



Tuesday October 31, 2023

**Makedonia Palace Hotel,
Ballroom**

(draft as of Oct. 17)

12.00 Arrival of guests - registration

12.30 Welcome remarks

- ✓ **Efstathios Konstantinidis**, Deputy Minister of Interior for Macedonia & Thrace, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Athanasios Liagkos**, Executive Chairman of the BoD, ThPA S.A. – Port of Thessaloniki
- ✓ **Yannis Thomatos**, Managing Partner, Tsomokos Communications

12.40 Financing resilient infrastructure and connectivity in SE Europe

- Kostis Hatzidakis**, Minister of Finance, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Assen Vassilev**, Minister of Finance, Republic of Bulgaria
- Siniša Mali**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Serbia
- Fatmir Besimi**, Minister of Finance, Republic of North Macedonia

Chair: TBA

13.20 Free trade zones and customs procedures: two vital tools for the development of an international network

- Nikos Papathanassis**, Alternate Minister of Finance, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Symeon Diamantidis**, President, Greek Exporters Association
- ✓ **Nikos Mavrikos**, President, Panhellenic Ship Suppliers & Exporters Association

Chair: TBC



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13.50 Port Community Systems & digitalization: Uniting a port's ecosystem

- ✓ **Aly Assem Ibrahim**, General Manager, East PortSaid Port, Egypt
- ✓ **Nikolaos Liapis**, Member of the BoD, Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association
- ✓ **Vasileios Mamalis**, Executive Director, ELIME
- ✓ **Ioannis Giannakos**, General Director & acting Governor, Public Ports Authority
Apostolos Papapostolou, President, Regulatory Authority for Ports
- ✓ **Tom Schouten**, Director Sales and Business Development, IT Partner

Chair: TBA

14.30 networking lunch break

15.00 Railways, the new trend: an update on European Corridors (Corridor X and Orient - East Med Corridor)

- ✓ **Nikolaos Tachiaos**, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Ioanna Tsiaparikou**, President, Rail Regulation Authority, Greece
- ✓ **Panagiotis Christelis**, Director, Administration & Operations, VTG Rail Logistics Hellas
Christos Dionelis, Vice President, Ergose

✓ *Chair: Nikos Karagiannis*, Journalist, Ypodomes.com

15.40 Intermodal transports: transporting goods via sea, air, rail and road

- ✓ **Ioannis Xifaras**, Secretary General for Transports, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Iro Doumani**, General Manager, Hellenic Federation of Road Transport
Apostolos Tzimourtas, Head of Sales, Marketing & Customer Service Greece, DHL Hellas

✓ *Chair: Mary Efthymiatou*, Chief Editor, Supply Chain & logistics



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16.30 Maritime transports: Sustainability and decarbonization

- ✓ **Christos Stylianides**, Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Antonios Venieris**, President, International Maritime Union
- ✓ **Theodore Vafiadis**, Communications & Culture Director, TEU Shipping and Forwarding

Chair: TBA

17.20 Southeast Europe Integration with the Core of the EU Single Market in the Era of Logistics Disruption

Content partner: World Bank Group

- ✓ **Luis Blancas**, Senior Transport and Logistics Specialist, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
- ✓ **Athanasios Ziliaskopoulos**, Chair, National Logistics Council, Greece
- ✓ *Chair: Shomik Mehndiratta*, Transport Practice Manager for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank

18.00 Last mile delivery: from the port to the final point of delivery

- ✓ **George Pitsilis**, Governor, Independent Authority for Public Revenue
- ✓ **Vassilis Zeimpekis**, President, Hellenic Logistics Association
- ✓ **Athanasios Ziliaskopoulos**, Chair, National Logistics Council, Greece
- ✓ **Gikas Selekos**, Head of Operation, Skroutz Last Mile, Greece
- ✓ **Emmanouil Vlachogiannis**, General Manager, Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- ✓ *Chair: Fotis Fotinos*, Journalist, metaforespress.gr

