

## WHO WE ARE

ekyklos (Circle of ideas for national reconstruction) is a think-to-do policy initiative founded in December 2015, by Professor **Evangelos Venizelos**, a former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Finance of Greece, and former leader of PASOK, and a number of high profile professionals and leading figures of the Greek political and socio-economic life.

The governing body of ekyklos consists of: **Petros Kavassalis**, Assoc. Professor of University of the Aegean, **Christos Dervenis**, MD PhD FRCS – Metropolitan Hospital, **Chrysanthos Zamboulis**, Professor Emeritus of Thessaloniki Medical School, **Panagiotis Rigas**, former member of the Greek Parliament, **Panagiotis Doudonis**, Lecturer and DPhil Cand. in Law at Oriel College, University of Oxford, **Konstantinos Korikis**, Digital Media Strategist, IEEE Member and **Afrodite Al Salech**, Columnist. It is responsible for the management and direction of day-to-day work.

ekyklos is non-profit organization, registered in Athens.

## WHAT WE DO

ekyklos is designed as a forum of public conversation and innovative thinking in the objective to define a new, strong and sustainable position of Greece within Europe and globally.

ekyklos connects politics and policy thinking to progressively develop a decision-making framework that Greece needs to meet the challenges of tomorrow, of the Greece After.

Precisely:

We have developed a website ([www.ekyklos.gr](http://www.ekyklos.gr)) to stimulate the expression of well-argued views and documented opinions. We host now papers from more than 100 authors.

We run a full events program bringing together top politicians and policymakers, academics and leading writers, people from business and other expert thinkers, from Greece and abroad. (See appendix, page 3)

## **ELLADA META (GREECE AFTER)**

In June 2017, ekyklos in collaboration with SGA, organized its first annual conference, under the title Ellada Meta (Greece After).

The annual conference lasted two days, with the participation of 50 respected rapporteurs in 6 round tables, who synthesized proposals on the idea of Greece After; after the experience of memoranda, after the secondary crises which erupted in 2015, after the end of the anti-memorandum rhetoric.

In June 2018, the second annual conference - Ellada Meta II (Greece After II)- was held.

The synthesis of all the relevant subjects purports to a national reconstruction strategy which additionally functions as a national narrative, just 2 years before the 200th anniversary of the Independence Revolution of 1821.

56 speakers in 7 round tables have discussed these issues under different angles converging to the question: Which Greece After?

**Where you can find us**

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## APPENDIX: OPEN EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

**Year: 2016**

### **29.02.2016, Athens: “Is there a solution to the Greek problem?”**

Location: French Institute (open event)

Speakers:

George Provopoulos, former Governor of the Bank of Greece

Jean Quatremer, Liberation correspondent for Brussels

Christos Chomenidis, novelist

Moderation: Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece and former leader of PASOK

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/29-2-2016-athina-yparxei-lysi-sto-elliniko-provlima.html>

\*Book: <https://www.politeianet.gr/books/9786188216785-probopoulos-a-georgios-poikili-stoa-ekdoseis-uparchei-lusi-sto-elliniko-problima-256617>

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### **12.04.2016, Athens: “Myths and truths about the Greek Public Debt. Before and after the PSI/OSI”**

Location: Karatzas Auditorium of the National Bank of Greece (open event)

Speakers:

Daniel Cohen, Professor and Founding Member at the Paris School of Economics

Paul Kazarian, CEO of Japonica Partners

Evangelos Venizelos, former Finance Minister

Moderation: Pantelis Kapsis, Greek journalist and former Minister

Data analysis of the public Debt was provided by economist George Stratopoulos

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/12-4-2016-athina-mythoi-kai-alitheies-gia-to-dimosio-xreos-prin-kai-meta-to-psi-osi.html>

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**25.05.2016, Athens: Presentation of Evangelos Venizelos' book**

**“State Transformation and the European Integration Project: Lessons from the financial crisis and the Greek paradigm”**

Location: Aliko Theater (open event)

Speakers:

Vasilios Skouris, former President of the Court of Justice of the EU

Prof. Panagiotis Ioakimidis

George Prokopakis, business consultant

Moderation: Takis Theodoropoulos, journalist and author

For the book, see here: <https://www.ceps.eu/publications/state-transformation-and-european-integration-project-lessons-financial-crisis-and>

