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Presidents of Latvia and Greece will discuss security and cooperation in Riga

H. E. Ms Katerina Sakellaropoulou, President of the Hellenic Republic, and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis will visit Latvia on 1-3 June. Official visit will mark the 100 years of Latvia-Greece diplomatic relations. Security in Europe will be the main focus of the agenda as President Levits and President Sakellaropoulou will discuss Russian invasion of Ukraine, Europe's future and cooperation between the two countries.

Agenda on the first day of visit, **1 June**, will include official welcoming of President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis on the Riga Castle square, meeting between delegations, joint press conference by Mr Levits and Ms Sakellaropoulou and flower ceremony at the Freedom Monument.

On the second day of visit, **2 June**, President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou will meet with Jānis Sārts, Director of NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence, and judges of Latvia's Constitutional Court. Ms Sakellaropoulou will then visit Latvian National Museum of Art, exhibition 'Purvītis', which marks the 150th birthday of exceptional Latvian landscape artist Vilhelms Purvītis, and regular display of renovated Museum of Occupation, which will be inaugurated days before the official visit of Greek president on 30 May. President of Hellenic Republic and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis will donate a book for People's Bookshelf of National Library of Latvia and will conclude the second day of visit to Latvia at NOASS Art Centre where they will open the exhibition on 100th anniversary of Latvia-Greece diplomatic relations.

On **3 June**, the last day of visit, President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis will meet with Speaker of the Saeima Ināra Mūrniece and Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš.

Media coverage:

Media **will need special accreditation** to attended media events. Accreditation for the official visit of President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis to Latvia **closes at 15:00pm, 27 May 2022**. Presidential chancery [application forms](#) for each media representative must be submitted individually. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Media events, 1 June

14:00	Official welcoming of H. E. Ms Katerina Sakellaropoulou, President of the Hellenic Republic, and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis (POOL 1) <i>Riga Castle square</i> Photo and video opportunity NB! Live broadcast on <i>LTV1</i>
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Media arrival by 13:30pm

Media in POOL 1 will not be allowed into POOL 2 events

14:15	Signing of Guest Book (POOL 2) <i>Riga Castle, White Hall</i> Photo and video opportunity NB! Live broadcast on <i>LTV1</i>
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Media arrival by 13:30pm

Media in POOL 2 will not be allowed into POOL 1 events

14:45	Delegation meeting <i>Riga Castle, Coats of Arms Hall</i> Photo and video opportunity before meeting
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Media arrival by 14:00pm

15:30	Joint press conference by President of Latvia Egils Levits and President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou (POOL 1) <i>Riga Castle, White Hall</i> Photo and video opportunity, Q&A NB! Press conference will be livestreamed on Presidential Chancery webpage www.president.lv and President Levits' social media pages <i>YouTube, Facebook and Twitter</i>
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Working languages: Latvian and Greek (simultaneous interpretation)

Media arrival by 15:00pm

Media in POOL 1 will not be allowed into POOL 2 events

16:00	Flower laying ceremony at the Freedom Monument (POOL 2) <i>Freedom Square</i> Photo and video opportunity
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Media arrival by 15:40pm

Media in POOL 2 will not be allowed into POOL 1 events

NB! Media are required to follow the dress code for media events: dark suit for gentlemen and business costume for women

Media events, 2 June

9:40	Meeting of President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis with Jānis Sārts, Director of NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence <i>NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence</i> Photo and video opportunity upon arrival (outside the Centre)
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Media arrival by 9:20am

13:10	President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis visit exhibition 'Purvītis' at the Latvian National Museum of Art <i>Latvian National Museum of Art</i> Photo and video opportunity
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Media arrival by 12:50pm

16:30	President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis visit regular display and sign the guest book of Museum of Latvian Occupation (POOL 1) <i>Museum of Occupation of Latvia</i> Photo and video opportunity
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Media arrival by 16:10pm

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17.05	President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis donate a book to the People's Bookshelf of the National Library of Latvia; President of Latvia Egils Levits and Mrs Andra Levite present (POOL 2) <i>National Library of Latvia</i> Photo and video opportunity
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Working languages: Latvian and English (consecutive interpretation)

Media arrival by 16:35pm

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Media events, 3 June

9:30	Meeting of President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis with the Speaker of the Saeima Ināra Mūrniece <i>Saeima (parliament of the Republic of Latvia)</i> Photo and video opportunity before meeting
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Media arrival by 9:10am

10:25	<p>Arrival of President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis to the Cabinet of Ministers (POOL 1)</p> <p><i>Cabinet of Ministers, Republic of Latvia</i></p> <p>Photo and video opportunity: upon arrival (in front of Cabinet building), handshake and joint photo (in the 1st floor foyer)</p>
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Media arrival by 10:00am

Media in POOL 1 will not be allowed into POOL 2 events

10:30	<p>Meeting of President of Greece Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Mr Pavlos Kotsonis with Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš (POOL 2)</p> <p><i>Green Hall, Cabinet of Ministers, Republic of Latvia</i></p> <p>Photo and video opportunity before meeting</p>
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Media arrival by 10:00am

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