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**ABF2018 Conference Speakers**  
**2-3 November 2018, Serres-Greece**

25/9/2018

1. ***Tasos Haniotis, Director, Directorate Economic Analysis, Perspectives and Evaluations, European Commission***
2. ***Charalambos Kasimis, Secretary General, Ministry Rural Development & Food***
3. ***Caspar Veldkamp, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Greece \****
4. ***Konstantinos Apostolopoulos, Head of the Evaluation & Institutional Support, Managing Authority for Rural Development Programme in Greece***
5. ***Alexandros Dimitrakopoulos, Regional Mandate Manager, European Investment Fund***
6. ***Angela Michalopoulou, Director Investments, Enterprise Greece***
7. ***Effie Lazaridou, General Manager, Rutgers University Greece***
8. ***Philip Papadopoulos, Director Strategic Project Management Office, American Farm School***
9. ***Augusta Vrachnou, Principal Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)***
10. ***Konstantinos Mattas, Professor of Agricultural Policy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki***
11. ***Antonios Georgakakis, President, Hellenic Fund for Entrepreneurship & Development (ETEAN)***
12. ***Evangelos Argyris, President, Wines of Greece***
13. ***Nelly Lambropoulou-Tzakou, General Manager of Retail Banking, National Bank of Greece***
14. ***Spyros Mamalis, President, Geotechnical Chamber of Greece***
15. ***Alexandros Kontos, President, Hellenic Association of Agricultural Cooperative Organizations & Enterprises and General Manager, Cooperative Union of Tobacco producers in Greece***
16. ***George Konstantopoulos, President, Greek International Business Association (SEVE) \****
17. ***Arda Batu, Secretary General, TURKONFED (Turkish Business Confederation)***



18. *Giannis Balakakis, Chair Organizing Committee AgriBusiness/Balkans & Black Sea Cooperation Forums*
19. *Siwarde J. Sap, Vice Chair Steering Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Cooperation Forum*
20. *Ioannis Moisiadis, Governor, Regional Unit of Serres*
21. *Ioannis Haniotakis, Director of Agricultural Sector Operations Development, Piraeus Bank\**
22. *Neoklis Stamkos, Head, microStars micro-lending*
23. *Antonis Papagiannides, Journalist and General Manager Economia Publishing*
24. *Christos Meglas, President, Serres Chamber of Commerce*
25. *Theodoros Vasilopoulos, President, Young Farmers Network Greece*
26. *Tsvetan Simeonov, President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, BCCI \**
27. *Athanasios Kizos, Professor Rural Geography, University of Aegean*
28. *Thanos Balafoutis, Researcher, Center for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH) & Institute for Bio-economy and Agri-technology (iBO)*
29. *Stergios Litos, President, Agri & Livestock Farmers Association, Region of Serres*
30. *TBA Eurobank*
31. *TBA Rutgers University USA (prof. smart plant farming)*
32. *TBA Rutgers University USA (prof. smart livestock farming)*
33. *TBA Athens Agricultural University (prof. smart plant farming)*
34. *TBA Athens Agricultural University (prof. smart livestock farming)*

*\* tentative*

*16 additional speakers expected (80% business, 20% institutions & academia)*