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**30.06.2016, Athens: “A conversation over Constitution and Democracy”**

Location: Pallas Theater (open event)

Speakers:

Prof. Nikolaos Alivizatos

Prof. Stavros Tsakyrakis

Prof. Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Ilias Kanellis, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/30-6-2016-athina-en-ou-paiktois-mia-syztisi-gia-to-syntagma-kai-ti-dimokratia.html>

\* Book: <http://goo.gl/mtRrrj>

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**25.9.2016, Thessaloniki: “What future for Greece? In search of a national strategy.”**

Location: Chamber of Commerce and Industry (open event)

Speakers:

Prof. Thanassis Diamantopoulos

Prof. Nikos Marantzidis

Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece and former leader of PASOK

Moderation: Giorgos Skabardonis, writer

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/25-9-2016-thessaloniki-poio-mellon-gia-tin-ellada-oi-proypotheseis-mias-ethnikis-stratigikis.html>

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**15.10.2016, Kastoria: "What future for Greece? In search of a sustainable economy."** (open event)

Speakers:

Prof. Athanasios Tsiftaris, former Minister of Agriculture

Prof. Nikolaos Panagiotou

Panagiotis Kostoulas, lawyer

Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Kosmas Varsamis, dentist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/15-10-2016-kastoria-poio-mellon-gia-tin-ellada-oi-antoxes-kai-oi-dynatotites-tis-pragmatikis-oikonomias.html>

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**21.10.2016, Kalamata: "European and international new challenges"** (open event)

Speakers:

Roula Georgakopoulou, journalist & writer

Prof. Panagiotis Ioakeimidis

Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy PM of Greece and former leader of PASOK

Moderation: Dionisis Alevras, lawyer

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/21-10-2016-kalamata-poio-mellon-gia-tin-ellada-nees-evropaikes-kai-diethneis-prokliseis.html>

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**31.10.2016, Larisa: "What future for Greece? Institutional deflection and economic stalemate. The political conditions of the national recovery "** (open event)

Speakers:

Thanasis Vakalis, president of the THESgala cooperative

Christos Chomenidis, author

Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Andreas Yiourmetakis, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/31-10-2016-larisa-poio-mellon-gia-tin-ellada-thesmiki-ektropi-kai-oikonomiko-adieksodo-oi-proypotheseis-tis-ethnikis-anakampsis.html>

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**14.11.2016, Sparti: "What future for Greece? Can the fourth memorandum be avoided?"** (open event)

Speakers:

Lefteris Kousoulis, political scientist

Yannis Koutsomitis, columnist / analyst

Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Panagiotis Komninos, President of Sparta Bar Association

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/14-11-2016-sparti-poio-mellon-gia-tin-ellada-borei-na-apofexthei-to-tetarto-mnimonio.html>

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**19.11.2016, Kavala: "What future for Greece? Education and culture as elements of national identity and as levers of development"** (open event)

Speakers:

Lina Mendoni, archaeologist - National Research Foundation, Ministry of Culture

Michalis Chrysomalis, Professor at the Democritus University of Thrace

Manos Epitropakis, musician

Kosmas Harpandidis, author

Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Kostis Simitsis, former mayor of Kavala

The event is opened by former MP Dimitris Papoutsis

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/19-11-2016-kavala-poio-mellon-gia-tin-ellada-i-paideia-kai-o-politismos-os-stoixeia-ethnikis-taftotitas-kai-os-moxloi-anaptyksis.html>

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**22.11.2016, Athens- ekyklos in coordination with [Diktio](#): "Education and Development"**

Location: Royal Olympic Hotel (open event)

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/22-11-2016-athina-koini-ekdilosi-diktyou-kai-kyklou-ideon-paideia-kai-anaptyksi.html>

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**26.11.2016, Agrinio: "What future for Greece? The Role of the Primary Sector "**  
(open event)

Speakers:

Alekos Kritikos, former secretary general of the Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Development

Xenophon Broutzakis, author

Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Christos Kostakopoulos

The event was welcomed by: the President of the Agricultural Cooperative "Agrinion Association", Thomas Koutsoupias and the President of the Association of Rural Cooperatives of Mesologgi-Nafpaktia, Panagiotis Zografos

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/26-11-2016-agrinio-poio-mellon-gia-tin-ellada-o-rolos-tou-protogeni-tomea.html>

