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Our History - Our Strategy - Our New Horizons

The Future of Capital Markets: Celebrating Regulatory Progress - Inspiring the Next Era

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Athens will welcome the heads of European and international capital market supervisory authorities, leading representatives of the Greek and international capital markets and financial sector, government officials, business leaders and investors, as well as all former Chairs of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, to participate in a dialogue on the future of capital markets.

The Hellenic Capital Market Commission is organizing the “HCMC Anniversary Symposium 2026” on **Wednesday, 9 September 2026, at the Cotsen Hall of the Gennadius Library in Athens**, reflecting on “**The Future of Capital Markets: Celebrating Regulatory Progress - Inspiring the Next Era**”.

With the central theme “**Our History, Our Strategy, Our New Horizons**”, the Symposium aspires to serve as a high-level international forum for dialogue on the evolution of capital markets, the transformation of the financial system, and the challenges that supervisory authorities, businesses, and investors will be called upon to address in the years ahead. At the same time, it connects the historical journey and institutional legacy of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission with the major challenges and opportunities shaping the future of capital markets.

The Symposium will focus on strengthening market transparency and integrity, investor protection, financial stability, the competitiveness of capital markets, the digital transition, artificial intelligence, the tokenization of securities, crypto-assets and the implementation of the European MiCA Regulation, as well as the need for effective international supervisory cooperation.

The Symposium will be opened by the **Chair of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, Ms. Vasiliki Lazarakou**, followed by a presentation on the Hellenic Capital Market Commission’s current operations by its **Vice-Chairpersons, Michalis Fekkas and Anastasia Stamou**. The keynote address will be delivered by **Mr. Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Minister of National Economy and Finance and President of the Eurogroup**, focusing on the role of capital markets as a driver of growth and competitiveness, and on their contribution to the **Savings and Investments Union**.

The **Alternate Minister of National Economy and Finance, Mr. Nikos Papathanasis** will also have a key role to play, as the event coincides with the completion of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission's Digital Transformation project, which was funded by the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Welcome remarks will also be delivered by **Mr. G. Zanias, Chairman of the Hellenic Bank Association**; **Mr. George Handjinicolaou**, Independent Non-Executive Member of the Supervisory Board of **Euronext N.V.**; **Mr. Spyros Theodoropoulos**, Chairman of SEV, the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises; and **Mr. Jean-Paul Servais**, Chair of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

The event has drawn high-level international participation. Specifically, prominent figures from European and international organisations will take part, including **Mr. Carmine Di Noia (OECD)**, **Mr. Rodrigo Buenaventura, Secretary General of IOSCO**, **Ms. Gabriela Figueiredo Dias, Chair of the IESBA**, **Mr. Michele Siri, Chair of the ESAs Board of Appeal**, and the heads of supervisory authorities from eight European Union Member States: **Ms. Chiara Mosca (CONSOB, Italy)**, **Mr. Carlos San Basilio Pardo (CNMV, Spain)**, **Mr. Gavin Ciaran (CBI, Ireland)**, **Mr. Jos Heuvelman (AFM, the Netherlands)**, **Mr. Jimmy Kvarnström (FI, Sweden)**, **Mr. George Theocharides (CySEC, Cyprus)**, **Mr. Alexandru Petrescu (ASF, Romania)** and **Mr. Luís Laginha de Sousa (CMVM, Portugal)**. Participants also include **Mr. Jim Logothetis (Chair of the PCAOB, US SEC)**, **Mr. Mel Gunewardena (CFTC, USA)**, **Mr. Tom Oppenheimer (FCA, UK)**, and **Ms. Ilianna Lana (ESMA)**.

In addition, the Symposium will bring together representatives of the **Bank of Greece (Mr. Ch. Hadjiemmanuil)**, members of the Board of Directors of the HCMC (**P. Giannopoulos, A. Virvilis and G. Leledakis**), as well as leading executives from the business and financial sectors. Among others, participants include **Mr. V. Psaltis (Alpha Bank)**, **Mr. P. Tzanetakis (Motor Oil)**, **Mr. S. Capralos (Star Bulk)**, **Mr. N. Karamouzis (SMERemediumCap)**, **Mr. N. Stathopoulos (BC Partners)**, **Mr. G. Kontopoulos (Euronext Athens)**, **Mr. N. Rivard (Euronext N.V.)**, **Mr. Theodoris Tzouros (Piraeus Bank)**, **Ms. Maria Laura Formisano (Bloomberg)**, **Mr. K. Kostopoulos (Morgan Stanley)**, **Mr. Carey Evans (BlackRock)**, **Ms. A. Pafilis (Capital Group)**, **Ms. R. Aikaterinari (SEV)**, **Mr. C. Aisopos (Institutional Investors Association)**, **Ms. Chryssa Apalagaki (HFAMA)**, **Mr. G. Liakopoulos (ENEISET)**, **Mr. S. Kyritsis (SMEHA)**, and others.

This broad participation creates a unique platform for dialogue among **regulatory and supervisory authorities, governments, investors, financial institutions, and businesses**, united by the common goal of shaping the conditions for more resilient, deeper, more competitive, and more efficient capital markets.

A highlight of the Anniversary Symposium will be the **gathering of former Chairpersons of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission** in a special commemorative discussion dedicated to the history of the institution. Former Chairpersons of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, **Mr. S. Thomadakis, Mr. A. Pilavios, Mr. A. Gavriilidis, Mr. K. Botopoulos** and **Mr. H. Gotsis**, will share their experiences from different stages in the development of the Greek capital market. They will reflect on critical decisions, major reforms, periods of crisis and key milestones, as well as the challenges that tested their regulatory and administrative judgement.

The **independence and institutional design of supervisory authorities** will constitute a major theme of the Symposium. The discussion will bring together the heads of major Greek independent and supervisory authorities, including **Mr. A. Vartholomaïos (HGC)**, **Mr. H. Vourliotis (Hellenic AML Authority)**, **Ms. A. Rogakou (National Transparency Authority)**, **Ms. E. Sharp (Hellenic Competition Commission)**, and **Mr. K. Tsimaras (RAAEY)**.

The **Hellenic Capital Market Commission's Anniversary Symposium 2026** aspires to be more than a commemorative event. **The Symposium aims to become a meeting point where institutional experience converges with the new realities of capital markets, while contributing to the international dialogue on the future of supervision, investment, and the**

financing of growth.

More information about the programme and speakers is available on the official Symposium website: [HCMC SYMPOSIUM 2026](#)