



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

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Tuesday, 23 April 2024

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08:30

**Registration**

09:00

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**Official Opening**

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Welcoming Remarks by the Organizers



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Translation]

**EU Commissioner**, European Commission (tbc)

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

**Nikos Christodoulides**, President of the Republic of Cyprus

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**Keynote Speech:**

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**“Democracy and Reforms”**



[Greek - English  
Translation]

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

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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

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[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

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[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

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[Greek - English  
Translation]

**Keynote Speech:**  
**“Arts and Democracy”**

**Erato Hadjisavva**, Rector, School of Fine Arts, Greece

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[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 Journalist, Kathimerini Cyprus

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## Coffee Break

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[English - Greek  
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## Keynote Speech:

### “Education: Citizenship, Freedom and Democracy”

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

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[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

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[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

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[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

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## Closing

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