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**30. 11. 2016, Athens: "New Challenges for Greek Foreign and Security Policy"**

Location: Athens, King George Hotel (open event)

Speakers:

Dimitris Keridis, Professor of International Relations at Panteion University

Evanthis Chatzivasiliou, Professor at the Department of History and Archeology at the University of Athens

Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Minister of National Defense

Moderation: Christos Michaelides, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/30-11-2016-athina-i-ellada-ston-kosmo-nees-prokliseis-gia-tin-elliniki-eksoteriki-politiki-kai-politiki-asfaleias.html>

## Year 2017

### **17.01.2017, Athens: "Internet and Democracy. Fake news & Post truth politics"**

Location: Innovathens (open event)

#### Speakers:

Petros Tatsopoulos, writer, former MP for the Greek Parliament

Dimitris Koukiadis, Ph.D. in Internet Law at the University of Frankfurt

Giannis Koutsomitis, columnist, analyst

Konstantinos Korikis, digital media strategy

Moderation: Maria Tsakou, lawyer, co-founder of the internet radio station Amagi site

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/17-01-2017-athina-diadiktyo-kai-dimokratia-fake-news-post-truth-politiki.html>

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### **23.1.2017, Athens. Facebook Live discussion in collaboration with Free Thinking Zone and Lontis.eu: "Trump in the Presidency: What's Changing in America, the Impact on Europe and the World"**

#### Speakers:

Charalambos Papatiriou, Professor, President of the Institute of International Relations,

Antonis Trifyllis, member of the Board of Supervisors.

Moderation: Aristotelia Peloni, journalist

See the video: <https://ekyklos.gr/ev/364-facebook-live-o-tramp-stin-proedria-ti-allazei-stin-ameriki-oi-epiptoseis-stin-evropi-kai-ston-kosmo.html>

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### **05.02.2017, Ioannina: "What future for Greece? Greece's position in a Europe that is being challenged " (open event)**

#### Speakers:

Dimitris Kourkoulas, former Deputy Foreign Minister

Spyros Vletsas, author, columnist

Evangelos Venizelos



Moderation: George Papachristos, journalist

The event was welcomed by Dimitris Papageorgiou, lawyer

\* See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/5-02-2017-giannena-i-thesi-tis-elladas-se-mia-evropi-pou-amfisviteitai.html>

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**17.02.2017, Athens: "Nationalist populism Vs. Sleepwalkers. Europe and Greece on the world map of populism"**

Location: Athens, Pallas Theater (open event)

Speakers:

Andreas Pantazopoulos, art. professor of political science at AUTH

Petros Papasarantopoulos, publisher & author

Iason Pipinis, journalist & author

Vassilis Papavassiliou, actor and director

Conclusions by Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Ilias Kanellis

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/17-02-2017-athina-ethnikaikistes-vs-ypnovates-i-evropi-kai-i-ellada-ston-pagkosmio-xarti-tou-laikismoy.html>

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**23.02.2017, Athens: Working Breakfast with founder and CEO of Japonica Partners, Paul Kazarian**

Location: Hotel Grande Bretagne

Speakers: Academics, politicians and journalist discussed with Paul Kazarian

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/23-02-2017-athina-working-breakfast-me-ton-paul-kazarian.html>

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**27.03.2017, Athens: "60 Years After the Treaty of Rome: European Integration Reestablished." #EU60**

Location: Hotel King George (open event)

Speakers: Fourteen rapporteurs, in two round tables.

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/27-3-2017-athina-60-xronia-meta-ti-synthiki-tis-romis-i-evropaiki-oloklirosi-ksana-se-dokimasia-eu60.html>

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**9.5.2017, Thessaloniki: «European Integration Faced with New Challenges - Greece in a Changing Europe.» # EU60**

Location: Chamber of Commerce and Industry (open event)

**Speakers:**

Vassilis Skouris, former President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Chairman of the BoD of the Center for International and European Economic Law of Thessaloniki, Emeritus Professor of the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Ioannis Koukiadis, Emeritus Professor at the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, former MEP

Yannis Stefanidis, Professor of Diplomatic History at the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Spyros Litsas, Associate Professor of International and European Studies at the University of Macedonia

Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament of Thessaloniki, Professor of Constitutional Law at the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Moderation: Christina Taxiaou, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/9-5-2017-thessaloniki-ekdilosi-tou-kyklou-ideon-gia-tin-evropi-eu60.html>

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**23.05.2017, Athens: Presentation of Evangelos Venizelos' book «Myths and Truths on Public Debt»**

Location: Karatzas Auditorium of the National Bank of Greece (open event)

**Speakers:**

George Provopoulos, former Governor of the Bank of Greece

Gikas Hardouvelis, former Minister of Finance of Greece

Evangelos Venizelos

Moderator: Pantelis Kapsis, journalist

See more: <https://www.ekyklos.gr/23-maiou-athina-syzitisi-me-aformi-to-vivlio-tou-ev-venizelou.html>

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**26.05.2017, Athens: Working Breakfast with Professor of history and accounting at the University of Southern California, Jacob Soll**

Location: Electra Palace Hotel

Academics, politicians and journalist of Greek political and socio-economic life discussed with Prof. Jacob Soll

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**29.05.2017, Athens: Working Breakfast with Associate Professor in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia, Cas Mudde**

Location: Electra Palace Hotel

Academics, politicians and journalist of Greek political and socio-economic life discussed with Prof. Cas Mudde

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**Two-day conference:  
GREECE AFTER (ELLADA META)**

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After twenty open talks in Athens, Thessaloniki and other Greek cities, and after eighteen months of preparation, ekyklos held a two-day conference to compile its proposals that can contribute to national reconstruction: For Greece After the crisis.

**12 & 13 June 2017, Athens: Two-day Conference of ekyklos in collaboration with SGT: “GREECE AFTER” (ELLADA META)**

Location: Divani Caravel Hotel (open event)

Speakers: Fifty rapporteurs, in six round tables.

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/448-I-ELLADA-META.html>

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**22.10.2017, Athens- ekyklos in collaboration with SGT: “Justice and investments”**

Location: Divani Caravel Hotel (open event)

Speakers:

Konstantinos Menoudakos, Honorary President of the CoE

Vassilis Skouris, Former President of the WEU

Evangelos Venizelos, Professor of Constitutional Law, Former Deputy Prime Minister

Giannis Retsos, President of SETE

Theodoros Fessas, President of SEV

Yannis Hatzitheodosiou, President of the Hellenic Federation of Greek Artists

Moderation: Niki Lyberaki, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/22-noemvriou-dikaiosyni-kai-ependyseis.html>

## YEAR 2018

**21.01.2018, Athens: «Common Sense of Justice vs. Rule of Law - The relationship between Justice- Public Opinion- Politics»**

Location: King George Hotel (open event)

Speakers:

Panagiotis Pikrammenos, Emeritus President of the Council of State, former Prime Minister

Vasileios Makris, Emeritus Vice Procurator of the Supreme Court's Office, honorary president of the Prosecutors' Union

Xristos Mylonopoulos, Professor of Law

Stavros Tsakyrakis, Professor of Law

Evangelos Venizelos, Professor of Constitutional Law, Former Deputy Prime Minister

Moderation: Ioanna Mandrou, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/ev/566-tetarti-31-1-koino-peri-dikaiou-aisthima-vs-kratos-dikaiou.html>

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**12.02.2018, Athens: «On the occasion of the name. Conjuncture and strategy in Balkans.»**

Location: Hotel Grande Bretagne (open event)

**Speakers:**

Evangelos Venizelos, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Dora Bakogianni, MP, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs

Dimitris Karaitidis, Ambassador

Giorgos Savvaidis, Ambassador

Vasilis Gounaris, Professor of Modern History at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Konstantina Botsiou, Associate Professor of Modern History at University of the Peloponnese

Moderation: Pantelis Kapsis, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/ev/566-tetarti-31-1-koino-peri-dikaiou-aisthima-vs-kratos-dikaiou.html>

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**14.3.2018, Athens- ekyklos in collaboration with the Foundation for International Legal Studies - Professor Elias Krispi, with the support of the [Hellenic American Union](#): "Privacy Policy - Electronic Identification"**

Location: Hellenic American Union (open event)

**Speakers:**

Lilian Mitrou, University of the Aegean - Polytechnic School

Konstantinos Christodoulou, University of Athens - Law School

Antonis Stasis, Ministry of Administrative Reconstruction - eGovernment Directorate

