

The Instrument for Preaccession Assistance (IPA): Greece and its neighbouring countries - Strengthening economic dimensions in cross-border collaborations

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Electra Palace Hotel Thessaloniki
Aristotelous 9, Thessaloniki 546 24, Greece

18:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

18:20 – 18:30 **Welcome and short introduction**

***Professor Dimitrios Kirkilis**, Head of the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies School of Economic and Regional Studies, University of Macedonia*

18:30 – 19:30 **Economic dimensions in cross-border collaborations:
Positive impact and lessons learnt**

***Alexandru Leonard Ionita**, Assistant Policy Officer - Regional development sector expert, Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission*

***George Papadopoulos**, JTS Coordinator, Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes in Greece, IPA Cross-border Programme "Greece – Albania 2007-2013"*

***Katerina Samakovli**, JTS Coordinator, Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes in Greece, IPA Cross-border Programme "Greece – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007-2013"*

***Kyriakos Loufakis**, President, Greek International Business Association*

19:30 – 20:00 **Discussion round with all speakers**

20:00 **Networking reception**

Moderator: ***Professor Dimitrios Kirkilis**, Head of the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies School of Economic and Regional Studies, University of Macedonia*

Working language: **English**



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