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**GREEN  
TRANSITION  
FORUM 6.0**

## INTRODUCTION



# GREEN TRANSITION FORUM 6.0 EUROPE'S NEXT CHAPTER: COMPETITIVE. INNOVATIVE. SECURE

Join us as we shape Europe's Next Chapter together

The sixth edition of the Green Transition Forum will take place in Sofia from 1 to 5 June 2026, under the theme "Europe's Next Chapter – Competitive. Innovative. Secure."

Powered by [DIR.BG](#), Bulgaria's largest digital portal, the Forum has evolved into one of Europe's leading platforms where political leaders, EU institutions, business, and global partners gather to shape the continent's transformation.

Over the years, the GTF has brought together more than **15,000** participants and **650** speakers from **40** countries, creating a genuine space for dialogue that connects economic ambition and sustainable investment. What defines the Forum is not only its scale, but its spirit – honest, forward-looking, and deeply European.

The 2026 edition will focus on Europe's new strategic agenda – strengthening **competitiveness**, accelerating **innovation**, and ensuring **security** in a rapidly changing world.

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## KEY THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

01

The new Multinational Financial Framework  
Competitiveness, Innovation and Security

02

European Industrial Policy  
Productivity, Leadership and Global Reach

03

The New EU Budget  
Financing Europe's Strategic Priorities

04

Cohesion and Regional Growth  
New Approaches under the MFF

05

Mobilizing Capital  
Banks, Funds and Insurers for Transformation

06

Capital Markets Union  
Unlocking Private Investment for Competitiveness

07

Simplifying Regulation  
Keeping European Companies Competitive

08

The Single Market  
Removing Barriers, Driving Growth

09

Energy and Connectivity  
Affordable, Secure and Sustainable

10

Industrial Decarbonization and Circular Economy  
New Pathways to Net Zero

11

Water Management and Climate Resilience  
Ensuring Availability and Sustainable Use

12

Climate-Resilient Cities  
Carbon-Neutral Urban Futures

13

Rethinking Food and Agriculture  
From Sustainable Farming to Smart Consumption

14

European Security, Defence and Industry  
Strategic Autonomy and Defence Readiness

15

Cyber Resilience  
Protecting Europe's Digital Future

16

Skills and Labour Markets  
Preparing for the Next Generation

17

Digital and Artificial Intelligence Transformation  
Reinventing Industry and Services

18

Health Innovation  
Europe's Competitive Edge in Life Sciences

19

Transport and Mobility  
Connecting Regions, Powering Growth

20

Regional Cooperation  
Bulgaria, Greece and Romania: Stronger Together

## THE GREEN TRANSITION FORUM 6.0 OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO:

01

### **Influencing Change Across Europe:**

- Join a community of decision-makers and visionaries driving sustainable transformation.
- Contribute to the policies and partnerships that define Europe's next chapter.

02

### **Build Strategic Partnerships:**

- Network with over 5,500 C-level business leaders from the CEE region.
- Explore partnerships that foster growth across industries.

03

### **Access Exclusive Networking:**

- Participate in VIP gatherings, including breakfasts, cocktails, and informal meetings.
- Connect with 5,500+ B2C and B2B attendees in a dynamic, collaborative environment.

04

### **Maximize Brand Visibility:**

- Showcase your brand to a global audience through social media and extensive media coverage.



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**80+**  
panel discussions

## GTF 5.0 Key Speakers:



**ENRICO  
LETTA**

President, Jacques Delors  
Institute; Former Prime  
Minister of Italy



**RUMEN  
RADEV**

President of the  
Republic of Bulgaria



**TERESA  
RIBERA**

EVP for a Clean, Just and  
Competitive Transition,  
European Commission



**ROXANA  
MÎNZATU**

EVP for Social Rights and Skills,  
Quality Jobs and Preparedness,  
European Commission



**EKATERINA  
ZAHARIEVA**

European Commissioner  
for Startups, Research  
and Innovation



**ROSEN  
ZHELYAZKOV**

Prime Minister of the  
Republic of Bulgaria



**ANTÓNIO  
COSTA**

President of the  
European Council



**APOSTOLOS  
TZITZIKOSTAS**

Commissioner For  
Sustainable Transport  
And Tourism



**VICTOR  
NEGRESCU**

VP, European Parliament



**KATA  
TÜTTŐ**

President of the European  
Committee of the Regions



**VASIL  
TERZIEV**

Mayor of Sofia



**STAVROS  
PAPASTAVROU**

Minister of Environment  
and Energy, Hellenic  
Republic



**PANAGIOTIS  
THEODORIKAKOS**

Minister of Development of  
the Hellenic Republic



**DARON  
ACEMOĞLU**

Professor, MIT; Winner of  
the 2024 Nobel Prize in  
Economics

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## Key Speakers from our previous forums:



**FRANS  
TIMMERMANS**

Executive Vice-President for  
the European Green Deal



**JOHN  
KERRY**

U.S. Secretary Of State  
(2013 – 2017), U.S. Special  
Presidential Envoy For Climate  
(2021 – 2024)



**ELISA  
FERREIRA**

European Commissioner  
for Cohesion and Reforms



**MARIYA  
GABRIEL**

European Commissioner for  
Innovation, Research, Culture,  
Education and Youth



**NICOLAS  
SCHMIT**

European Commissioner for  
Jobs and Social Rights



**ILIANA  
IVANOVA**

European Commissioner for  
Innovation, Research, Culture,  
Education and Youth



**MAROŠ  
ŠEFČOVIČ**

Vice-President of the EC for  
Interinstitutional Relations  
and Foresight



**IVAN  
KRASTEV**

Political Scientist



**WERNER  
HOYER**

President of the EIB



**KYRIACOS  
KAKOURIS**

Vice-President of EIB



**SEBASTIAN-IOAN  
BURDUJA**

Minister of Energy, Romania



**VICTOR  
PARLICOV**

Minister of Energy,  
Republic of Moldova



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VANDENBERGHE**

Director General,  
DG CLIMA, EC



**MARC  
LEMAÎTRE**

Director-General, DG Research  
and Innovation, EC

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