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Greece-China relations and the Belt and Road Initiative

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Participation

Institute of European Studies, CASS
17+1 Think Tanks Network

Theme: Promoting academic relations and research on China and Greece, for a high quality, comprehensive and sustainable bilateral cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative framework, and the forging of closer relations for common prosperity for China, Greece and the rest of the world.

PROGRAMME

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9.30 - 10.15 Opening ceremony

Moderator: Dr. Wang Lei, *Director General of Bureau of International Cooperation, CASS*

Panos Laskaridis, *President of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation*

Zhou Shuchun, *Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of China Daily*

Yu Zenggang, *CEO of COSCO-Greece*

Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, *Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Georgios Koumoutsakos, *Alternate Minister of Citizen Protection*

10.15 - 11.00 Keynote speeches

Moderator: Huang Ping, *President of 17+1 Think Tanks Network, CASS*

Zhang Qiyue, *Chinese Ambassador to Greece*

Adonis Georgiadis, *Minister Development & Investments, Vice-President of New Democracy Party*

Xie Fuzhan, *President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

11.00 - 11.30 Tea break

High Quality Development of Belt and Road Initiative and China-Greece Cooperation

11.30 - 13.15 Round Table 1: Overview of China-Greece Cooperation

Greece is pivotal for the realization of the potential of the Belt and Road Initiative and for economic connectivity between East and West. The Port of Piraeus and Greek participation in the China-CEE (Central and Eastern Europe) Platform are examples of successful regional cooperation giving impetus to the prospects of the Belt and Road Initiative in Europe.

Moderator: Professor Zhang Haiyan, *NEOMA Business School and director of the NEOMA Confucius Institute for Business*

Participants:

Dr. Thanos Dokos, *Deputy National Security Advisor*

Professor Chen Xingcan, *Director General of Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Academic Member of CASS*

Ass. Professor Stella Kostopoulou, *Department of Economics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

Plamen Tonchev, *Head of Asia Unit, Institute for International Economic Relations, Athens*

Professor Liu Zuokui, *Director of Central and Eastern European Department, Institute of European Studies, CASS, Secretary General of 17+1 Think Tanks Network*

13.15 - 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 - 15.45 Round Table 2: The Potential and Future of China-Greece Cooperation

With Greece emerging from a multiyear crisis and China developing at a fast pace, there is potential for economic cooperation between Greece and China. This session will explore the areas of the economy with potential for mutual benefit.

Moderator: Professor Emiliios Avgouleas, *University of Edinburgh, Member, Stakeholder Group (Advisory Board) European Banking Authority (EBA) and Vis. Professor of European Political Economy, School of European Political Economy, LUISS, Rome*

Participants:

Petros Doukas, *Mayor of Sparta, Former Deputy Minister of Finance*

Professor Yao Zhizhong, *Deputy Director General of Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

Professor Ding Chun, *Director of Centre for European Studies, Fu Dan University*

Professor Konstantinos Lavdas, *Department of International, European and Regional Studies, Panteion University*

Professor Zhao Chen, *Chief of European International Relations Department, Institute of European Studies of CASS*

15.45 - 16.00 Tea Break

16.00 - 17.45 Round Table 3: Academic and Cultural Communication between China and Greece

Throughout the centuries, Chinese and Greek civilizations kept contact with each other through the Silk Road. Today, the flow of ideas, art, literature and culture between China and Greece can yield fruitful academic and cultural cooperation, promoting common understanding. This session will examine the promotion of research and communication on cross cultural exchange and heritage protection.

Moderator: Dr. Elena Korka, *Emerita General Director of Antiquities*

Participants:

Professor Liu Huawen, *Deputy Director General of Institute of International Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

Professor Wang Yao, *Director of International Institute of Green Finance, Central University of Finance and Economics*

Ass. Professor Antonia Zervaki, *Department of Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

Yin Yali, *Director, Centre for Hellenic Studies of Beijing Foreign Studies University*

Professor Sophia Kaitatzi-Whitlock, *School of Journalism & Mass Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

17.45 - 18.00 New Book Release: *The Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between China and Greece*

18.00 - 18.30 Closing Remarks

Dr. Tian Dewen, *Deputy Director General of Institute of European Studies, Vice President of 17+1
Think Tanks Network, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

Vice Admiral (ret'd) Konstantinos Mazarakis-Ainian, *General Director Aikaterini Laskaridis*

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