



Cyprus
**DEMOCRACY
SUMMIT**

Tuesday, 23 April 2024

University of Cyprus

(Old Campus, Kallipoleos 75, Nicosia, 1678)

About

The Cyprus Democracy Summit (CDS) stands as a vibrant and dynamic platform, dedicated to fostering open dialogue and engaging discussions that deeply explore pivotal issues impacting the quality of democracy.

At its core, CDS embodies a modern-day "agora", providing a space for reflection on the defining challenges of our time. Bringing together thought leaders, representatives from institutions, civil society actors, and research organizations, both locally and globally, CDS unites to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and disseminate scientific findings.

Democracy cannot be taken for granted; it relies on our continuous engagement. The CDS actively promotes and strengthens participatory and deliberative democracy. It nurtures active democratic participation while embracing the principles of inclusivity and collaboration.



CDS 2024 Thematic Areas

- 1.** Democracy and Reforms: Exploring the Need for Reform in Modern Democracies
- 2.** Navigating Democracy's Inner Threats: Responsibilities for Renewal and Regeneration
- 3.** The Super-Election Year 2024: Redefining Democracy Beyond Voting
- 4.** The Critical Role of Education in Fostering Democratic Citizenship
- 5.** Strengthening Democracy Through Art and Creative Expression
- 6.** AI's Impact on Democracy: Challenges and Opportunities



Why attend

Join the **Cyprus Democracy Summit** to:



Gain insight into the key forces shaping the new direction of the world.

Deepen your understanding of the rapidly changing political environment in Europe and internationally through data, discussions, and presentations from influential leaders.



Acquire fresh perspectives and actionable insights from experts and decision-makers tackling pressing social issues.

Explore new avenues for enhancing civic participation, openness, and integrity in public life.



Unlock opportunities for future collaborations and partnerships.



Agenda

Tuesday, 23 April 2024

08:30

Registration

09:00

09:00

Official Opening

09:30

Welcoming Remarks by the Organizers



[Greek - English
Translation]

EU Commissioner, European Commission (tbc)

Annita Demetriou, President of the House of Representatives (virtual)

Nikos Christodoulides, President of the Republic of Cyprus

09:30

Keynote Speech:

09:40

“Democracy and Reforms”



[Greek - English
Translation]

Anna Diamantopoulou, President, “To Diktio” - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, Former Minister, and EU Commissioner

09:40

Conversation:

10:00

“Without reform, modern democracies fail to deliver: What is the way forward?”



[Greek - English
Translation]

Anna Diamantopoulou, President, “To Diktio” - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, Former Minister, and EU Commissioner

Haridimos Tsoukas, Columbia Ship Management Professor of Strategic Management, University of Cyprus

10:00

10:10



[English - Greek
Translation]

Keynote Speech:
**“Democracy's Inner Threats: Navigating
Responsibility for Renewal and Regeneration”**

Evarist Bartolo, Former Minister for Foreign and European
Affairs, Republic of Malta

10:10

10:40



[English - Greek
Translation]

Discussion:
**“2024: The Super-Election Year and Democracy
Beyond Voting”**

Evarist Bartolo, Former Minister for Foreign and European
Affairs, Republic of Malta

Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the House of
Representatives Standing Committee on Institutions, Merit,
and the Commissioner for Administration

Vasiliki Trigka, Associate Professor, Cyprus University of
Technology

Jonas Parello-Plesner, Executive Director, Alliance of
Democracies

Moderator: **Andia Mavromati**, Member of the Board,
Institute of Studies for Politics and Democracy

10:40

10:50



[English - Greek
Translation]

Keynote Speech:
**“Education: Citizenship, Freedom and
Democracy”**

Liam Wegimont, Executive Director, Global Education
Network Europe (GENE)

10:50

11:20



[English - Greek
Translation]

Discussion:

“Education and Democracy: The Vital Role of Education for Democratic Citizenship”

Athena Michaelidou, Minister for Education, Sport and Youth, Republic of Cyprus

Liam Wegimont, Executive Director, Global Education Network Europe (GENE)

Petros Pashiardi, Professor of Educational Studies, Rector, Open University of Cyprus

Paraskevas Hadjikkos, Law Student, University of Cyprus

Moderator: **Katerina Theodoridou**, Director of R&D and Project Management, Center for Social Innovation

11:20

11:50

Coffee Break

11:50

12:00



[Greek - English
Translation]

Keynote Speech:

“Arts and Democracy”

Erato Hadjisavva, Rector, School of Fine Arts, Greece

12:00

12:30



[Greek - English
Translation]

Panel Discussion:

“Arts and Democracy: Building a Stronger Democracy Through Art”

Vasiliki Kassianidou, Deputy Minister of Culture, Republic of Cyprus

Erato Hadjisavva, Rector, School of Fine Arts, Greece

PASHIAS, Visual Artist

Nasia Dionysiou, Author

Moderator: **Apostolos Kouroupakis**, Cultural Editor, Kathimerini

12:30

12:40



[English - Greek
Translation]

“How is the EU supporting open, democratic, equal, and inclusive societies based on the rule of law?”

Pantelia Vyrides, Organisation of European Programmes and Cultural Relations

12:40

13:20



[Greek - English
Translation]

“AI and Democracy”

Bright Idea:

The “**Orbis**” Project: “Orbis” will shape and support new democratic models that are imagined and developed through deliberative democracy processes that are digitally mediated.

Discussion:

Sotiris Themistokleous, Director of Strategic Development, Center for Social Innovation

Jahna Otterbacher, Associate Professor, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, Open University of Cyprus & CYENS CoE

Theodore Panayotou, Rector, University of Limassol

Nicolas Kyriakides, Member of the Executive Committee, Oxygen for Democracy

John Georgoulas, Non-Executive Director, ECOMMBX

Moderator: **Elena Georgiou Strouthos**, Co-Founder & CTO, Cocoon Creations

13:20

13:30

Closing

Afternoon Session (by invitation only)

18:30 Philosophy Walk: *The ideal "polis"*

20:00

20:00 *"In vino veritas"* - Open discussion with participants over dinner.

Under the Auspices:



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