18.40 End of Day 1

20.00 Networking Cocktail (*by invitation only*)

working languages: Greek and English with simultaneous translation

✓ *confirmed speakers*



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09.30 **Arrival of guests - registration**

10.00 **Welcome remarks**

10.10 **Southeast Europe's transformation through large transport infrastructure projects**

✓ **Christos Staikouras**, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Hellenic Republic

✓ **Georgi Gvozdeykov**, Minister of Transport and Communications, Republic of Bulgaria

Blagoj Bochvarski, Minister of Transport and Communications, Republic of North Macedonia

✓ *Chair:* **Nikos Karagiannis**, Journalist, Ypodomes.com

11.10 **In conversation**

✓ **Hristo Aleksiev**, Secretary to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria on economic policies

✓ *Chair:* **George Xirogiannis**, Director General, SEV Hellenic Federation of Enterprises

11.30 **In conversation**

George Tsunis, US Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

Chair: **TBA**



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11.50 Maritime & Logistics role in Northern Greece

Content partner: IforU

- ✓ **Wanda Costopoulos**, Managing Partner, Arkas Hellas Group & Arkas Logistics
- ✓ **Eirini Chadiari**, Member of the BoD, ThPA S.A. - Port of Thessaloniki
- ✓ **Zoe Koletsa**, Independent, Non-Executive Member, CMA CGM GREECE
- ✓ *Chair:* **Danae Bezantakou**, CEO, Navigator Shipping Consultants

12.20 Investing in connectivity and infrastructure in Southeast Europe

- ✓ **Serhat Köksal**, President, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank
- ✓ **Thanos Psathas**, CEO, ETVA Industrial Areas
- ✓ **Michael B. Christides**, Secretary General, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization - BSEC (2015 – 2021)
- ✓ **Rumen Markov**, General Manager, Large Infrastructure Projects, Bulgaria
- ✓ **Angelos Roupas Pantaleon**, founder, Second Wind & Partners, Greece
- ✓ *Chair:* **George Xirogiannis**, Director General, SEV Hellenic Federation of Enterprises

13.00 **networking coffee break**

13.20 Connectivity, green growth and sustainable regional development

Kostas Skrekas, Minister of Development, Hellenic Republic

- ✓ **Loukia Saranti**, President, Federation of Industries of Greece
- ✓ **Anastasios Tzikas**, President, TIF – Helexpo SA & Technopolis SA
- ✓ **Manolis Baltas**, CEO, ReDePlan Consulting
- ✓ **Aleksandar Ljubic**, Executive Director, Foreign Investors Council, Serbia
- ✓ **Evangelos Bekiaris**, Director, CERTH/HIT Greece

- ✓ *Chair:* **Mary Efthymiatou**, Chief Editor, Supply Chain & logistics



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14.00 Energy connectivity: the new green corridors and the big bets

- ✓ **Ioannis Maniatis**, fmr Minister of Environment, Energy, Climate Change; Prof. University of Piraeus
- ✓ **Ioannis Maris**, Country Representative Greece, Trans Adriatic Pipeline AG
- ✓ **George Kremlis**, President, Circular Economy & Climate Change Institute of the EPLO

- ✓ *Chair: Alex Lagakos*, Chief Operating Officer, Blur Grid Gas & Power

14.30 Infrastructure and Connectivity in Southeast Europe: The 3 Sea's Initiative

- Adriana Octavia Ciamba**, Ambassador of Romania to the Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Artur Lompart**, Ambassador of Poland to the Hellenic Republic
- Aleksandar Sunko**, Ambassador of Croatia to the Hellenic Republic
- Erik Edgar Haupt**, Ambassador of Hungary to the Hellenic Republic

- Chair: TBA*

15.00 Shipping Sustainability: The Next Day

Content partner: YES Forum

- ✓ **John Cotzias**, President, Hellenic Shipbrokers Association
- ✓ **Anna Vazintari**, ICT Manager, Unisea Shipping Ltd; Member of the Bod, AMMITEC

- ✓ *Chair: Danae Bezantakou*, CEO, Navigator Shipping Consultants

16.00 End of Day 2 - End of Forum