







CCHub Module at ADF 2025

The climate crisis in a world where democracy is in crisis. How can cities speed up the transformation process while strengthening democratic processes?

October 1st 9:30am-13:00pm Athens Conservatoire

Aris Garoufalis Auditorium

In these turbulent times cascading events of socioeconomic and climate crisis bring forward deficiencies of global governance in various levels (international, national, local).

The ADF '25/CCHub Module will explore the intersection of global crises, climate change, and social cohesion, bringing together international policymakers and practitioners. How do we better prepare to reinforce the democratic system in a changing world and to preserve social cohesion?

Experience has demonstrated that a lack of foresight regarding future risks can fuel extremism and demagogy. Conversely, long-term planning, data-driven decision-making, and meaningful consultation processes can enhance governance, reduce the risk of crises, and prevent democratic setbacks. The ADF '25/CCHub Module therefore through its panel discussions aims at answering the question of whether resilience in environmental, economic, and social spheres can be strengthened through democratic governance, while examining also the role of local actors and public participation.

At the local level the challenges are equally important. What kind of initiatives should cities take to secure their citizens' wellbeing? How does designing urban innovative solutions, such as the **European Urban Initiative** influence in practice Urban public policy transformation. How does action impact public policy and vice -versa?









Time (EET)	Agenda Items	Speakers
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome coffee	
9:30 - 9:35	Welcome, Introductions and	Maria Logotheti, CCHub
	Framing	President and CEO
		Achilles Tsaltas, President,
		Democracy & Culture Foundation
9:35 – 10:45	Panel discussion: "The climate	Haris Doukas Mayor of Athens
	crisis in a world where	Professor of energy policy and
	democracy is in crisis"	management at the School of
		Electrical and Computer
	A. Discussants interventions	Engineering of the National
	40′	Technical University of Athens.
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	B. Open roundtable discussion 30'	George Papakonstantinou Professor of international political
		economy School of Transnational
		Governance European University
		Institute, Former Minister of
		Economy and Environment
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		Mete Coban
		Deputy Mayor of London for
		Environment and Energy, Greater
		London Authority
		Loukas Tsoukalis
		Professor at the Paris School of
		International Affairs, Sciences Po
		and President of the Board of the Hellenic Foundation for European
		and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
		and Foreign Folicy (LLIAIVILF)
		Moderator: Iliana Magra
		Journalist, Kathimerini newspaper
10:45- 11:15	Cultural event/exhibition	Iris Kritikou
	"TOPOS in need"	Art Historian & Critic –
	in collaboration with the	Independent Curator – Secretary
	Museum of Greek Children's	General of the Museum of Greek
	Art	Children's Art









	Ω2 room	
	at the Athens Conservatoire	
11:15 – 12.30	How can cities speed up the transformation process while	Introductory remarks by Haris Biskos
	strengthening democratic processes?	Urban designer,EUI expert. "The state of play at EU level" Panelists
	A. Introductory remarks 7'	Maria Vassilakou
	B. Discussants interventions 40'	CEO of Vassilakou Urban Consulting, Former Deputy Mayor City of
	C. Open roundtable discussion 20'	Vienna, EU Mission Board Member 100 climate-neutral Cities by 2030
		City of Athens: loannis Georgizas CEO of Develop Athens
		 Marnie McGregor, Strategic Advisor, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
		 Stelios Diakoulakis Deputy Regional Director for Europe, C40 Cities Member of Leadership Council, Climate Change Hub
		Moderator: Paul Nelson Founding Principal and Managing Director, Resilient Cities Catalyst, Member of Leadership Council, Climate Change Hub
12:30 – 12.45	Conclusions	