Chrysoula Michailidou, EETT, Legal Service

Giorgos Papastamatiou, FORTH-CRS

Kostas Gritsis, MICROSOFT

Fereniki Panagopoulou-Koutnatzis, Panteion University - School of Public Administration

Moderation: Petros Kavalas, University of the Aegean - Polytechnic School, President of Ekyklos

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/ev/581-14-3-2018-prostasia-dedomenon-ilektroniki-taftopoiisi.html>

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**27.03.2018, Athens- Ekyklos in collaboration with Institute for International Economic Relations (IDOS): Workshop on "Chinese investments in Greece"**

Location: Electra Palace Hotel

Speakers:

Aggelos Pangratis, Advisor Hors Classe for the European Economic Diplomacy, European External Action Service

George Vernikos, ESC President and Secretary General SETE, Vice-President of the Greek-Chinese Chamber

Plamen Todchev, Head of the Asian Studies Program of the Institute of International Economic Relations

Antonis Trifyllis, a former EU official

George N. Tzogopoulos, Research Associate Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies and Center International de Formation Européenne

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/ev/592-27-3-2018-athina-workshop-oi-kinezikes-ependyseis-stin-ellada.html>

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**28.03.2018, Athens. Workshop on "Private and public debt as key determinants of the post-2019 course"**

Location: Electra Palace Hotel

Speakers:

George Stratopoulos: "Interventions for the alleviation of private debt"

George Prokopakis: "Management of public finances on the way to graduation from the Supporting Mechanism"

Commentators:

Dr. Miranda Xafa

and the professors: Mr. Gikas Hardouvelis and Mr. Panagiotis Liargovas

Moderation: Evangelos Venizelos

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/ev/593-28-3-2018-athina-workshop-to-idiotiko-kai-to-dimosio-xreos-os-kathoristikoi-paragontes-gia-tin-poreia-meta-to-2019.html>

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**03.04.2018, Athens-** Ekyklos in collaboration with [CECL](#) held a workshop with Paul Yowell, professor of Law at the University of Oxford, on the subject: "Judicial review and the relationship between justice and policy of power"

Location: Athens, Electra Palace Hotel

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/ev/594-3-4-2019-athina-syzitisi-me-ton-episimo-proskeklimeno-mas-k-paul-yowell.html>

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**07.05.2018, Thessaloniki: "GREECE AFTER: Hopes and Risks. Preparing the period 2019-2021"**

Location: Electra Palace Hotel (open event)

Speakers:

Antonis Manitakis, Emeritus Professor at the Law School of AUTH

Andreas Pantazopoulos, art. professor of political science at AUTH

Miranda Xafa, Senior scholar, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

Athanasios Tsaftaris, Emeritus Professor of AUTH, former Minister of Agriculture

Stergios Logothetidis, Professor of Nanotechnology at AUTH

Moderation: Evangelos Venizelos

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/7-5-2018-i-ellada-meta-elpides-kai-kindynoi.html>

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**The second annual two-day conference:  
GREECE AFTER II (ELLADA META II)**

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**11 & 12 June 2018, Athens: Two-day Conference of Ekyklos in collaboration with SGT: “GREECE AFTER II” (ELLADA META II)**

Location: Divani Caravel Hotel (open event)

Speakers: Fifty Six rapporteurs, in seven round tables.

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/11-12-iouniou-athina-ellada-meta-ii.html>

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**19.9.2018, Athens: The Ekyklos, following the June conference «Greece After II» (ELLADA META II) organized the open discussion: «In the aftermath HELEXPO – On the way to the elections»**

Location: King George Hotel (open event)

Speakers:

Nikos Vettas, Director General of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE), Professor at the Athens University of Economics and Business  
Miltiadis Nektarios, Professor at the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Piraeus

George Prokopakis, Business Consultant

George Stratopoulos, Economic Analyst

Gikas Hardouvelis, former Minister of Finance of Greece, Professor at the University of Piraeus

Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Greece

Moderation: Niki Lyberaki, journalist

See more: <https://ekyklos.gr/617-19-9-athina-ston-apoixo-tis-deth-i-poreia-tis-xoras-mexri-tis-ekloges-html.html>

Ekyklos work on «Ellada Meta» is continued