

Friday
27 February 2026
9:00 –15:00

Filoxenia
Conference
Centre, Nicosia



PROGRAMME

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

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome address by:

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

09:10 – 09:15 Special Video Message

H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco

SESSION I: CLIMATE CHANGE AND TOURISM

09:15 – 09:35 **Turning Climate Data into Decisions: Enhancing Mediterranean Tourism Resilience with Seasonal Forecasts**

Dr Christina Anagnostopoulou , Professor of Climatology Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

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 **TUI's Strategic Response to Climate Change**

TUI representative

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

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

Representative of Global Tourism Plastics Initiative (GTPI), UN Tourism

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

TUI Care Foundation representative

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

- *Andreas Vyras*, Mayor of Larnaka; President of the Union of Cyprus Municipalities
- *Antonia Theodosiou*, Commissioner for the Environment and Animal Welfare
- *Farah Shammas*, Managing Director, St Raphael Resort & Marina
- *Charis Papacharalambous*, President, Association of Cyprus Travel & Tourism Agents (ACTTA)
- *George Paschalis*, CFO Hermes Airports

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**

- *Apostolos Tzitzikostas*, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism
- *Kostas Koumis*, Deputy Minister of Tourism
- *TUI representative*
- *Matt Callaghan*, Chief Operating Officer, EasyJet holidays; Board Member GSTC
- *Nina Boys*, Vice President of Sustainability, Beyond Green
- *Boris Erg*, Director, IUCN European Regional Office

14:00 – 15:00 Official Reception

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