

# ICA Event 2025

## 16-19 June, Rhodes - Greece

### Draft Agenda

*All times are in the Central European Summer Time, GMT+2.*

#### Monday 16 June

*Venue: Sheraton Rhodes Resort Hotel*

**All day**      *Arrival of participants and registrations*

**10:00-12:30**    ***First Bilateral meetings***

**12:30-14:00**    *Free time for lunch*

**14:00-16:00**    ***Bilateral meetings***

**16:00-16:30**    *Coffee Break*

**16:30-17:30**    ***Bilateral meetings***

**19:30**            *Welcome Reception & Dinner at Rhodes Resort Hotel*

#### Tuesday 17 June

*Venue: Sheraton Rhodes Resort Hotel*

**09:00-10:30**    ***Bilateral meetings***

**10:30-11:00**    *Coffee Break*

**11:00-12:30**    **Opening Plenary Session**

- Welcome Remarks
- 2024-2025 Overview & Success Stories
- Introduction of the New Hub Strategy
- Presentation of New Members

Moderated by the ICA Team

**12:30-14:00**    *Lunch*

**14:00-15:30**    **Panel Discussion: Shaping the Future of Aid in the Evolving Development Cooperation Landscape**

This session will explore the shifting dynamics of development cooperation, including the declining role of traditional aid and the rise of new partnership models with funding institutions. Participants will engage in a strategic discussion on how to adapt to emerging challenges and explore innovative approaches to mobilising resources, strengthening partnerships, ensuring the long-term sustainability of development

initiatives. Designed for member organisations and experts, participants will work in groups focused on key areas such as social impact and community resilience, governance and institutional capacity building.

**15:30-16:00** *Coffee Break*

**16:00-17:30** **Workshop: Shaping the Future of Aid in the Evolving Development Cooperation Landscape**

This session builds on the previous discussion on the emerging trends and challenges in development cooperation. Participants will collaborate in groups, focusing on key geographic areas and major donors, to develop practical solutions for addressing current business challenges.

**18:30** *Departure by bus to the old town*

**19:00** *Tour of the Rhodes Old City*

**20:00** *Dinner in Rhodes Old City*

## **Wednesday 18 June**

*Venue: Sheraton Rhodes Resort Hotel*

**09:00-10:30** ***Bilateral meetings***

**10:30-11:00** *Coffee Break*

**11:00-12:30** **Beyond Aid: Mobilising Blended Finance and Impact Investing for Global Development**

As development financing shifts beyond traditional aid, blended finance and impact investing are emerging as key drivers of sustainable growth. This session will explore how these innovative funding models unlock private capital, de-risk investments, and create long-term impact. While highlighting initiatives like the European Commission's Global Gateway, we will examine broader strategies to mobilise resources, strengthen economic resilience, and foster global partnerships for sustainable development.

**12:30-14:00** *Lunch (and **Board Members Lunch Meeting**)*

**14:00-15:30** **ICA Events Hub Meeting: Enhancing Closer Collaboration among Institutional Event Organisers Worldwide**

Building on the first ICA Events Hub meeting at our previous event, this session aims to deepen cooperation among our event members. We will reflect on recent developments and explore ways to strengthen collaboration moving forward - ensuring we remain competitive and make effective use of innovative tools and solutions.

***Bilateral meetings***

**15:30-16:00** *Coffee Break*

### **16:00-17:30**   **Unlocking the AI potential: The Role of Digital Transformation for a Smarter Tomorrow**

This workshop will explore how AI and digital transformation are reshaping industries, enhancing decision-making, and driving sustainable development. Participants will gain insights into the latest AI-driven innovations, their applications in development cooperation, and strategies for leveraging digital transformation to improve efficiency and impact

Moderated by TBC

***Bilateral meetings***

### **18:00-19:00**   **ICA Beach Volley / Team-Building Activities**

**19:30**   *Departure for dinner*

**20:00**   *Dinner (walking distance to the hotel)*

## **Thursday 19 June**

**All Day**   *First departures*

### ***Optional trip by boat to the Symi Island***

*Open Café: Welcome drink & networking*

*Free time to explore the island*

*Late lunch*

*Symi is one of the most picturesque and charming islands of the Dodecanese Island group, well known for its beaches, harbour and colorful neoclassical houses.*



**Evening**   *Arrival to the hotel in the early evening  
Free time (no dinner organised)*

## **Friday 20 June**

**Morning**   *Departures of the remaining participants*

