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BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

23 February 2022 | New Year's Reception | Hybrid event

The well-established annual joint "New Year's Reception" of the **British Embassy in Athens** and the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** took place, in a hybrid way, at the British Residence in Athens.

Kyriakos Pierrakakis, Minister of State and Digital Governance, participated in the event as a keynote speaker.

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TRADE FAIRS

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Reco Exports, will participate in the following Trade Fairs in the UK.

03-04 April 2022 | Natural & Organic Products Europe, London ExCel

Natural & Organic Products Europe is your one-stop-shop for eco-friendly, sustainable, natural, organic and free from food, drink, beauty, self-care and well-being products.

25-27 April 2022 | Food & Drink Expo, NEC Birmingham

The UK Food & Drink Shows are an opportunity to bring together the grocery, specialist retail, wholesale and foodservice sectors all under one roof. The NEC Birmingham will be the focal point, where between 25 - 27 April 2022 Food & Drink Expo will run alongside National Convenience Show, Farm Shop & Deli Show and The Forecourt Show.

16-18 May 2022 | London Wine Fair

The show will feature outstanding tastings, unmissable industry sessions, meetings with winemakers and importers, networking opportunities and more, all back for one big wine trade reunion. This will be combined with online and digital experiences building on the hugely successful digital show.

More details on each Trade Fair and the opportunities/alternative ways to participate will be communicated in due course.

KOTSOVOLOS | CSR ACTIVITY



«Τεχνολογία Χωρίς Εμπόδια»

Η Κωτσόβολος με το πρόγραμμα «Τεχνολογία Χωρίς Εμπόδια» επιδιώκει μια τεχνολογία προσβάσιμη σε όλους, διευκολύνοντας τα άτομα με αναπηρίες να έχουν μια καλύτερη ζωή. Η μεγιστοποίηση της πρόσβασης αφορά, τόσο τον φυσικό, όσο και τον ψηφιακό κόσμο της Κωτσόβολος, καθώς και την ανάδειξη των προϊόντων τεχνολογίας, που διευκολύνουν την καθημερινότητα των ανθρώπων με αναπηρία.

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MarineTraffic | PRESS RELEASE



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Live vessel values now available on MarineTraffic

MarineTraffic, the world's leading provider of ship tracking information and maritime analytics, has partnered with maritime data specialists Signal Ocean to provide vessel valuations on its platform. MarineTraffic users will now see Signal Ocean's estimated value of the ship when viewing the vessel's details.

This live and historical data, which is updated weekly, is derived from recent transactions and a sophisticated algorithm which takes in a range of data points including the vessel's age, shipyard built, size, equipment or refits. The service will initially be available for tankers >25,000 DWT and dry bulk carriers >20,000 DWT.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within February 2022:

- HOLMAN FENWICK WILLAN INTERNATIONAL, VASSOS, EXARCHOU & PARTNER LAW FIRM
<https://www.hfw.com/Home>
- SACHAS & ASSOCIATES <http://www.bhcc.gr/business-index/835-sachas-associates>
- SPYRIDON IGNATIADIS <http://www.bhcc.gr/business-index/836-ignatiadis-spyridon>

GREEK GOVERNMENT

24 February 2022

Δήλωση του Πρωθυπουργού Κυριάκου Μητσοτάκη κατά την άφιξή του στην Έκτακτη Σύνοδο του Ευρωπαϊκού Συμβουλίου

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UK GOVERNMENT

Russian invasion of Ukraine: UK government response

The UK and our allies condemn the Russian government's unprovoked and premeditated war against Ukraine.

[Read more](#)

28 February 2022

UK Statement on Further Economic Sanctions Targeted at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation

Today the UK government has announced its intention to take further restrictive economic measures in response to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, by targeting the Central Bank of the Russian Federation (CBR).

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

01 March 2022

Speech by President von der Leyen at the European Parliament Plenary on the Russian aggression against Ukraine

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27 February 2022

Statement by President von der Leyen on further measures to respond to the Russian invasion of Ukraine

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UK GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

14 February 2022

DIT announces top negotiating team for 2022

The International Trade Secretary has confirmed the latest line-up of Chief Trade Negotiators.

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21 February 2022

Σήμανση και διάθεση στην αγορά του Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου κρασιών προέλευσης ΕΕ

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15 February 2022

Τάσεις 2022 στην αγορά ελαιολάδου του Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

10 February 2022

Winter 2022 Economic Forecast: Growth expected to regain traction after winter slowdown

The Winter 2022 Economic Forecast projects that, following a notable expansion by 5.3% in 2021, the EU economy will grow by 4.0% in 2022 and 2.8% in 2023. Growth in the euro area is also expected at 4.0% in 2022, moderating to 2.7% in 2023. The EU as a whole reached its pre-pandemic level of GDP in the third quarter of 2021 and all Member States are projected to have passed this milestone by the end of 2022.

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BREXIT NEWS & UPDATES

UK GOVERNMENT - BREXIT UPDATES

21 February 2022

Joint statement on the meeting of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee: 21 February 2022

The UK Foreign Secretary and European Commission Vice-President gave a joint UK-EU statement on the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee 21 February meeting.

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11 February 2022

UK-EU talks on the Northern Ireland Protocol: joint statement, 11 February 2022

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič spoke about the need for progress on the Northern Ireland Protocol.

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31 January 2022

The benefits of Brexit

How the UK is capitalising on the benefits of Brexit.

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For more information on Brexit developments please visit <https://www.gov.uk/transition>, https://ec.europa.eu/info/relations-united-kingdom_en and <https://brexit.gov.gr/>

UK GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

10 February 2022

Government to look at ways new high-tech materials could advance UK industry

The government has launched a call for evidence to gather insight and shape the UK's approach to advanced materials.

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07 February 2022

Businesses encouraged to have their say on future of customs

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has published a call for evidence and is inviting businesses, traders, and the public to feedback on the customs system.

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04 February 2022

HMRC late payment interest rates to be revised after Bank of England increases base rate

HMRC interest rates for late payments will be revised following the Bank of England interest rate rise to 0.50%.

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02 February 2022

Government unveils levelling up plan that will transform UK

Michael Gove to unveil the government's flagship Levelling Up White Paper, setting out a plan to transform the UK by spreading opportunity and prosperity to all parts of it.

Leveling up Executive Summary can be found [here](#).

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BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

Update on Ukraine

The invasion by Russia of Ukraine is an appalling act of aggression with terrible loss of life and displacement of potentially the largest number of people in Europe since World War II. The BCC understands that people across the Chamber Network and member companies will be upset by the consequences being witnessed each day.



The BCC offers a practical guide for firms with questions on trading in this region of the world and has put together a Q&A [available here](#) which may be useful.



Monthly Economic Review - February 2022

BCC recently published the BCC's [February Monthly Economic Review](#). This briefing is an analysis of the key domestic and international economic indicators for business.

This is available as a [PDF](#) or [Word](#) document.

17 February 2022

BCC research finds little love for EU trade deal

71% of exporters say that the EU trade deal is not enabling them to grow or increase sales. This was highlighted in [BCC research](#).

09 February 2022

BCC: PAC report highlights need for action on EU trade

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03 February 2022

Trade Timelines

See BCC's [Trade Timelines](#) in the Trade Hub covering the main trade negotiations and key changes in UK trade with the EU and the Rest of the World in 2022.



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