



# Thessaloniki Sustainability Summit 2025

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## Agenda

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The 2025 “Thessaloniki Sustainability Summit” will bring together scientists, policymakers, local authorities, entrepreneurs, and other key stakeholders to engage in a global dialogue marking the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement.

With the theme “10 Years of the Paris Agreement” TSS2025 aims to contribute to the international conversation by assessing the progress made since the agreement and exploring the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The first day of the Summit will feature two panel sessions, while the second, another four. The panel discussions will address regional and thematic issues:

### Day 1 (online via Zoom):

- **Panel 1:** The role of the World Academy of Art and Science in the implementation of the Paris Agreement
- **Panel 2:** The role of the youth branch of the World Academy of Art and Science and SDSN Youth in the implementation of the Paris Agreement

### Day 2 (in-person, *Faculty of Social and Economics Sciences (Room 319)*):

- **Panel 1:** The Balkans: Current Status and Future Pathways
- **Panel 2:** Our future through the eyes of the World Academy of Art and Science
- **Panel 3:** SDG 13 - Climate Action: Evaluating the Risks and Opportunities of Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies
- **Panel 4:** SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy: Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities of the Energy Transition

The panels will include contributions from scientists, government representatives, and experts from various countries, ensuring dynamic, high-level discussions expected to yield valuable insights and outcomes.



The Summit will be available online [via Zoom](#). **Registration is needed**

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Thursday, October 2nd, 2025	
14:30-15:00	<p><b>Opening</b> <b>Welcome Speech: Garry Jacobs</b>, President and CEO, World Academy of Art and Science</p>
15:00-16:30	<p><b>The role of the World Academy of Art and Science</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Nicoalos Theodossiou</b>, professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Chair of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Phoebe Koundouri</b>, professor, Athens University of Economics and Business and University of Cambridge, Chair of SDSN Global Climate Hub and Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea, Trustee of the WAAS  <b>Chantal-Line Carpentier</b>, Head of Trade, Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, UNCTAD  <b>Amanda Ellis</b>, Senior Director, Arizona State University Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory  <b>Denis Naughten</b>, Former Minister for Climate Action and Environment, Ireland; Former Chair, Science &amp; Technology Working Group, Inter-Parliamentary Union  <b>Josep Garí</b>, Senior policy advisor at UNDP; Political ecologist; UN professional; Member of the management and advisory boards of various international funds and partnerships for climate action.</p>
16:30-16:45	<b>Break</b>
16:45-18:00	<p><b>The role of the youth branch of the World Academy of Art and Science and SDSN Youth in the implementation of the Paris Agreement</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Evangelia Savvidou</b>, MD, MScPH; Global Networks Manager &amp; founding Regional Network Coordinator (Black Sea), SDSN Youth; Junior Fellow, WAAS; Climate Reality Leader</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Kehkashan Basu</b>, Environmental and human rights activist; Founder and President, Green Hope Foundation, Junior Fellow of the WAAS  <b>Ash Pachauri</b>, Director and Senior Mentor, Protect our Planet Movement, Junior Fellow of the WAAS  <b>Ibrahim Yunus</b>, Network Coordinator, Youth Climate Collective, Surge Africa Organization, Junior Fellow of the WAAS  <b>Amer Qawasmi</b>, Mentorship Project Officer, Local Pathways Fellowship, SDSN Youth; Private Sector Development Advisor, GIZ Jordan. (tbc)  <b>Emmanuel Ola-Olowoyo</b>, Network Coordinator, SDSN Youth Nigeria; Sustainability Professional; Project Lead, Advance Initiative for Innovation and Development (AIIDEV) Africa</p>
18:00-18:30	<b>Closing - Conclusions</b>

