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, Chrysanthis 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 Korkis, 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) 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?

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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


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
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: Aliki Theater (open event)

Speakers:
Vasilios Skouris, former President of the Court of Justice of the EU
Prof. Panagiotis Ioakimidis
George Prokopakis, business consultant
Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Takis Theodoropoulos, journalist and author


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-syzitisi-gia-to-syntagma-kai-ti-dimokratia.html

* Book: http://goo.gl/mtRrrj

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


Speakers:
Prof. Athanasios Tsaftaris, former Minister of Agriculture
Prof. Nikolaos Panagiotou
Panagiotis Kostoulaw, lawyer
Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Kosmas Varsamis, dentist


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


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


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


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

22.11.2016, Athens- ekyklos in coordination with Diktio: “Education and Development”
Location: Royal Olympic Hotel (open event)


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 Zografas


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
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


Speakers:
Charalambos Papasotiriou, Professor, President of the Institute of International Relations,
Antonis Trifyllis, member of the Board of Supervisors.

Moderation: Aristotelia Peloni, journalist


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

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, journalist


Location: Hotel Grande Bretagne

Speakers: Academics, politicians and journalist discussed with Paul Kazarian


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.


**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


**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


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

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

Two-day conference:
GREECE AFTER (ELLADA META)

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
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

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

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Location: King George Hotel (open event)

Speakers:
Panagiotis Pikrammenos, Emeritus President of the Council of State, former Prime Minister
Vasileios Makris, Emeritus Vice Prosecutor 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

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
Vasillis Gounaris, Professor of Modern History at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Konstantina Botziou, Associate Professor of Modern History at University of the Peloponnese

Moderation: Pantelis Kapsis, journalist

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 Kavasalis, University of the Aegean - Polytechnic School, President of Ekyklos

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


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
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


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

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


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Location: Electra Palace

Speakers:
Ioannis Maniatis, former Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
Theodore Kariotis, Professor at University of Maryland
Dimitris Gotnikas, CEO and Vice President at Energean Oil and Gas
Yannis Grigoriou, CEO at Hellenic Petroleum Upstream S.A.
Konstantinos Nikolaou, Petroleum Geologist – Energy Economist, member of the Board of Directors of Cyprus Hydrocarbon Company (CHC), technical advisor of Energean Oil & Gas

Moderation: Evangelos Venizelos


Speakers:
George Vernicos, President of European Civil Society of Greece, General Secretary of Association of Greek Tourism Enterprises, Vice-President of Hellenic Chinese Chamber
Angelos Pangratis, Advisor Hors Classe for the European Economic Diplomacy, European External Action Service
Iraklis Prokopakis, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Danaos Corporation
Plamen Tonchev, Head of the Asia Unit at the Athens-based Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER)
Antonios Trifyllis, former head of cabinet at European Commission
George Tzogopoulos, Research Associate with the Begin-Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) and Visiting Lecturer at the European Institute

Moderator: Irini Chrisolora, journalist

See more: https://ekyklos.gr/7-11-2018-athina-oi-kinezikes-ependyseis-stin-ellada.html

14.11.2018, Athens: Ekyklos in collaboration with CECL: «Prerequisites of the amendment consensus and the dangers of constitutional populism» Location: Hotel Divani Caravel (open event)

Speakers:
Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister, Professor of Constitutional Law
Spyros Vlachopoulos, Professor, Law School of the University of Athens
Georgios Katrougalos, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor at the Democritus University of Thrace
Xenophon Contiades, Professor of Public Law, Panteion University and Managing Director, Centre for European Constitutional Law
Konstantinos Menoudakos, President emeritus, Council of State, President, Hellenic Data Protection Authority


20.11.2018, Athens: Ekyklos in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Stiftung and Goethe-Institut Athen: «EU-Turkey Relations: Deadlock or Perspective?»
Location: Goethe-Institut Athen (open event)
Languages: Greek & German

Speakers:
Johannes Singhammer, Vice-Presidents of the Bundestag
Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ludwig Schulz, Political Scientist, member of the board and treasurer of MEIA Research
Loukas Tsoukalis, Emeritus Professor of the University of Athens and President of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
Alkis Kourkoulas, Journalist
Pavlos Tsimas, Journalist

Moderator: Yannis Koutsomitis, columnist


Location: King George Hotel (open event)

Speakers:
Marietta Giannakou, former Minister, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Greek Parliament
Xenofon Giataganas, former Legal Advisor of the European Commission
Stelios Perrakis, Emeritus Professor Democritus University of Thrace, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to the Council of Europe
Katerina Schina, Literary Critics
Dimitris Charalambis, Professor at the University of Athens, President of the Hellenic Political Science Association
Xenophon Contiades, Professor of Public Law, Panteion University and Managing Director, Centre for European Constitutional Law
Evangelos Venizelos, former Deputy Prime Minister, Professor of Constitutional Law

Moderation: A. I. Metaxas, Membre titulaire de l’Académie Européenne Interdisciplinaire des Sciences

See more: https://ekyklos.gr/632-11-12-2018-athina-i-evropaiki-dimokratia-se-amfisviti.html.html

Location: French Institute of Greece (open event)

Speakers:
Aikaterini Sakellaropoulou, President of Council of State
Antonis Manitakis, Emeritus Professor at the Law School of AUTh
Christos Chomenidis, novelist
Antonis Karambatzos, Associate Professor at the Law School of Athens (UoA)
Evangelos Venizelos

Moderation: Dimitra Kroustalli, journalist


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13.3.2019, Athens: Workshop «Fake news 2.0: A practical approach to what is happening in Greece and Europe»
Location: Electra Palace (Workshop)

Speakers:
Konstantinos Korikis, Digital Media Strategist
Yiannis Karamangalis, Journalist
Florens Tselai, Data Strategist & Engineer

16.3. 2019, Athens: Theater and Politics


16.3.2019, Athens: «State and Church»

Location: King George Hotel (open event)

Speakers:
Chrysostomos Savatos, Metropolitan of Messinia and professor of Theology at the University of Athens
Tasia Christodouloupoulou, Vice President of the Hellenic Parliament
Ioannis M. Konidaris, Emeritus Professor of Ecclesiastical Law, University of Athens
Evangelos Venizelos, Professor of Constitutional Law Aristotelion University of Thessaloniki, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Moderation: Maria Antoniadou, Journalist, President of the Greek Journalists' Union


9.5.2019, Athens: Ekyklos in collaboration with Hellenic Association for European Law, honor the Day of Europe: «The challenge of the European Idea»

Location: Electra Palace Hotel

Speakers:
Opening Address: George Markopouliotis, Head of Representation of the European Commission in Greece
Table 1: «Brexit and the challenge to the limits to EU»
Sophia Hala, Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary General for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Panagiotis Doudonis, Lecturer and DPhil Cand. in Law at Oriel College, University of Oxford

Table 2: «The European Union in Crisis; The uncertain future of European Integration»
Vasilios Skouris, Former President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Professor Emeritus Aristotelion University of Thessaloniki
Evangelos Venizelos, Professor of Constitutional Law Aristotelion University of Thessaloniki, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Moderation: Sophia Dimtsa, Journalist


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The third annual two-day conference: GREECE AFTER III (ELLADA META III):
The Restitution of the Middle Class
19 – 20 June 2019, Caravel Hotel, Athens
Ekyklos work on «Ellada Meta» is continued