

A Journey into the Light: Iconic Illumination of the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion

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Athens, Greece – September 17, 2024 – In a unique fusion of ancient heritage and modern art, the spectacular lighting event for the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion took place yesterday, September 16, 2024.

The event was graced by the presence of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Minister of Culture Lina Mendoni, highlighting the importance of Greece's cultural heritage and the need to promote it on the global stage. International figures from the political and artistic realms, as well as media representatives, attended the event, which was broadcast live worldwide.

In his address, Evangelos Mytilineos, Chairman and CEO of METLEN Energy & Metals, stated: *"I am deeply moved that METLEN Energy & Metals has made a substantial contribution to building this bridge between the past and the present. The unique architecture of Ancient Greece is being showcased in modern-day Greece, bringing to the forefront the timeless value of our shared heritage. Today's event perfectly exemplifies the power of human creativity. The modern lighting, respectful of the monument's value and beauty, reveals new dimensions of its architecture that are going to impress every visitor. The image we see today will travel to every corner of the world, reminding everyone that beauty, or 'kallos,' has its roots here in Greece."*

Through this link, you can view and read the full address of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis: [Address by Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis at the event for the new lighting of the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion | The Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic \(primeminister.gr\)](#)

Nonetheless, you can read the full address by the Minister of Culture, Lina Mendoni, from the following link: [Lina Mendoni: Greece is moving steadily forward, with vision and a plan \(culture.gov.gr\)](#)

The lighting project, overseen by internationally acclaimed lighting designer Eleftheria Deko, presented the historical and architectural significance of the monument in a unique way. Through the play of light, the temple gained new dimensions, bringing the past to life and enchanting the present.

The evening culminated in a grand concert by distinguished composer Stavros Xarchakos, who presented a unique musical composition. Accompanying him was the ERT Contemporary Music Orchestra and top artists such as Dimitris Bassis, Iro Saia, and

Zacharias Karounis, delivering an emotional musical experience under the maestro's direction.

[METLEN Energy & Metals](#) sponsored the lighting and event, reaffirming its commitment to the promotion and protection of Greece's cultural heritage.

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- *Notes for Editors:*

Photos: <https://we.tl/t-ZyFJOXQSCP>

You can watch the full event by visiting the following link: [Ένα ταξίδι στο Φως, με την Ελευθερία Ντεκώ & τον Σταύρο Ξαρχάκο \(youtube.com\)](#)

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