

AI REALITY BITES FORUM



2025 BEYOND FORUM

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April 4 – 5, 2025

Agenda

Friday, 4 April 2025

15.00 Forum Opening

15.20 – 15.30 Welcome Address

- ✓ **Michalis Stangos**, Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo
- ✓ **Evangelos Charalampous**, Managing Director - BeBest
- ✓ **Athena Aidona**, Governor - Region of Central Macedonia

15.30 – 15.50 Opening Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Anastasios Tzikas**, President of the Board - Thessaloniki International Fair, Helexpo S.A.
- ✓ **Yota Papparidou**, President of the Board - Federation of Hellenic ICT Enterprises (SEPE)

15.50 – 16.05 Keynote Speech

- ✓ **Pua Khein-Seng**, CEO - Phison Electronics

16.05 – 16.35 Governing AI for Humanity - Strategies for Inclusive and Ethical Digital Transformation

- ✓ **Chengetai Masango**, Head - United Nations, Internet Governance Forum Secretariat
- ✓ **Myladie Stoumbou**, Regional Director – Microsoft
- ✓ **Theodoros Evgeniou**, Professor of Decision Sciences and Technology Management – INSEAD

Moderator: Symela Touchtidou, Business Journalist - Euronews

16.35 – 16.45 Can Greece Become an Important Innovation Hub? / Keynote Speech

- ✓ **Stavros Kalafatis**, Deputy Minister of Development, Responsible for Research and Innovation – Ministry of Development

16.45 – 16.50 AI Strategy & Pharos

- ✓ **Yiannis Mastrogeorgiou**, *Special Secretary of Foresight Strategy - Presidency of the Hellenic Government*

16.50 - 17.20 Pharos – The Greek AI Factory

- ✓ **Afroditi Sevasti**, *CTO - Growthfund*
- ✓ **Stefanos Kollias**, *Professor Emeritus - National Technical University of Athens*
- ✓ **Ioannis Emiris**, *President - Athena Research Center*
- ✓ **Nectarios Koziris**, *Professor of Computer Science – National Technical University of Athens / EuroHPC JU Governing Board Member*
- ✓ **Michalis Kasimiotis**, *Managing Director Greece & Cyprus - Hewlett Packard Enterprise*

Moderator: *Dimitris Elafropoulos, Data Journalist - TO VIMA*

17.20 – 17.35 AI in Enterprises: A Global Survey

- ✓ **George Doukidis**, *Professor of eBusiness, Athens University of Economics and Business*
- ✓ **Stamatis Voglis**, *Global Vice President Surveys, Dialectica*

17.35 – 17.45 Keynote Speech

- ✓ **Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos**, *Secretary General for Information Systems and Digital Governance - Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance / EU AI Board Member*

17.45 – 18.00 Governance in the Age of Algorithms. Who Holds the Reins?

- ✓ **Christos Tarantilis**, *Partner, Head of Government and Public - EY*
- ✓ **Pavlos Chatzidimitriou**, *Head of Public Sector Greece, Cyprus, Malta – Amazon Web Services*
- ✓ **Angelos Amditis**, *R&D Director of ICCS – NTUA / ERTICO-ITS Europe Chairman*

Moderator: *Panagiotis Vlachos, Public Policy & Innovation - IDGC*

18.00 – 18.10 AI in Action Report

- ✓ **Aggelos Vlachopoulos**, *Manager - IBM Technology Unit*

18.10 – 18.40 Generative AI - From Prompt to Reality

- ✓ **Maria Zervou**, *GenAI Specialist – Databricks*
- ✓ **Erich Giordano**, *Head of Business Development - Nextatlas*
- ✓ **Aggelos Vlachopoulos**, *Manager - IBM Technology Unit*
- ✓ **Demetris Gerogiannis**, *President - AI Catalyst Association*
- ✓ **Andriani Manetta**, *CEO - Victorious Network / Head of Marketing - Hanson Robotics*

18.40 – 18.55 Transforming Patient Care with Technology

- ✓ **Ioannis Karagiannis**, *President - e-Government Center for Social Security (IDIKA)*
- ✓ **Christos Rizos**, *CTO for SW & ICT Solutions - Intracom Telecom*

