

# Targeting Green Port and City Integration

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Blue Limassol  
Round Table Discussion

Thursday, 15 May, 09:30-15:00  
DP World Limassol - Cruise Terminal POD 5  
– Departures, Limassol Port

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# Invitation

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It is an honour to welcome you to a round table discussion, organized in the framework of the Blue Limassol Forum 2025. The discussion will explore the issue of

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*The Blue Limassol Forum is an annual event, established in 2020 and jointly organized by Limassol Municipality and Frederick University's Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce.*

The Round Table Discussion will be held as a parallel activity to the Blue Limassol Forum 2025 with the aim to connect academics, industry stakeholders, governmental bodies and key research institutions from Cyprus and abroad to foster fruitful discussions on fostering inclusivity in Limassol's transformation.

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### **Objectives**

The discussion will explore strategies on strengthening the connection between the port and the city.

- How can we integrate citizens into the development process, ensuring their needs and interests are addressed in plans for urban and port growth?
- What are the opportunities for enhancing collaboration between the port authority, local government, and the community to shape a sustainable, inclusive future for Limassol?

Both speakers and observers will work towards defining best practices for integrating citizens into port and city development and outline concrete steps to bridge the gap, promoting a connected and collaborative environment for all.

The Round Table Discussion is organized in collaboration with DP World Limassol.

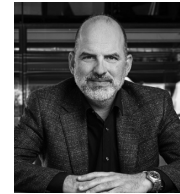
# Agenda

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- 09:30-09:40 **Welcome Remarks**  
Prof. Eleni Hadjiconstantinou, *Dean of School of Business and Law, Frederick University*
- 09:40-09:50 **The benefits of on-shore power supply to port cities**  
Mr. Markellos Sergiou, *Head of Internal Audit, Cyprus Ports Authority*
- 09:50-10:00 **A potential city-port vibrant ecosystem: from the perspective of a cruise terminal operator**  
Mr Simon Pitout, *CEO, DP World Limassol*
- 10:00-10:10 **Navigating the Blue Economy: Eurogate's sustainable path for Limassol**  
Mr Alexandros Demetriades, *COO, Eurogate Container Terminal Ltd*
- 10:10-10:40 **Discussion**  
moderated by Roundtable Chair, Dr Angelos Menelaou, *Head of the Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce, Frederick University*
- 10:40-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-11:10 **DECARBONLIM: Integrated approach on alternative marine power for the Port of Limassol**  
Dr Sergey Popravko, *Visiting Lecturer, Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce, Frederick University*
- 11:10-11:20 **Supporting a carbon-neutral, sustainable, and inclusive blue economy: Examples from Limassol**  
Dr. Antri Theodorou, *Head of the Knowledge, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Centre, Cyprus Marine & Maritime Institute*
- 11:20-11:30 **The Lemesos transition to climate neutrality by 2030: Can we seize the opportunity?**  
Prof. Thanasis Hadzilacos, *Adjunct Professor, Cyprus Institute*
- 11:30-12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00-12:15 **Summary & Closing**
- 12:15-12:45 **Port visit**
- 12:45-13:30 **Lunch**

# Round Table Participants

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**Mr. Yiannis Arneftis** is the Mayor of Limassol. He launched the “Arneftis and Partners” architectural firm in 1995, winning several awards by then. He served on the Limassol Municipal Council from 2007 to 2016, chairing the Development and Tourism Committee. He was President of the Pancyprian Organization of Relatives of Fallen Resistance Fighters from 2018 to 2024 and founded the “Andreas Arneftis” Foundation for the Study of Democracy in 2014.



**Assoc. Prof. Angelos Menelaou** is the Head of the Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce at Frederick University, delivering the first accredited maritime academic degree program in the country. He is the Group Business Controller of Marlow Navigation, one of the world’s largest crew and ship management companies and a member of the Board of Directors of the Limassol Blue Economy Innovation Centre. He currently leads the Limassol Sea and Coast thematic for the EU Mission on “100 climate neutral and smart cities by 2030”.



**Prof. Carola Hein** is Professor of History of Architecture and Urban Planning at Delft University of Technology, Professor at Leiden and Erasmus universities, and director of the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus PortCityFutures Centre. She holds the UNESCO Chair of Water, Ports and Historic Cities. She has published widely in the field of architectural, urban, and planning history, tying historical analysis to contemporary development.



**Prof. Athanasios Pallis** is a Professor of port and maritime economics and policy at the Department of Maritime Studies, University of Piraeus, Greece. The founder and co-director of PortEconomics and the Vice-Chair of the global Port Performance Research Network (PPRN), he is active in the COST Action on Ports and Cities Transition. He currently chairs the Advisory Board of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Transport. In 2024, he was included in the 2% of the world’s most cited researchers in transport & logistics.



