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IN-PERSON EVENT

16:30-18:30

📍 Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels, European Parliament, Room JAN6Q1

East Mediterranean Energy Crossroads:

Cyprus' and EU's Geoeconomic Challenges

ABOUT THE EVENT

The East Mediterranean has emerged as a pivotal junction for gas discoveries, regional infrastructure, and shifting alliances. The region's energy outlook is shaped by exploration successes, maritime boundary disputes, pipeline ambitions, and the global shift toward cleaner fuels.

For the European Union, these dynamics feed into broader geoeconomic pressures: reducing dependence on traditional suppliers, balancing relations with Middle Eastern and North African states, and supporting stability in a fragmented neighbourhood. The promise of East Mediterranean gas as an additional supply route coincides with the Union's climate transition and mounting competition for energy security.

Cyprus, one of the smallest EU member states, holds the Presidency of the Council of European Union for the next six months and it will try to address issues of collective defence, while it will be facing significant geopolitical pressures.

This conference will try to discuss these issues and propose some solutions for the EU's geoeconomic challenges in the region.

PROGRAMME

- 16:30** Registration & Coffee
- 17:15** Opening Remarks
- 17:20** Panel Discussion
- 18:05** Q&A
- 18:30** End of Discussion

SPEAKERS

Opening Remarks:

Tomi Huhtanen

Executive Director, Martens Centre

Discussants:

Michalis Hadjipantela

MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs – former Minister of Health, Cyprus

Bart Vermeulen

Director, Government Relations Europe – Head of EU Office, ExxonMobil

Yannis Maniatis

MEP, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy – former Minister of the Environment and Energy, Greece

Moderator:

Dimitar Lilkov

Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



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