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER)

Henri Bohnet, Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Greece and Cyprus Office

17:45h Panel 1: **Piraeus on the EU-China Connectivity Map**

Dr. Mathieu Duchâtel, Director of the Asia Program, Institut Montaigne

Dr. Frans-Paul van der Putten, Senior Research Fellow Clingendael - Netherlands Institute for International Relations

Matthias Schäfer, Director of the China Office (Shanghai), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Act. Prof. Dr. Yuan Li, Economic Studies, Mercator School of Management and Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST), University of Duisburg-Essen

Moderation: **George Skafidas**, Journalist, Ethnos

19:00h Coffee Break

19:15h

Panel 2: **Socio-Economic Impact and Prospects of the Investment in Piraeus**

Dr. Evangelos Kyriazopoulos*, Secretary General for Shipping and Port Infrastructure, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Island Policy, Hellenic Republic

Nektarios Demenopoulos, Public and Investor Relations Deputy Manager, Piraeus Port Authority

Eleni Polychronopoulou, President, Hellenic Marine Equipment Manufacturers & Exporters (HEMEXPO)

Ilias Bellos, Journalist, Kathimerini

Moderator: **Plamen Tonchev**, Senior Research Fellow, Head of Asia Unit, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER)

20:30

End of the Event
