



GREEK AUSTRALIAN DIALOGUE SERIES

Video Conference with Dr. Christos Dimas

Deputy Minister for Development and
Investments, in charge of Research and
Technology in Greece

MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2020

05:00 PM to 06:30 PM (AEDT - NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS)

08:00 am to 09:30 AM (EET - Athens, Greece)

On behalf of **Paul Nicolaou, Director, Business Leaders Council, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry** and **Katia Gkikiza, Trade Commissioner (Australia) Office for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Consulate General of Greece in Sydney**, we would like to invite you to a video conference with **[Dr Christos Dimas](#)**, Deputy Minister for Development and Investments in charge of Research and Technology in Greece.

At this video conference, Dr Dimas will talk about his initiatives in Greece in relation to innovation and technology and where Greek Australians can invest in this space.

As one of the youngest members of the Mitsotakis government cabinet, 40-year-old Deputy Minister Dr Dimas has been handed the challenging portfolio of Research and Innovation; a sector that has traditionally lagged in Greece for decades. Dr Dimas is well aware of the challenges and has a clear vision of where he sees the sector and how to ensure Greece plays a leading role in the innovation field within the Balkan neighbourhood. Dr Dimas wants Greece to play a leading role in innovation, with a clear aim of improving the Greek economy's competitiveness and thus achieve better results in the European Index of Innovation.

"Since the very first day we were elected to government, we knew there wouldn't be a period of grace. For the first time, in the last 10 years, we have had a government with an absolute majority in Parliament and one that is committed to deep structural reforms. Our basic pursuit is to make every day better than the previous day and we want this to be reflected in the daily life of our fellow citizens." Dr Christos Dimas, Deputy Minister for Development and Investments.

Following his presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask Dr Dimas a question in the Q&A session.

DETAILS FOR THE VIDEO CONFERENCE:

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Link: Zoom link will be forwarded to you after you RSVP

Thank you for considering this invitation. **To RSVP please email paul.nicolaou@australianchamber.com.au** as soon as possible to secure your place on the video conference.

We look forward to your favourable reply.

BIOGRAPHY:

Dr Christos Dimas

Dr Christos Dimas is the Deputy Minister for Development and Investments in charge of Research and Technology. He is a lawyer and Member of the Hellenic Parliament representing New Democracy in the district of Korinthia.

Before entering politics, he worked in the private sector as a business consultant for The Boston Consulting Group (BCG). He was born on the 29th of May 1980. He graduated from the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and Queen Mary University in London.

He completed his Master Degree in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He then finished his PhD in European Political Economy from the LSE, with a scholarship from the Alexander Onassis Foundation.

Parallel to his studies, he worked as a correspondent in London for Apogevmatini newspaper while also practicing journalism at the BBC.

At the age of 25 he was a teaching assistant at the LSE while teaching at ICON College in the University of Leicester and was a research fellow at the Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence.

He was elected as an MP in the district of Korinthia, with New Democracy in the May 2012 elections and has been re-elected ever since.

In his spare time he enjoys playing football and basketball and reading history books. He is married to the lawyer Nicoleta Syrengela and they have one daughter and a son.