



13 February 2023, 24th Edition

BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

08 February 2023 | New Year's Reception | Joint Event with the British Embassy



The annual well-established “**New Year’s Reception**” of the **British Embassy in Athens** and the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** took place at the British Ambassador’s Residence in Athens.

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SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

09 February 2023 | BHCC supported the 13th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum

Volatility has always been a key characteristic of global shipping – volatility is always there but it takes new forms every time. Today’s global landscape is impacted by major trends such as geopolitics, energy security, increasing regulation, deglobalization, a slowing world economy, higher interest rates, easing covid restrictions in China, which has been the locomotive for global shipping and commerce, and more. In this environment, the role of shipping as the link in the global supply chain remains vital and despite the challenges it creates significant opportunities across the various market segments.

The Forum discussed the industry’s main trends and challenges, as well as the opportunities that lie ahead and strategies to compete in an increasingly complex and demanding world. The event was attended by shipowners, financiers and other industry participants.

TRADE FAIRS

Within 2023, the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Reco Exports, will participate in the following Trade Fairs organized in the UK.

16 – 17 April 2023 | Natural & Organic Products Europe, London, UK

Europe's Leading Sustainable Business Event. Making the world a better place to live sits at the heart of Natural & Organic Products Europe. Take your chance to meet the Fair's brands and exhibitors. To discover 1000s of their new products, meet 100s of international suppliers, network with your industry and hear the latest trends and research. Find more at <https://www.naturalproducts.co.uk/>

24 – 26 April 2023 | Food & Drink Expo, Birmingham, UK

Food & Drink Expo provides the number one route to the UK food and drink market and helps hundreds of companies showcase their exceptional products. Buyers and decision-makers across the whole industry, from grocery, wholesale and speciality retail to foodservice and manufacturing, are invited to uncover the hottest trends, latest product launches, and the industry's vision for the future. Find more at <https://www.foodanddrinkexpo.co.uk/>

15 – 17 May 2023 | London Wine Fair, London, UK

The most intelligent wine event in the world. The 40th edition of the London Wine Fair took place in June 2022 and over 9,000 members of the drinks trade joined the reunion either at Olympia London or on the digital platform, for an event which brought the industry back together after a period of incredible uncertainty. The London Wine Fair will be returning to Olympia on 15-17 May 2023. Find more at <https://www.londonwinefair.com/>

For more information, please contact the Chamber Team on tel. +30 210 7210361 | email: events@bhcc.gr

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within January 2023:

- **GTC Lefkaditis – Greek Trading Center**, www.gtc-hardware.gr
- **Matrix Pack S.A.**, www.matrixpack.gr
- **Mr Dimitrios Tourikis**, www.bhcc.gr/business-index/tourikis-dimitrios
- **Mr George Xiradakis**, www.bhcc.gr/business-index/xiradakis-george
- **WE Architectural Tank**, wearchtank.com

BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

CPA AUDITORS | ARTICLE

By Dimitris Dimitriou | CEO

Πώς το ESG ως Δείκτης Αξιολόγησης, θα επηρεάσει Χρηματοδοτήσεις και Επενδύσεις



Η μακροχρόνια κρίση του χρηματοπιστωτικού συστήματος τόσο στη χώρα μας όσο και σε παγκόσμιο επίπεδο την τελευταία 10ετία, είχε ως συνέπεια βαθιές αλλαγές στη διασφάλιση και τη βιώσιμη χρηματοδότηση. Γιατί όπως συμβαίνει συνήθως, το χρηματοπιστωτικό σύστημα είναι αυτό που εφαρμόζει και επιφέρει κανονιστικά πλαίσια σε κάθε χώρα. Ο Ευρωπαϊκός Κανονισμός άλλωστε, έχει ξεκάθαρα συνδέσει τα τελευταία χρόνια την αξιολόγηση των χρηματοπιστωτικών ιδρυμάτων (τράπεζες) και των

επιχειρήσεων, με την προσαρμογή τους στις σύγχρονες απαιτήσεις και προκλήσεις της οικονομικής βιωσιμότητας. Ας εξετάσουμε όμως αρχικά τι είναι το ESG.

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25 January 2023

New Defence Export Advocate appointed to drive UK defence exports



Lord Lancaster appointed as the Government's new Defence Export Advocate by the Trade Secretary, to drive the UK's defence exports in a brand-new role.

[Read more](#)

24 January 2023

Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch: My top five priorities for trade

The Secretary of State's speech to the trade community on her top five priorities for trade, delivered at Lancaster House.

[Read more](#)

UK Trade Tariff: duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas

Temporary duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas for importing goods into the UK.

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20 January 2023

UK trade in numbers

A snapshot of the UK's latest trade and investment position, summarising statistics produced by ONS, DIT, and UNCTAD.

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Trade and investment core statistics book

The most up to date snapshot of the UK's trade and investment position, summarising trade statistics produced by ONS, HMRC, DIT and others.

