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Thriving with technology: How can Greece leverage Industry 4.0 for an inclusive economic recovery?

Technological change – the fourth industrial revolution (commonly known as Industry 4.0), the digital transformation, and the data economy – is fundamentally changing the context for firms and workers and has the potential to redefine the geography of production within Europe and between Europe and its trading partners. At the same time, disruptive technological change is widening economic and social divides between countries, regions, firms and households and risks undermining the prospects for inclusive growth. While technology offers ever-richer opportunities for well-skilled workers and frontier firms, low-skilled workers and less productive firms risk falling behind. A recent [World Bank report](#) argues that Europe’s famed “convergence machine”, which has delivered some of the highest living standards and lowest levels of income inequality in the world for decades, now needs an upgrade to continue to provide opportunities for all citizens. Greece’s post-crisis recovery will unfold in this radically changing economic context, raising the question of how Greece can best prepare to leverage technological change and enhance opportunities for firms and for people to succeed in these changing times. Framed by an introductory presentation by the World Bank, the workshop aims to provide an opportunity to discuss key policy priorities for Greece for the coming years.

PROGRAM – March 26, 2019	
17:30 – 18:00	Registration & coffee
18:00 – 18:05	Opening Remarks: Kyriakos Pierrakakis , Research Director, diaNEOsis
18:05 – 18:40	Presentation of World Bank Report Presenters: Christian Bodewig , World Bank Program Manager for Southern Europe Wolfgang Fengler , Lead Economist, Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation
18:40 – 19:00	Discussants: Prof. Panos Tsakoglou , Department of International and European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics and Business Marco Veremis , Upstream Co-founder and Executive Chairman of the Board Moderator: Nektaria Stamouli , Journalist, The Wall Street Journal
19:00 – 20:00	Discussion with invited guests Cocktails

The event will be held in **English** and no translation will be provided.
RSVP by March 21st and you can register [here](#)