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Representation in Greece – Athens

Thessaloniki International Fair

7-15 September 2024

PROGRAMME

Saturday 7 September 2024

13:00-14:00	Opening of the Pavilion of the European Commission Representation in Greece Pavilion 10 Awarding of certificates of participation in the 26th Emergency Training Course – Polykastro hosting facility Cocktail reception with music
14:00-17:00	Event: “Innovation in the European Union” Nikolaos Germanos Congress Centre Hall A
14:00-15:30	Innovation: Education and Social Cohesion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Margaritis Schinas, European Commission Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life- Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Social Cohesion and Family- Stratos Simopoulos, Chairman of the Hellenic Parliament Special Permanent Committee on Research and Technology- Dimitris Tsiodras, Member of the European Parliament, EPP- Ioannis Tsakiris, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank- Ioannis Pagoulatos, Vice-President of the Erasmus Student Network

	<i>Moderator: Popi Asteriadou, journalist</i>
15:30-17:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Innovation: Entrepreneurship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sophia Kounenaki Efraimoglou, President of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) - Maria Michalopoulou, Member of the Management Committee of Democritus University of Thrace – member of ENIHEI (European Network of Innovative Higher Education Institutions)¹ - Andreas Spyridis, Vice-President of the German Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Chairman of the Northern Greece Committee - George Kostakis, Vocational Education and Training Sector Coordinator, Cedefop - Nikos Efthymiadis, Chairman and CEO of Thess Intec (Thessaloniki Innovation Technology Center) - Ilias Gialampoukidis, President and Managing Director of CDXi Solutions <p><i>Moderator: Popi Asteriadou, journalist</i></p>

17:00 End of the event and small treat

¹ ENIHEI consists of higher education institutions designated by the European Commission for their outstanding performance in certain areas of the European innovation ecosystem. Twenty-eight of them are proposed by the governments of the Member States and the others are directly appointed by the European Commission among the members of the university alliances.

Sunday 8 September 2024

11:00-12:30	<p>Event: “Innovation and Local Government”</p> <p>Nikolaos Germanos Congress Centre</p> <p>Hall B</p> <p><u>Welcome address</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Evangelia Georgitsi, Communication Officer, Representation of the European Commission in Greece- Vasilios Gakis, Deputy Mayor and Vice-Mayor for Tourism Development, Culture and Inter-municipal Cooperation of the Municipality of Thessaloniki <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Georgios Emmanouil, Mayor of Polygyros- Andreas Stergiou, Mayor of Argithea <i>President of the Network of Cities with Lakes</i>- Thodoris Tzoumas, Mayor of Skiathos <i>Member of the CirculaMare programme for the development of innovative solutions for plastic waste management</i>- Fokion Papathanasiou, Dean of the School of Agricultural Sciences and Head of the Department of Agriculture, Member of the Regional Research and Innovation Council of Western Macedonia- Emmanouil Koutrakis, Researcher A', Fisheries Research Institute - ELGO DEMETER - National Agricultural Research Foundation, Member of the Regional Research and Innovation Council of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace- Apostolina Tsaltampasi, President of the Greek Association of Women Entrepreneurs (SEGE) <p><i>Moderator: Olia Panagiotopoulou, Head of Europe Direct Thessaloniki</i></p>
12:30	End of the event and small treat

11:00-20:00	<p>Your social rights in the EU: Let's talk!</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>It's not always easy to know your social rights, how to use them or where to turn for help. At the European Commission's "Let's Make It Work" pavillion, you'll have the opportunity to try out the seesaw, share your views on important societal issues and learn more about your social rights, so that you can build the life, career and family you want.</i></p> <p>To find out more: Your EU Social Rights - European Union (europa.eu)</p> <p>Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission –DG EMPL</p>
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Monday 9 September 2024

17:00-21:00	<p>Your social rights in the EU: Let's talk!</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>It's not always easy to know your rights, how to use them or where to turn for help. At the European Commission's "Let's Make It Work" pavillion, you'll have the opportunity to try out the seesaw, share your views on important societal issues and learn more about your social rights, so you can build the life, career and family you want.</i></p> <p>To find out more: Your EU Social Rights - European Union (europa.eu)</p> <p>Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission –DG EMPL</p>
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Tuesday 10 September 2024