Moderator: *George Palaiologos, Deputy Head of Account Management - MSCOMM*

18.55 – 19:10 Fireside Chat

- ✓ **George Stasinou**, *President - Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE)*
- ✓ **Michalis Stangos**, *Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo*

19.15 – 20.00 Inauguration Ceremony

Opening Remarks

Guest Speaker

- ✓ **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, *Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism*

Closing Speech

- ✓ **Dimitris Papastergiou**, *Minister - Ministry of Digital Governance*

Saturday, 5 April 2025

10:00 – 10:40 AI in Healthcare - AI as the Doctor's Assistant

- ✓ **Adonis Georgiadis**, Minister - Ministry of Health
- ✓ **Niki Tsouma**, CEO – e-Government Center for Social Security (IDIKA)
- ✓ **Antonis Karokis**, External Affairs Director – MSD Greece
- ✓ **Michalis Zervos**, BOD Chairman - iKnowHealth
- ✓ **Antonia Vogt** – Founder and President, Cambridge University Society of Robotic Surgery / PhD Candidate in Surgery - Cambridge University
- ✓ **Anastasia Krithara**, Researcher - NCSR Demokritos, Head of Biomedical and Health Informatics

Moderator: George Evgenidis, News Anchor – Star Channel

10:40 – 10.50 Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Solutions / Keynote Speech

- ✓ **Haris Lampropoulos**, President - Hellenic Development Bank of Investments

10.50 – 11.05 AI and Investments - The AI Investment Playbook

- ✓ **Alexandros Bechrakis**, Managing Director - Digital Realty Greece
- ✓ **Dimitris Batzis**, Head of Southern CEE & Mediterranean – Schroders
- ✓ **Chris Lemonidis**, Head of Business Development - Global Wealth Group

Moderator: Kostas Papagrigoris, Journalist – Financial Editor

11.05 – 11.15 Keynote Speech

- ✓ **Ihsan Elgin**, Board Member – Finberg

11.15 – 11.30 Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Thanasis Navrozoglou**, President & CEO -Natech / Vice Chairman - snappi
- ✓ **Michalis Stangos**, Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo

11.30 -11.55 AI-Powered Payments – The Next Generation of Transactions

- ✓ **John Georgoulas**, NED – ECOMMBX / President – ACEMPI
- ✓ **Thanasis Navrozoglou**, President & CEO -Natech / Vice Chairman - snappi
- ✓ **Ussal Şahbaz**, Managing Partner - Ussal Consultancy
- ✓ **Manos Makromallis**, President - Association of Innovative Applications Companies of Greece (SEKEE) / CEO – Excelon

Moderator: Stefanos Tsoulakis, Journalist - Business Daily.gr

11.55 – 12.05 Nurturing and Growing the Investment Community in Greece / Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Antigoni Lympelopoulou**, CEO – Hellenic Development Bank of Investments
- ✓ **Michalis Stangos**, Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo

12.05 – 12.15 Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Stratos Simopoulos**, Chairman of the Committee on Research & Technology of the Parliament

*Moderator: **Michalis Stangos**, Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo*

12.15 – 12.45 Thought Leadership and AI

- ✓ **Giorgos Pitsilis**, Governor - Independent Authority for Public Revenue (AADE)
- ✓ **Ioannis Bratakos**, President - Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- ✓ **Nikos Christodoulou**, Partner, Technology & Transformation Leader - Deloitte
- ✓ **Anastasios Tzikas**, President of the Board, Thessaloniki International Fair, Helexpo S.A.

Moderator: Michalis Stangos, Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo

12.45 – 13.00 Break

13.00 – 13.15 Greek Future of Jobs Research

- ✓ **Ioannis Thanos**, Associate Professor of Management - Athens University of Economics and Business

13.15 – 13.30 How Tech is Elevating the Travel Experience / *In Discussion*

- ✓ **Alexandros Vassilikos**, President - Hellenic Chamber of Hotels
- ✓ **Michalis Stangos**, Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo

