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## **The EPLO participates with three speakers at the 2016 Concordia Summit**

The EPLO will be participating on September 19-20, at the #Concordia16 Summit in New York, USA with three distinguished Speakers: Prof Giuliano Amato, former PM of the Italian Republic, Mr A. Mavroyiannis, Negotiator of the Greek-Cypriot community, Cyprus and Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director of the EPLO on a session entitled "The Future of Europe", on the 19th of September. This is probably the first time that a session focusing on Europe takes place in this Summit. The Session will be dealing with the recent varied yet pervasive stresses facing the European continent.

From the burgeoning refugee crisis to the rise of populist parties to the impending exit of Britain from the European Union, the risk of European disintegration is real. The first half of 2017 will be a truly pivotal time in Europe, as it readjusts to the impacts of the French, German, and American elections. This strategic dialogue will serve as a precursor, idea incubator, and partnership developer in lead up to a future Concordia Summit to be held in Europe in Spring 2017.

The discussion will feature agenda items that include migration and refugee integration, corruption and transparency measures, climate change and energy, trade and investment, as well as impact of the Brexit and future of the European Union.