**Mr Markellos Sergiou** is the Head of Internal Audit, Cyprus Ports Authority. His main specialisation is the implementation of internal audits to assess the effectiveness of the Organisation’s Internal Audit System, Risk Management System and compliance with Corporate Governance. He provides assurance on Corporate Social Responsibility reports, as well in the provision of other sustainability advisory services, including compliance audits and design policies and procedures in relation to Governance.



**Mr. Simon Pitout** is CEO of DP World Limassol since June 2023. His career spans over 20 years in the logistics, shipping, and terminal industry. He joined DP World in 2008, was appointed as Vice President, Commercial in 2012 and then Vice President, Logistics and Supply Chain in 2020. Previously, he held roles at Maersk Line and APM Terminals across several markets including South Africa, Denmark, and Holland with a focus on intermodal operations, business development and commercial leadership.



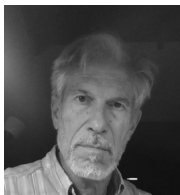
**Mr. Alexandros Demetriades** is the Chief Operating Officer of Eurogate Container Terminal Limassol Ltd. He is a highly experienced professional in the commercial shipping, port operations, and fleet management. He currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer at Eurogate Container Terminal Limassol, where he leads one of the most critical logistics and shipping operations in the region. With over 20 years in the maritime industry, he has worked in various roles, from shipbroking and chartering to fleet management and port operations. His expertise in cargo handling, logistics efficiency, and team leadership has made him a key figure in the industry. He is a Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.



**Mr Nikiforos Pampakas** is the General Manager of Limassol Marina, the first superyacht marina in Cyprus. Nikiforos brings with him significant experience, particularly in business marketing, sales and customer service, acquired through his diverse roles in multiple sectors in Cyprus and abroad. He also holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Bedfordshire in England. He oversees all efforts pertaining to the strategic development, sustainable growth and overall smooth operation of the Marina.



**Dr Antri Theodorou** is the Head of the Knowledge, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Centre at the Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute (CMMI). She specializes in intellectual property rights (IPR) management, technology transfer, and commercialization activities. Dr. Theodorou contributes to various initiatives that are linked to the Blue Economy, supporting innovation and sustainability in the marine and maritime sectors.



**Adjunct Professor Thanasis Hadzilacos**, a computer scientist, is actively engaged in climate action since 2017. He is a key member of the Limassol Municipality's climate neutrality transition team, a main author and coordinator of the city's Climate City Contract, and leads the Lemesos City Cooling Challenge project. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at the Cyprus Institute. He believes that our collective response to the Climate Crisis and the emerging Artificial Intelligence will determine the future of human civilization.



**Prof. Radu Sorin Văcăreanu** is the Chair of the Governing Board of EU-CONEXUS - European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability. Since March 2016 he serves as the Rector of the Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest. In his capacity as a Professor of Structural Reliability and Seismic Risk Analysis, he has coordinated and participated in international and national projects aiming at seismic risk reduction.



**Assoc. Prof. Vittorio Torbianelli** is the Special Commissioner of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea since June 2024. He was an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Trieste, teaching in the fields of maritime and port economics, regional economics, and innovation economics. He was the Lead Expert for European projects under the URBACT program, which involved networks of European cities on sustainable development issues.



**Sergey Popravko** is a visiting lecturer at the Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce at Frederick University, offering his more than 40 years of expertise in the shipping industry. He began as a Deck Officer, later becoming CEO of PRISCO and Managing Director at UNICOM/SCF MS. A Fellow of the ICS, he holds a DBA and MSc, and has overseen diverse fleets, including Arctic-capable vessels, while serving on several major maritime boards. He is currently Head of the ESG Department of Mastermind Shipmanagement.



**Prof. Andreas Poulikkas** is a Professor of Energy Systems at the School of Engineering, Frederick University. For several years he was the Chairman of the Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA) and Chairman of the Cyprus Energy Strategy Council (both appointments by the President of Cyprus). He is included in the World's Top 2% Scientists and the World's Top 100000 Researchers Lists, both published by Stanford University.



**Rear-Admiral (Ret.) Professor Shaul Chorev**, the former Head of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission and former Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, is the Director of the Maritime Policy & Strategy Institute at the Israeli Center of Blue Economy and Innovation in Haifa. In 2016, he established the Maritime Policy & Strategy Research Center and the M.A. National Security and Maritime Strategy program at the University of Haifa. From 2016-2023, he was a professor in the International Relations division of the School of Political Science