<b>Faculty of Social and Economics Sciences (Room 319) Friday, October 3rd, 2025</b>	
<b>08:45 - 09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<p><b>Opening - Welcome Speeches</b>  <b>Ioannis Xenidis</b>, professor, president of the Department of Civil Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece  <b>Nikos Eythimiadis</b>, president and CEO of Thess INTEC  <b>Iakovos Michailidis</b>, Vice Rector of International Relations and Outreach, Lifelong Learning and Student Care</p>
<b>09:30-11:00</b>	<p><b>The Balkans: Current Status and Future Pathways</b></p> <p>Moderator:  <b>Grigoris Zarotiadis</b>, professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Tamer Atabarut</b>, professor Bogazici University, Türkiye, Co-Chair of SDSN Türkiye, Director of Lifelong Learning Center.  <b>Andjelka Mihajlov</b>, professor, Former Minister for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment, Republic of Serbia.  <b>Mila Popovich</b>, Founder, EVOLving Leadership, Director General Directorate for Interculturalism, Government of Montenegro, Trustee of the WAAS  <b>Eden Mamut</b>, professor, Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania, Secretary General of BSUN and Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS.  <b>Michael Christides</b>, Former Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea</p>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Keynote Speech by prof. Mat Santamouris</b> , professor of High-Performance Architecture at the University of New South Wales, Australia ( <i>online</i> )
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	<p><b>Our future through the eyes of the World Academy of Art and Science</b></p> <p>Moderator:  <b>Mila Popovich</b>, Founder, EVOLving Leadership, Director General Directorate for Interculturalism, Government of Montenegro, Trustee of the WAAS</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p><b>Nicolaos Theodossiou</b>, professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Chair of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS  <b>Eden Mamut</b>, Professor and Director of the Institute for Nanotechnologies &amp; Alternative Energy Sources at "Ovidius" University of Constanta, Romania, Secretary General of BSUN and Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS.  <b>Grigoris Zarotiadis</b>, professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS  <b>Evangelia Savvidou</b>, MD, MScPH; Global Networks Manager &amp; founding Regional Network Coordinator (Black Sea), SDSN Youth; Junior Fellow, WAAS; Climate Reality Leader</p>
<b>13:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

15:00 - 15:30	<b>Keynote speech by prof. Jeffrey Sachs</b> , professor at Columbia University, USA, President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network ( <i>online</i> )
15:30 - 17:00	<p><b>SDG 13 - Climate Action: Evaluating the Risks and Opportunities of Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Nicolaos Moussiopoulos</b>, professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS</p> <p><u>Participants:</u></p> <p><b>Marina Stefanova</b>, assoc. professor, Vice Dean of “Sustainability, Empowerment and Engagement”, Sofia University, Bulgaria.  <b>Tamer Atabarut</b>, professor Bogazici University, Türkiye, Co-Chair of SDSN Türkiye, Director of Lifelong Learning Center.  <b>Sergiy Byelikov</b>, professor, former Rector of the National University "Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic", Honorary Academician of the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine, Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea.  <b>Prodromos Zanis</b>, professor, Department of Meteorology and Climatology, School of Geology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.  <b>Dimitris Dimitriadis</b>, Former President of the External Relations Section of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)</p>
17:00-18:15	<p><b>SDG7 - Affordable and Clean Energy: Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities of the Energy Transition</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Nicoalos Theodossiou</b>, professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Chair of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS</p> <p><u>Participants:</u></p> <p><b>Eden Mamut</b>, professor, Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania, Secretary General of BSUN and Member of the Leadership Council of SDSN Black Sea, Fellow of the WAAS.  <b>Alexandra Ioannidou</b>, professor, Department of Nuclear and elementary particle physics, School of Physics, Aristotle university of Thessaloniki, Greece  <b>Agis Papadopoulos</b>, professor, Department of Energy, School of Mechanical Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Chairman of the Board of the Thessaloniki Water Supply and Sewerage company.  <b>Evangelia Loukogeorgaki</b>, professor, Department of Hydraulics and Environmental Engineering, School of Civil Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</p>
18:15 - 18:30	<b>Closing - Conclusions</b>

Please note that all hours are in EEST (Athens time)



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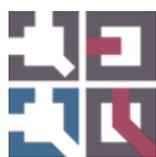
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