13.30 – 14.10 AI for Climate Change: How AI Powers Sustainability

- ✓ **Marios Dafnomilis**, Foresight Adviser - Presidency of the Government / EU Climate Pact Ambassador
- ✓ **Christos Rizos**, CTO for SW & ICT Solutions - Intracom Telecom
- ✓ **Fotini Salmouka**, Project Manager – Smart Attica EDIH / Deputy General Manager - ahead DIH
- ✓ **George Dritsanos**, Vice President Secure Power & Data Centers, Central Eastern Europe - Schneider Electric
- ✓ **Katarzyna Kwak**, Founder and Principal Consultant - Data Value Solutions

Moderator: Korina Georgiou, Journalist - SKAI TV

14.10– 14.20 How GenAI Revolutionizes the Energy Market

- ✓ **Vassilis Nikolopoulos**, Co-Founder & CTO, Avokado

14.20- 14.35 AI in Education - From Classrooms to Code: Preparing for an AI-Enhanced Future

- ✓ **Thomas Bartzanas**, Vice Rector of Research, Finance and Development – Agricultural University of Athens
- ✓ **Vergados Dimitrios**, UNESCO Chair Holder: "Creative Cities in Motion: Urban Sustainable Mobility and Utilization of Cultural Resources", Director of the M.Sc. Program "Digital Culture, Smart Cities, IoT and Advanced Digital Technologies"
- ✓ **Aristeidis Samitas**, Vice Rector of Finance – University of Athens

Moderator: Thanasis Panagopoulos, Director - Technology Consulting EY

14.35 – 14.55 AI, Social Contracts, and Digital Literacy / *Fireside Chat - With the Support of Dukakis Center ACT*

- ✓ **Clay Shirky**, Vice Provost for AI and Technology in Education - New York University
- ✓ **David Wisner**, Executive Director – Dukakis Center

14.55 – 15.02 AI Technology and Entertainment Industry / *Keynote Speech*

- ✓ **Leonidas Christopoulos**, CEO – Hellenic Film and Audiovisual Center - Creative Greece

15.02 – 15.15 Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Leonidas Christopoulos**, CEO – Hellenic Film and Audiovisual Center - Creative Greece
- ✓ **Rasmus Wiinstedt Tscherning**, Founder & Managing Director - Creative Business Network

Moderator: Michalis Stangos, Partner – L-Stone Capital / Curator – Beyond Expo

15.15 – 15.35 Reshaping Cultural Access and Experiences - The "Hellenic Heritage" Journey to Digital Transformation

- ✓ **Dr. Ioannis Mertzanis**, CEO - Space Hellas & SingularLogic
- ✓ **Yiannis Yiannakakis**, CEO - City Contact, Athens Walking Tours
- ✓ **Angeliki Maragkaki**, Head of the Monitoring & Resource Development Department – ODAP

Moderator: Lefteris Galanos, Journalist, Political Editor / Head of Press Office - MSCOMM

15.35 – 16.05 AI Ethics and Regulation - AI in the Hot Seat: Ethics, Accountability, and Regulation

- ✓ **Carmina Ion**, European Affairs Policy Officer
- ✓ **Margarita Akritidou**, Legal Officer - European Data Protection Board
- ✓ **Mihalis Kritikos**, Secretary of the European Group of Ethics in Science and New Technologies
- ✓ **Stergios Konstantinou**, Lawyer - Specialized in IP & Data Protection
- ✓ **Konstantina Nathanail**, Chair – Digital World Summit Greece

Moderator: George Plevris, Strategy & Foresight Manager / Stakeholder Engagement Lead - Growthfund

16.05 – 16.20 Break

16.20 – 16.30 Decoding AI: The Approaching Future Through Social Media Analysis

- ✓ **Panagiotis Tsantilas**, CEO - Palowise

16.30 – 16.45 Artificial Intelligence as a Key Factor in Cybersecurity and Privacy

- ✓ **Diamandis Zafeiriades**, Head - Digital Security Authority of Cyprus
- ✓ **Chrysostomos Stylios**, Director - Industrial Systems Institute, Athena RC
- ✓ **Panagiotis Kafkas**, CEO – Ezuriala

Moderator: *Fanouris Drakakis, Journalist – Tech Editor*

16.45 – 16.55 AI & Taste Case Study

- ✓ **Luca Morena**, Co- Founder & CEO - Next Atlas

16.55 – 17.10 OECD and the Future of Responsible AI

- ✓ **George Pagoulatos** - Ambassador of Greece to the OECD - Professor of European Politics and Economy, Athens University of Economics and Business

