

Friday
27 February 2026
9:00 -15:00

Filoxenia
Conference
Centre, Nicosia



PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Arrival of Guests

09:00 – 09:20 Welcome address by:

- Philippos Drousiotis, Executive Chairman, CSTI
- Kostas Koumis, Cyprus Deputy Minister of Tourism

09:20 – 09:25 Address by Anna Karamanli, Greece Deputy Minister of Tourism

09:25 – 09:35 Special Video Messages from:

- H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco
- Dilyor Khakimov, Director, Institutional Relations, Partnerships and Advocacy, UN Tourism

SESSION I: CLIMATE CHANGE AND TOURISM

09:35 – 09:55 **Where Next: The Imperative and Opportunity to Transform the Tourism System for Good**

Jeremy Sampson, CEO, The Travel Foundation; Co-author Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism; Founding Member Future of Tourism Coalition

09:55 – 10:15 **Turning Climate Data into Decisions: Enhancing Mediterranean Tourism Resilience with Seasonal Forecasts**

Dr Christina Anagnostopoulou, Professor of Climatology Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

SESSION II: PLASTIC POLLUTION AND INVASIVE SPECIES: KEY CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

10:15 – 10:35 **Global Impact and Vision**

Boris Erg, Director, IUCN European Regional Office

10:35 – 10:50 **Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free - Destination Zero Waste Cyprus and Greece Project**

Helen Caron, Member of the Board of Trustees, TUI Care Foundation

10:50 – 10:55 **Impact of Lionfish on Sustainable Tourism**

Enrico Toja, President of Eco-Sustainable Development Association of Elafonisos, Greece

10:55 – 11:10 Networking Coffee Break

SESSION III: LOCAL PERSPECTIVE – PANEL DISCUSSION Moderator: *Rosie Charalambous*

11:10 – 12:05 **Driving Sustainable Tourism at the Local Level: Public-Private Perspectives & Practical Solutions**

- *Andreas Vyras*, Mayor of Larnaka; President of the Union of Cyprus Municipalities
- *Sanja Saler*, Director of Sustainability, Risk and Compliance | DPO, Wavemaker Hospitality
- *Farah Shammias*, Managing Director, St Raphael Resort & Marina
- *Charis Papacharalambous*, President, Association of Cyprus Travel & Tourism Agents (ACTTA)
- *George Paschalis*, CFO, Hermes Airports
- *Scott Lawson*, Senior ESG Manager, easyJet holidays

SESSION IV: THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

12:05 – 12:25 **Sustainable Transport and Tourism in Europe**

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism

12:25 – 12:45 **The European Ocean Pact: Building Synergies for Sustainable Tourism in the EU**

Costas Kadis, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

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SESSION V: CSTI'S LEGACY AND IMPACT

12:45 – 13:05 **The Impact of CSTI's Leadership in Sustainability (2006–2026) on Cyprus Tourism**
Philippos Drousiotis, Executive Chairman, CSTI

SESSION VI: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE – PANEL DISCUSSION Moderator: *Jeremy Sampson*

13:05 – 14:00 **Building Tourism Resilience Through Local, Mediterranean, European and Global Synergies**

- *Kostas Koumis*, Deputy Minister of Tourism
- *Antonia Theodosiou*, Commissioner for the Environment and Animal Welfare
- *Matt Callaghan*, Chief Operating Officer, easyJet holidays; Board Member GSTC
- *Nina Boys*, Vice President of Sustainability & Beyond Green, Preferred Travel Group
- *Boris Erg*, Director, IUCN European Regional Office

14:00 – 15:00 Official Reception

Conference Moderator: **Angelos Iacovides**

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