

5th Blue Limassol Forum

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Invitation

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Register here by 5 May.

Registration is required.

Kindly bring your identification for security purposes.

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 2025 Forum is organised in collaboration with DP World Limassol.

The Blue Limassol Forum aims to address key issues and initiatives related to the Blue Economy and Coastal Sustainability, leveraging Limassol's unique position as a leading commercial and shipping centre and a major coastal city in the Southeast Mediterranean, and raise maritime and environmental awareness among local residents.


The speakers and participants at this year's Forum will explore ways to establish an inclusive approach for the ongoing coastal transformation in Limassol, focusing on community involvement and sustainability. The challenge for coastal cities is balancing urban development with environmental sustainability, ensuring that growth benefits all citizens. This includes ensuring citizen inclusivity, where local communities actively participate in decision-making processes related to the development of their city.

Presentations and discussion will be in English with simultaneous translation into Greek.

Survey on Citizen Awareness and Engagement with Limassol's Coastal Transformation

As part of this year's Forum, a survey is conducted with the aim to understand citizen perceptions of the ongoing transformation of Limassol, and to explore ways to respond to these through further collaborative efforts.

The summary of findings will be shared publicly on the Limassol Municipality.



Participate
in the survey:
English [here](#)
Greek [here](#)

Forum Agenda

- 17:00 **Registration & welcome coffee**
- 17:25 **Introduction**
Capt. Eugen Henning Adami, *Forum Moderator, Chairman of the Cyprus Foundation of the Sea (CyFoS)*
- 17:30 **Welcome Address**
Prof. George Demosthenous, *Rector of Frederick University*
- 17:35 **Opening Address**
Yiannis Armeftis, *Mayor of Limassol*
- 17:40 **Keynote speech**
Costas Kadis, *EU Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans, Former Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment*
- 17:50 **Inclusive Coastal Planning for a Sustainable Future**
Prof. Radu Vacareanu, *Chair of the Governing Board of EU-CONEXUS - European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability*
- 18:00 **Green Mobility: Integrating land and sea and connecting people to Blue activities**
Prof. Carola Hein, *Action Chair: "Port City Territories in Action: A collaborative Laboratory for Inclusive Energy Transition" - COST-PACT CA23138*
- 18:10 **Panel Discussion**
 - Prof. Radu Vacareanu
 - Prof. Carola Hein
 - Mr Alexandros Josephides
 - Prof. Maria Boile
- 18:40 **Break**
- 18:50 **Facing the Challenge of Energy Transition in Port Cities**
Dr. Vittorio Torbianelli, *Special Commissioner of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea (cities of Trieste and Monfalcone)*

- 19:00 **E-Platform and Drones for Risk Assessment & Marine Pollution Monitoring**
Assoc. Prof. Andreas Constantinides, *Department of Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Informatics, Frederick University*
Prof. Dan Feldman, *Faculty Member and Head of the New Robotics & Big Data Labs, University of Haifa*
- 19:10 **Panel Discussion**
 - Dr. Vittorio Torbianelli
 - Assoc. Prof. Angelos Menelaou
 - Prof. Dan Feldman
 - Mr. Prabhat Jha
- 19:40 **Closing Remarks**
Yiannis Armeftis, *Mayor of Limassol*

R&I and Career Fair Exhibition

15:00 - 17:00

DP World Cruise Terminal entrance

Organized by the Cyprus Foundation for the Sea (CyFOS)

In the framework of this year's Blue Limassol Forum, an R&I and Career Fair Exhibition will be held showcasing ongoing research aimed at supporting the transition to a carbon-neutral, sustainable, and inclusive blue economy.

Speakers & Panelists



Costas Kadis was appointed European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans in 2024. Prior to that, he held the positions of Professor of Biodiversity Conservation, Deputy President of University Council and Head of the Nature Conservation Unit at Frederick University. He served as Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and as Minister of Education and Culture. As Commissioner, he will work toward a resilient, competitive, and sustainable European fisheries and aquaculture sector to support food sovereignty.



Carola Hein is a Professor of the History of Architecture and Urban Planning at Delft University of Technology, as well as a Professor at Leiden and Erasmus Universities. She is the director of the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus PortCityFutures Centre and holds the UNESCO Chair in Water, Ports, and Historic Cities. Her work focuses on bridging historical analysis with contemporary development, and she has published extensively in architectural, urban, and planning history.



Radu Văcăreanu is a Professor of Structural Reliability and Seismic Risk Analysis and the Rector of the Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest (UTCB). He is the President of the European Association for Earthquake Engineering (EAEE), and National Delegate of Romania at the International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE). He currently chairs the Governing Board of EU-CONEXUS, the European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability.



Vittorio Torbianelli has been the Special Commissioner of the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea since June 2024. Torbianelli previously served as an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Trieste, teaching maritime and port economics, regional economics, and innovation economics. He has been responsible for numerous studies on transport investments for public institutions in Italy, including port authorities and regional entities.



Alexandros Josephides is Director General of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber. He is the Chamber's main lobbyist with governmental bodies, as well as represents the Chamber at local professional bodies. He deals with European Union shipping policy issues. In 2015, following a proposal by the Cyprus Maritime Administration, he was appointed as "IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador" for Cyprus specifically tasked to promote maritime and seafaring professions.



Capt. Eugen Adami is a Lecturer at the Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce at Frederick University teaching ship and port management. He is also the chairman of the Cyprus Foundation of the Sea (CyFoS), the marine and maritime cluster organization of Cyprus.



Prabhat Kumar Jha is the Group Managing Director and CEO of MSC Shipmanagement Limited, Cyprus, the largest in-house ship management company in the world, managing over 300 vessels and ensuring the highest technical standards with a strong commitment to safety and punctuality. Prabhat is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Chamber of Shipping, Vice Chairman of the Cyprus Maritime Academy, and Vice President of the Shipowners Association of Portugal.



Angelos Menelaou led the creation of the Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce at Frederick University, delivering the first accredited maritime academic degree program in the country, in 1999. A passionate promoter of education, Angelos has played a prominent role in the development of focused shipping industry studies in Cyprus. He is the Group Business Controller of Marlow Navigation. He currently leads the Limassol Sea and Coast thematic for the EU Mission on "100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030."



Andreas Constantinides is an Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Informatics at Frederick University, senior researcher at Frederick Research Center, and the director of the university's Mobile Devices Laboratory (MDL). His research focuses on Mobile Computing, Web and Smart Systems, Computer Networks, and Multi-Objective Optimization using Artificial Intelligence. He leads the Limassol Digital Transformation thematic for the EU Mission on "100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030."



Prof. Dan Feldman is the director of the Robotics & Big Data (RBD) Labs in the Computer Science Department of the University of Haifa. He is a worldwide leader both in academia and industry for the research field known as core-sets: a provably small and problem dependent data reduction technique.



Prof. Maria Boile is Professor of Port and Terminal Policy and Management, Director of the MSc in Shipping and Director of the Quantitative Analysis in Shipping Laboratory, at the University of Piraeus, Department of Maritime Studies. She is Affiliated Faculty member at the Hellenic Institute of Transport (HIT) of the National Center for Research and Technology in Greece, and at the Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in the US. She is Coordinator of the European Waterborne Technology Platform.