

Italy-Cyprus Maritime Business Forum

3rd Panel:

**Promoting international cooperation
and maritime corridors. Ports and
terminals investment**



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Vittorio Torbianelli is an economist and senior port professional specialising in port management, transport economics and international relations. He has worked at the Port System Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea since 2017, serving as Secretary General and Special Commissioner. Previously, he was Associate Professor at the University of Trieste and has advised international institutions on transport, ports, logistics, infrastructure and regional development.



Rona Panteli

IMEC Representative & Head of Connectivity Unit at the Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rona Panteli was appointed IMEC Representative for Cyprus in December 2025 and is Head of the Connectivity Unit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A career diplomat since 2004, she has served in Cyprus' diplomatic missions to the EU, India, the US and the UN. She holds a Master's in European Studies from the College of Europe and a BA from the University of East Anglia. She is fluent in Greek, English and French.



Zenonas Apostolou

President of Cyprus Ports Authority

Zenonas Apostolou is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Ports Authority, appointed in 2024. He is also Vice President for Commerce of the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry and serves on the Boards of the Larnaca Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Industrial Disputes Court. He is Honorary Consul of Bosnia and Herzegovina and CEO of E. M. Apostolou Formula Ltd.



Marios Tannousis

CEO of Invest Cyprus

Marios Tannousis is CEO of Invest Cyprus, with over 29 years of international corporate experience, including 12 years with Société Générale in senior roles. He is a Board Member of EFAMA and co-founder of the Cyprus Investment Funds Association. He holds degrees in Economics and Business Administration and has completed executive programmes at Oxford and Cambridge, specialising in investment, financial services, FinTech and economic development.



Giuseppe Marino

President of the Italian-Cypriot Chamber of Commerce

Giuseppe Marino is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in corporate consulting, AML, and compliance frameworks. Specializing in strategic legal advisory services, he has developed deep expertise in B2B and B2G relations across European and Middle Eastern markets. He is a co-founder and currently serves as President of the Italian-Cypriot Chamber of Commerce and President of the European Council for Development and Compliance.



Anthoulis Kountouris

CEO of Marina Paralimni

Anthoulis Kountouris is a civil engineer and entrepreneur with over two decades of experience in construction and development. Since 2018, he has been Founder, Director and principal shareholder of PMV Maritime Holdings, developer of Paralimni Marina. He oversees its strategic development, international partnerships and operations, collaborating with leading brands across luxury yachting, hospitality and lifestyle, including Ferretti Group, Armani/Casa, Crazy Pizza and Cova Pasticceria.



Marina Scognamiglio

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Marina Scognamiglio is Director of the Italian Trade Agency (ITA) Office in Beirut, overseeing Lebanon, Syria and Cyprus. With over 30 years of experience in trade promotion and international business development, she has held senior ITA positions in Belgrade, Tel Aviv and Tunis. She holds a degree in Economics and Commerce from the University of Naples Federico II and specialises in internationalisation and business cooperation.

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