[Read more](#)

Official Statistics: Latest trade and investment factsheets collection

The most up to date snapshot of the UK's trade and investment positions with trading partners overseas.

[Read more](#)

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

UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

07 February 2023

UK and Greece seek strengthened Defence partnership



Greece and the United Kingdom have signed a new defence and security agreement, targeting closer collaboration to benefit each country's military.

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Ministerial Appointments: February 2023

His Majesty The King has been pleased to approve the following appointments.

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PM: Making government deliver for the British people



The Prime Minister, with the approval of His Majesty The King, has created four new departments.

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31 January 2023

Guidance: Small and Medium Business Hub

Centralized guidance for SMEs and departments on government's commitment to support start-ups and small businesses via government procurement and commit to paying them on time.

[Read more](#)

21 January 2023

Coronation weekend celebrations that will bring communities together announced



Millions of people across the country and the Commonwealth are invited to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort over a weekend of special events.

[Read more](#)

19 January 2023

Business Secretary Grant Shapps launches ambitious vision to make UK scale-up capital of Europe

Grant Shapps outlines his vision for 'Scale-Up Britain' in a keynote speech to business leaders at Davos.

[Read more](#)

10 January 2023

Coronation Claims Office to look at historic and ceremonial roles for King Charles III's Coronation

Process launched to help decide who will perform an historic or ceremonial role at the King's Coronation.

[Read more](#)

09 January 2023

Procurement Bill to unleash opportunities for SMEs was debated in Parliament

Transformative new rules which rip up bureaucratic EU regulations was debated in the House of Commons.

[Read more](#)

05 January 2023

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak outlines his top five priorities for 2023

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BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

02 February 2023

Interest Rate Rise A Further Squeeze On Firms

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27 January 2023

Chancellor's Economic Vision Missing Two Vital 'Es'

The Chancellor missed out two Es when he detailed his focus on 'enterprise, education, employment and everywhere'. Without addressing the issues of energy and exports, the UK's economic growth will continue to be stunted.

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26 January 2023



Shevaun Haviland joins ICC United Kingdom board

The BHCC [announced](#) that their Director General, Shevaun Haviland was appointed to the board of the International Chamber of Commerce United Kingdom (ICC United Kingdom).

Shevaun's dual roles in the ICC United Kingdom and BCC will facilitate the sharing of expert insights and resources to accelerate both organisations' vital work.

With new opportunities for businesses of all shapes and sizes in 2023, this collaboration will help to align businesses' domestic practice with their international outlook, bolstering resilience at home while taking full advantage of emerging overseas markets. Please see the full press release [here](#).

BCC DOCUMENT | THE TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT: Two years on proposals for reform by UK business

[Read more](#)

18 January 2023

Inflation Peaked But Economy Still On Shaky Ground

[Read more](#)

12 January 2023

New Energy Bills Discount Scheme announced



The Chancellor of the Exchequer [announced](#) a new 'Energy Bills Discount Scheme' (EBDS) for UK businesses, charities, and the public sector. [Click here](#) to see BCC's response.

The UK government has published the following materials with further information including:

- [EBDS explainer document](#);
- [EBDS fact sheet](#); and
- [List of sectors eligible for the ETII scheme](#).*

Cyber security guidance for small businesses



Last year, Action Fraud received over 1,700 reports of cyber incidents from SMEs. Taking pro-active steps to protect against cyber-attacks can save small businesses time and money in the long run.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have produced a [new webinar](#) to help small businesses with their cyber security.

[Click here](#) to watch the recording of the webinar.

TRADE UPDATES

26 January 2023



Decisions on inbound GB border processes are due to be taken by Ministers by the end of February. It is possible that in 2024, the first phases of the Single Trade Window will be rolled out on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) certification and on safety/security certificates. The BCC will communicate any policy developments in this area as soon as received.



Work is continuing on EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) legislation in Brussels. However, firms should be aware of the phased introduction of [reporting requirements by EU importers on greenhouse gas emissions](#) embedded within imported goods (including from the UK) from 1 October this year.

19 January 2023



The latest Office for National Statistics [trade data for November 2022](#) revealed a 6.1% recovery on levels of UK goods imports, but a continued 1.2% decline in goods exports to the EU. Read BCC's comments and calls for action [here](#).



The BCC's latest [Trade Confidence Outlook](#) was released and showed the continued effects of raw materials, labour and energy prices on SME exporter's margins, sales and future orders.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Save the date - Global Annual Conference 2023



Last month, the date for the 2023 Global Annual Conference was announced.

- When: **Wednesday 17 May 2023**
- Where: **QEII Centre, London**

Please mark the date in your diaries and find out more [here](#). More information on content and speakers to follow soon.


28 March - 1 April

[2023 Smart City Summit and Expo](#)

30 November – 12 December

[2023 UN Climate Change Conference \(COP28\)](#)

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