19:00-21:00	<p>"Together in Sport: Discovering fencing"</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>A fascinating fencing workshop for children, organised by the European Commission in collaboration with METAdrasi and the Hellenic Olympic Committee, in the framework of the European project "Together in Sport - Phase II". Under the guidance of the Olympian and sixth in the world ranking in women's sabre, Dora Gountoura, and the Panhellenic champion in fencing (épée), Sotirios Anifantis, refugee children, together with children of the local community, will have the opportunity to learn the basic principles and rules of the sport. Teamwork, precision of movement, discipline and above all, new bonds of friendship, will be the main ingredients of this exciting event!</i></p> <p>Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission – DG</p>
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Wednesday 11 September 2024

<p>18:30–20:00</p>	<p>“Ha! — Comedy through the eyes of the children of the world”</p> <p>With Giorgos Hatzipavlou</p> <p>Nikolaos Germanos Congress Centre</p> <p>Hall B</p> <p><i>Giorgos Hadjipavlou performs in a comedy show that brings together children from different cultures and nationalities. Stand-up comedy, screenings, and live games on stage with children from various parts of the world as guests. A performance celebrating unity, teamwork, inclusivity, and the creation of friendships through the universal language of laughter</i></p> <p>Limited seating available. For reservations: https://forms.gle/cMQZ9An9gLp2tLUg7</p> <p>Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission – DG HOME</p>
<p>20:00-21:00</p>	<p>Documentary screening: “Fast Fashion: one problem, a thousand solutions”</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>Premiere of a documentary film on fast fashion and a panel discussion, which will engage in an open dialogue focused on good practices based on the Green Deal, that attempt to find solutions to the overproduction and the massive disposal of garments, which have serious consequences on the planet’s health.</i></p> <p>Europe Direct Thessaloniki</p>

Thursday 12 September 2024

<p>18:00-21:00</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence in practice: New Technology, New Era</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>Come and discover innovative AI applications with the help of experienced AI software operators. Learn more about the type of processing, take your own thematic photo and get a personalised, unique, digital souvenir.</i></p> <p>Europe Direct Thessaloniki</p>
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Friday 13 September 2024

<p>18:30–20:30</p>	<p>Event: "Migrant of the Future: Challenges related to climate change, economy, demographics – Their link with the Pact on Migration and Asylum"</p> <p>Nikolaos Germanos Congress Centre</p> <p>Hall C</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sophia Voultepsi, Deputy Minister of Migration and Asylum of Greece - Nikolas Ioannidis, Deputy Minister of Migration and International Protection of Cyprus - Manos Logothetis, Secretary-General for Migration Policy - Konstantinos Gloumis-Atsalakis Secretary-General for Demographic and Housing Policy - Christos Tarantilis, Partner and Head of Governmet and Public Sector, Ernst and Young <p><i>Moderator: Mary Panousi, Communication Officer, DG HOME</i></p> <p>Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission – DG HOME</p>
<p>20:30</p>	<p>End of the event and small treat</p>

Saturday 14 September 2024

<p>11:00-12:00</p>	<p>Sun Safe sustainability</p> <p><i>Workshop on the preparation of a natural sunscreen and navigation on the environmental impact of sunscreens</i></p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>A fascinating informative session on the benefits and differences between natural and chemical sunscreens and their environmental impact, especially on marine life and ecosystems. During the session, we will prepare a natural sunscreen and compare its effectiveness through a practical experiment. Participants will gain insights into the</i></p>
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	<p><i>composition of natural sunscreens and the protection they offer compared to chemical ones.</i></p> <p>ED Central Macedonia</p>
12:00-13:00	<p>Worm up for recycling</p> <p><i>Workshop on recycling food waste through worm composting</i></p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>The basic principles and advantages of worm composting will be presented. Through immersive action, participants will get an insight into worm composting and its role in the sustainable management of home waste.</i></p> <p>Europe Direct Central Macedonia</p>
18:00 -21:00	<p>Take a photo for World Democracy Day</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p><i>On 15/09 we celebrate World Democracy Day- but what do we know about it? Take a photo in a retro photo booth and scan the QR code of your photo to find out more.</i></p> <p>Europe Direct Thessaloniki</p>

Sunday 15 September 2024

11:00-12:30	<p>European Citizens' Initiative: presentation on the occasion of World Democracy Day</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p> <p>Europe Direct Central Macedonia</p>
12:30-14:00	<p>Closing event / Cocktail reception</p> <p>Pavilion 10</p>