17.10 – 17.30 Greece's AI Transformation - Advisory Committee on AI

- ✓ **Yiannis Mastrogeorgiou**, Special Secretary of Foresight Strategy - Presidency of the Hellenic Government
- ✓ **Vangelis Karkaletsis** - Director - Institute of Informatics and Telecommunications of the NCSR "Demokritos"
- ✓ **George Pagoulatos** - Ambassador of Greece to the OECD - Professor of European Politics and Economy, Athens University of Economics and Business

Moderator: *Dimitris Elafropoulos, Data Journalist - TO VIMA*

17.30 – 17.55 Optimizing Business Through Digital Innovation

- ✓ **Nikos Maniatis**, Partner of Technology and Innovation - KPMG Greece
- ✓ **George Markatatos**, Vice President - Association of Innovative Applications Companies of Greece (SEKEE)
- ✓ **Fotis Romoudis**, Group Business Development Director, Epsilon Net
- ✓ **Fotis Konstantellos**, CEO - Aambience

17.55 - 18.35 AI-Driven Industry - Work Smarter, Not Harder: The Productivity Boom with AI

- ✓ **George Vouros**, Professor of the Department of Digital Systems - University of Piraeus / President - Hellenic Society for Artificial Intelligence
- ✓ **Loukas Karalis**, Group Chief Strategy and IR Officer - Aktor Group of Companies
- ✓ **Panagiotis Demestichas**, Co-Founder & Chairman of the BoD - Wings ICT Solutions
- ✓ **Nikos Kyriakoulis**, Co-founder & Managing Partner - CORE Group
- ✓ **Christos Giordamlis**, CEO – Prisma Electronics
- ✓ **Giorgos Fotiadis**, Co-Founder - mbb.ai / Software Engineer at Google

Moderator: *Yannis Rizopoulos, Journalist – Boussias Media*

BEYOND TOMORROW

STARTUP VILLAGE

2025 BEYOND FORUM

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Agenda

11:00 – 11:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks

- ✓ **Michalis Stangos**, Partner - L-Stone Capital, Curator - Beyond Expo
- ✓ **Tasos Gaitanis**, General Secretary for Research And Innovation – General Secretariat for Research and Innovation

11:15 – 11:35 Culture & Technology: Shaping the Future

- ✓ **Fay Makantasi**, Research Director – Dianeosis
- ✓ **Giorgos Didaskalou**, General Secretary of Culture – Ministry of Culture (TBC)
- ✓ **Phaedon Kidoniatis**, Publisher / Vice President - Federation of European Publishers
- ✓ **Katerina Kalimera**, Policy Communications & Strategy Lead – ekip Horizon Europe Project (MSCOMM)
- ✓ **Luca Morena**, Co-Founder & CEO – Next Atlas

11:35 – 11:42 Keynote Speech

- ✓ **Tyler Svitak**, Executive Director - Colorado Smart Cities Alliance

11.42 – 11.55 Smart Cities, Smarter Lives

- ✓ **Tyler Svitak**, Executive Director - Colorado Smart Cities Alliance
- ✓ **Vasilis Nikolopoulos**, Co-Founder & CTO – AVOKADO
- ✓ **Fotis Talantzis**, CEO & Co-Founder – Novoville

Moderator: Alexandros Kontis, Journalist - REAL MEDIA S.A

11:55 – 12:10 A Mentor, A Mentee And A Global Vision / Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Lars Rasmussen**, Angel Investor / Co-Founder – Google Maps
- ✓ **Lefteris Katsiadakis**, Co-Founder & CEO - Panathenea

12:10 – 12:30 The Road to Scale: Navigating the Challenges

- ✓ **Antonis Markopoulos**, Co-Founder & CEO, Prosperity
- ✓ **Chris Noulis**, Chief Growth Officer - Instacar

Moderator: Michalis Stangos, Partner - L-Stone Capital, Curator - Beyond Expo

12:30 – 12:50 Shaping the Future of Global Innovation Ecosystems

- ✓ **Nasos Koskinas**, Organizer - Startup Universe Greece

- ✓ **Christina Toncu**, Organizer - Startup Universe Romania
- ✓ **Maayan Sharon**, Innovation & Business Creation Manager - EIT Israel Hub
- ✓ **Thorsten Billing**, Senior Investment Manager - KFW Capital

