

➤ **Economia Group presence with two panels at the 4th Delphi Economic Forum**



From left, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, Antonis Papagianidis, Paul Milonas and Gikas Hardouvelis



From left, Venetia Koussia, Elias Papaioannou, Michael Bletsas, George Doukidis, Byron Nicolaidis and our Antonis Papagiannidis

The Delphi Economic Forum (DEF) could not be absent from the picture gallery of Greek Business File, as it was one of the important events of this season, having assembled prominent members of political, business and academic circles from Greece and abroad. Now in its fourth year, the DEF has grown into a Davos-like event for Southeastern Europe, with various groups vying to use the Forum to broadcast their message.

This year's main theme was "The Challenge of Inclusive Growth", but a wide array of other subjects were discussed in the panels and on the sidelines, with the political and diplomatic developments in Southeast Europe taking center stage. The North Macedonian Foreign Minister, Nikolai Dimitrov, was one of the key participants. During his speech at the DEF plenary session, he focused on the Prespes Agreement's potential "to open up the future" for the entire region. Mr. Dimitrov made the best of his time in Delphi, as he had numerous contacts with key players, announcing many on his Twitter account. US Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey Pyatt sent the message that Greece has emerged as an important European hub for energy diversification and that the US-Greece Strategic Dialogue, which was launched at the end of last year, is moving forward. Former European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso gave a lively, passion-



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ate speech about Europe and its benefits, to the delight of the audience.

Economia Publishing Group organized two panels at DEF. The first on the Future of Banking in Europe, with the participation of Eurogroup former President Jeroen Dijsselbloem, CEO of National Bank of Greece Pavlos Mylonas and former Greek Minister of Finance Gikas Hardouvelis was one of the highlights of the Forum (more on Mr. Dijsselbloem's speech on page 35).

The second panel, which analyzed the implication of technological progress on the labor market, attracted the interest of a large young audience, even though it took place very early in the morning. Michail Bletsas, Director of Computing, MIT spoke about the changes brought by AI, which is radically changing the



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entire structure of working life. Athens University Economics and Business Professor George Doukidis, from the vantage point of a Greece-based scholar, focused on the adjustment potential but also on the remaining problems, which today's students must integrate in their life plans. Byron Nicolaidis, Chairman & CEO, PeopleCert, LBS Professor Elias Papaioannou and Dr. Venetia Koussia, Director General, Council on Competitiveness of Greece "CompeteGR" also gave their views on the labor market of the future and the skills needed for the new digital economy.