



# High-Level Kick-Off Ceremony for the Teaming for Excellence Project PHAETHON

Marking the launch towards the  
PHAETHON Centre of Excellence for Research and Innovation  
for Intelligent, Efficient and Sustainable Energy Solutions

Wednesday, 11 October 2023 | 09:00 – 14:00 EEST  
Amphitheatre B108, Council-Senate, Building “Anastasios G. Leventis”  
University of Cyprus – New Campus

## AGENDA

- 09:00 – 10:00 Registration and Networking Coffee**
- 10:00 – 11:45 Joint High-Level Kick-Off**
- 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**Prof. Constantinos Christofides**  
PHAETHON Project Coordinator, University of Cyprus
- Mr. Patricio Ortiz de la Torre**  
Head of Sector, Widening Participation Unit  
European Research Executive Agency
- 10:15 – 10:25 Mr. Demetris Skourides**  
Chief Scientist for Research, Innovation and Technology  
On behalf of the President of the Republic of Cyprus
- 10:25 – 10:40 Ms. Karina Firkaviciute**  
Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation  
European Commission
- 10:40 – 10:50 Ms. Elke Merks-Schaapveld**  
Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Cyprus
- Mr. Efthymoulos Paraskevaides**  
Honorary Consul General of Denmark to Cyprus
- 10:50 – 11:05 Sir. Christopher A. Pissarides**  
Professor of European Studies, University of Cyprus  
Nobel Laureate in Economics
- 11:05 – 11:25 Mr. Patricio Ortiz de la Torre**  
Head of Sector – Operational
- Dr. Maria Korda**  
Project Adviser – Technical/Operational  
Widening Participation Unit, European Research Executive Agency

- 11:25 – 11:45 Mr. Theodoros Loukaides**  
Director General, Cyprus Research and Innovation Foundation  
On behalf of the Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy
- Prof. Tasos Christofides**  
Rector, University of Cyprus
- 11:45 – 12:15 Coffee Break**
- 12:15 – 13:45 Keynote Speeches**
- 12:15 – 12:45 Prof. George E. Georghiou**  
PHAETHON Project Coordinator, University of Cyprus
- 12:45 – 13:05 Ms. Maria Markidou Georgiadou**  
Managing Director, Cyprus Seeds
- 13:05 – 13:25 Prof. Jacob Østergaard**  
Head of Division, DTU Wind, Department of Wind & Energy Systems
- Mr. Mikkel Sørensen**  
Director, DTU Skylab  
Technical University of Denmark
- 13:25 – 13:45 Prof. Klaus Hubacek**  
Chair, Integrated Research on Energy, Environment & Society
- Prof. Aravind Purushothaman Vellayani**  
Chair, Energy Conversion  
University of Groningen
- 13:45 – 14:00 Closing Remarks**
- Prof. George E. Georghiou**  
PHAETHON Project Coordinator, University of Cyprus
- 14:00 Networking Light Lunch**



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