Moderator: Dimitris Dimosiaris, Co-Founder - Founderhood

12:50 – 13:05 Fueling Innovation - Supporting Startups

- ✓ **Orestis Trasanidis**, Managing Director – EIT Silicon Valley Hub
- ✓ **Niki Kousi**, Managing Director - EIT Manufacturing South East
- ✓ **Danai Bezantakou**, CEO - Navigator Shipping Consultants

Moderator: Alexandros Kontis, Journalist - REAL MEDIA S.A

13:05 – 13:25 Bridging the Investment Gap: Connecting Startups with Capital Across Europe

- ✓ **Konstantinos Geros**, Head of Innovation Solutions - Found.ation
- ✓ **Theodora Giatagana**, Delivery Manager - Found.ation
- ✓ **Grigoris Chatzikostas**, General Partner - Loggerhead Ventures

Moderator: Konstantinos Geros, Head of Innovation Solutions - Found.ation

13:25 – 13:45 The Investor-Startup Dynamic: A Value-Driven Partnership / Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Alexis Zitrides**, Managing Director - Helidoni Group
- ✓ **Friderikos Raptopoulos**, CTO & Co-Founder - Robenso

13:45 – 14:00 Break

14:00 – 14:15 From Silicon Valley to Southeast Europe: Investing in the Next Wave of Innovation / Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Andreas Stavropoulos**, Board Member Endeavor Greece, Partner – Threshold
- ✓ **Michalis Stangos**, Partner - L-Stone Capital, Curator - Beyond Expo

14:15 – 14:35 Investor Insights: What Do You Look for in a Company?

- ✓ **Nikolas Takas**, Managing Partner THERMI VC (NGIF)
- ✓ **Vanessa Stachtou**, Investment Manager - Elikonos Capital AIFM
- ✓ **Maria Koletsou**, Founder – Blossom Ventures

Moderator: Aris Kefalogiannis, Investments & Business Operations Executive - Apeiron Ventures

14:35 – 14:50 AI, Capital Markets & Funds // Fireside Chat

- ✓ **Ilias Georgouleas**, Co-Founder - Global Wealth Group
- ✓ **Chris Lemonidis**, Head of Business Development - Global Wealth Group
- ✓ **Alexandros Christodoulakis**, Co-Founder & CEO – Wealthyhood

14:50 -15:00 So You Wanna Build a Startup?

- ✓ **Giouli Papapostolou**, Director - Innovation Agency HIPO

15:00 – 15:15 Supporting Regional Ecosystems

- ✓ **Alexandros Nousias**, *Managing Director - Envolve Entrepreneurship*
- ✓ **Tasos Koutlas**, *Co-founder - Innovation and Digital Economy Hub & Digital Solutions Director - JAKALA*
- ✓ **Dimitris Katsouris**, *Founder & CEO - MentalityX / Co-CEO - Pillar Delta AI*

Moderator: *Katerina Papalexj, Innovation Project Manager – Industry Disruptors Game Changers*

15:15 – 15:30 The Startup Journey: From Idea to Impact

- ✓ **Anna Charalambous**, *Founder & Director - Robura*
- ✓ **Yannis Dinapoyias**, *Founder & CEO – Travelr*
- ✓ **Leonardo Auricchio**, *Blockbeats*

Moderator: *Alexandros Kontis, Journalist - REAL MEDIA S.A*

15:30 – 15:45 AI & Human Dynamics: The Future of Education and Entrepreneurship

- ✓ **Maria Vitinidou**, *Founder – Athens Fashion Club Group*
- ✓ **Konstantinos Kotios**, *Founder - Labora.gr*
- ✓ **Panagiotis Papadopoulos**, *Founder - Infinity Life Coaching*

Moderator: *Vangelis Dimitrakopoulos, Textile Engineer - AthensFashionClub Fashion School*

15:45 – 15:55 Expand Smart: Why Belgium is a Launchpad for Growth

- ✓ *Embassy of Brussels – Wallonia*

16:00 – 17:00 **Startup Competition Awards**