

30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP OF PUBLIC LAW

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Honorable President of the Hellenic Republic,

Dear Director of the EPLO,

President of the European Scientific Council (EGPL) of the EPLO,

IT IS an honor for me to stand in front of this high-level audience to greet - on behalf of the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis - the Annual Reunion of the European Group of Public Law (EGPL).

It is a pleasure for me to be here, amongst other colleagues, Ministers of the Greek government, as well as distinguished professors of Public Law, who have specifically worked to promote the values of European Public Law in the international context.

Honorable guests,

We are gathered here today to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the European Group of Public Law, which was established with the purpose to advance and direct the development of European Public Law.

Throughout more than thirty years of pioneering work dedicated to the development of European Public Law, EGPL's activities, are

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tightly associated with the development of democratic values and the effective enforcement of institutions and their independence that upgrade the quality of our Democracy.

In this context, I assure you that the new Greek government is determined to do whatever it takes.

To do whatever it takes to enforce transparency.

To strengthen the adoption and the compliance of the anti-corruption policies with international best practices.

To develop the legal instruments that may speed up the Greek justice system.

To protect effectively the human rights, which undoubtedly, remain the main pillar of every democratic, European country.

Within this framework, the Greek government is seeking to adopt new policies and cultivate new alliances between the competent Ministry of Justice and all the involved institutions.

As Minister of Justice I consider the European Public Law Organization as one of the most valuable allies in this multi-level battle of the Greek government.

Since I am privileged to be associated with friendly relations with most of its founding members, I fully perceive the hard work that has been done for more than 30 years by the EPLO.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The contribution of the present President of the Hellenic Republic and the directorship of Professor Flogaitis guarantee that the EPLO has much more to offer to the scientific dialogue as well as on topics that Greek society is facing, such as international security challenges, migration flows, financial and fiscal crisis and international competition.

Honorable guests,

Dear Alumnis,

Dear Students,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is my wish for the anniversary of 30 years of the European Public Law Organization:

To continue doing such excellent work for another 30 years.

Thank you!