



*Η Ευρώπη και η Ελλάδα αλλάζουν*

**Change in Europe and in Greece**

A Conference in Athens, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Venue: Nikos Skalkotas Hall

Cycle: Megaron-Plus



#### **PROGRAM**

The proposed Conference would try to cover – from a European perspective, but also from a Greek one – the following key issues, structured along four main lines as outlined in the draft program:

- A. The new meaning of “Europe”: in quest of renewed and improved solidarity
- B. Constitutional and EU-institutional aspects of the proposed changes
- C. The future of Greece’s adjustment to the new meaning of “Europe”

[It should be taken into account that, due to the ongoing negotiations regarding the institutional changes in the EU as well as to the fluidity of the political situation in Greece, some adjustments of the program may be needed at a later stage; they will be introduced accordingly.]

#### **A. The new meaning of “Europe”: In quest of renewed solidarity**

[16:00-18:00]

Introductory Remarks

*Nikos Frangakis, President, EKEME*

1. The "Balanced Budget Rule" and national jurisdictions.

*Evangelos Venizelos, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Finance*

2. How European solidarity has been constructed by the ECJ jurisprudence over the years – and what now?

*Vassilios Skouris*, President, ECJ; President, CIEEL

**3. Furthering Integration as a means of improving future prospects**

*Christos Rozakis*, President, CPA of the Council of Europe

[18:00-18:30] Coffee Break

**B. Constitutional and EU-institutional aspects of the proposed changes**

[18:30-19:30]

**1. The notion of “economic governance” before and after the "Balanced Budget Rule"**

*Yannis Stournaras*, Director Gen., IOBE

**2. The European parliamentary process as a mechanism to introduce change: how the E.P. has (not) been associated with the negotiations**

*Marietta Giannakou*, MEP, Head of the Greek EPP Delegation to the EP

**3. The role of the European Commission and Greece before and after the changes**

*Georgette Lalis*, Head of the Athens office of the European Commission Task Force for Greece.

**C. The future of Greece’s adjustment to the new meaning of “Europe”**

[19:30-19:00]

**1. What “Europe” means for Greece – and what next?**

*Anastasios Giannitsis*, Minister of the Interior

**2. Is there a Greek negotiating platform for the EU institutional reform?**

*Stavros Dimas*, Minister of Foreign Affairs

**3. The role of the European Parliament and Greece before and after the changes**

*Anni Podimata*, Vice-President EP, MEP Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

**4. Building consensus in Greece over tomorrow’s Europe: the role of the civil society**

*Theodore Papalexopoulos*, President, Citizens’ Movement for an Open Society

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