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BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

09 May 2022 | "RE-IMAGINE INSURANCE: How Innovation Changes the Insurance Industry"



The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce organises a specialised, high-profile physical event on the Insurance Industry.

The scope of this Event is to analyse how innovation changes the insurance industry and highlight the key trends that re-shape it.

Distinguished guests and industry experts from the UK and Greece will participate in the discussion panels, that will cover various topics on how technology and innovation affects the Industry.

The Event will be held on **Monday, 9th May 2022**, at the **British Residence in Athens** and start time at **15:00**.

The Invitation and event Agenda will follow shortly.

PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

13 April 2022 | BHCC Annual General Assembly

According to the decision of the Board of Directors of 24th of March 2022 and the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Articles of Association (Athens First Instance Court registration number 2172/2021), the members of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) were invited to the **2022 Annual General Assembly scheduled to be held on** Tuesday, 12th April 2022 and start time at 13:00, with physical attendance, at the Chamber's offices (25, Vas. Sophias Ave, Athens).

A quorum was not established on the aforementioned date, and in line with the Articles of Association, **the Annual General Assembly held again, on Wednesday, 13th April 2022 starting time at 15:30 at the Hellenic Armed Forces Officers Club (ΛΑΕΔ) / Saroglion "Terpsichori Hall"** (1, Rigillis Street & Vas. Sophias Ave, Athens).

During the 2022 Annual General Meeting, the following agenda items were presented and approved:

AGENDA

- Item 1:** Election of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a General Secretary of the General Assembly, after a quorum has been established, by the President of the BoD
- Item 2:** Report of the Board of Directors for the year 2021
- Item 3:** Annual Accounts for the year 2021
- Item 4:** Auditors' Report
- Item 5:** Discharge of both the Board of Directors and the Auditors from any responsibility for the year 2021

13 April 2022 | The "Launch of Institute of Directors (IoD) Certificate Courses in Greece: Corporate Governance and Leadership" Event

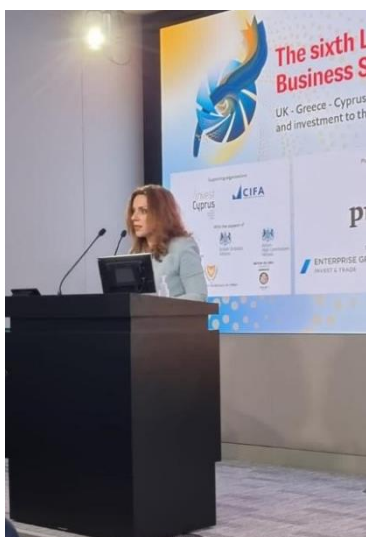
The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce organized the event "**Launch of Institute of Directors (IoD) Certificate Courses in Greece: Corporate Governance and Leadership**", with the aim of presenting the first **IoD seminars on Corporate Governance and Leadership**.

The event took place at the **Athens Armed Forces Officers Club (LAED) / Saroglio Megaron** with the participation of distinguished speakers from Greece and the UK. **Ms Anna Kalliani**, Greek President of the BHCC, had the pleasure to coordinate the discussion panel entitled "Corporate Governance as a long-term value driver: Sustainability, Innovation, Diversity". **Dr Yanos Michopoulos**, Board Director and ESG Practitioner | Corporate Governance and Leadership Development Course Leader, **Dr Vassiliki Lazarakou**, Chair of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, **Mrs Elena Stylianou**, Managing Partner of RSM Greece, **Mr Michael Mitsopoulos**, Director of Business Environment and Regulatory Affairs of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) and **Mr Yanni Spiropoulos**, Founder & Managing Partner of Octane Management Consultants, engaged in a constructive dialogue on the importance of the adoption of the high standards and principles of Corporate Governance, Leadership and Transparency as a significant value driver in entrepreneurship and the implementation of the relatively recent legislation governing the Greek listed companies. Dr Yanos Michopoulos presented the IoD and its certificate courses on Corporate Governance and Leadership, which will be launched in Greece in May and June 2022.

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SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

21 March 2022 | Economist 6th Annual London Business Summit: "UK-Greece-Cyprus: Taking trade & investment to the next level"



The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** supported the **Economist 6th Annual London Business Summit** entitled:

"UK-Greece-Cyprus: Taking trade & investment to the next level".

Cabinet Ministers and Business Leaders from the regions in discussion shared their remarks and views during the event, which took place at the **London Stock Exchange**. **Anna Kalliani, Greek President of the BHCC**, participated in the panel under the title **"Reaping the fruits of Recovery: OPPORTUNITIES – AND MONEY"**, engaging in an interesting discussion on economic resilience and changes in the business, funding and investment landscape given the geopolitical turmoil. This year's hybrid Summit was also supported by the **Embassy of Greece in the UK**, the **British Embassy in Athens**, the **British High Commission Nicosia** and the **British High Commission to the Republic of Cyprus**.

May / June 2022 | Institute of Directors (IoD) Certificate Courses in Greece

The BHCC is pleased to announce the **launch of the Institute of Directors (IoD) Certificate Courses in Greece.**

The first **IoD seminars on Corporate Governance and Leadership** will be delivered in Greece in May and June 2022. As a part of IoD's internationally recognised Certificate qualification and underpinned by IoD's Directors Competency Framework, these seminars will provide existing and aspiring Board Directors with a foundation in effective directorship. Please refer to the [brochure](#) and to the [IoD Website](#) for further details.

- **Role of the Director and the Board, 5/6 May 2022.** Please find the analytical brochure [here](#).
- **Leadership for Directors, 6/7 June 2022.** Please find the analytical brochure [here](#).
- Strategy and Finance modules to follow in 3Q22

These seminars are organised in Greece by **Dr Yanos Michopoulos**, a long standing IoD Tutor, Board Director, and member of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce strongly endorses these seminars and encourages its members to attend them.

In case you are interested in learning more information /attending the seminars, please contact directly Dr Yanos Michopoulos, email: yanos@epiphany.enterprises

21-24 September 2022 | "17th IAEE European Energy Conference"

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** supports the **17th IAEE European Energy Conference**, which provides an ideal forum for the presentation of new advances and research results in the energy sector, thus, it is a great opportunity for academicians, researchers, managers, industrial participants and students to share their research findings with global experts. The organisers encourage all interested parties to join the conference and submit their original, high-quality research.

Please visit <https://www.haee.gr/conferences-and-events/iaee-events/17th-iaee-european-energy-conference/> for the Conference and registration details.

TRADE FAIRS

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

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.

Visit <https://www.foodanddrinkexpo.co.uk/> for more information.

07-09 June (Live) and 20-21 June (Digital) 2022 | The 40th London Wine Fair

Following the success of the Fair's digital edition in 2021, this year's event will provide exhibitors and visitors with a unique all-encompassing London Wine Fair experience.

We are giving you the best opportunity to join over 14,500 drinks industry professionals at the UK's biggest digital and live wine trade reunion.

Visitors can either purchase an entirely digital ticket or a ticket that provides both digital and live event access to the London Wine Fair.

Find [here](#) more details on this year's London Wine Fair.

BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

GRANT THORNTON GREECE | RESEARCH



Women in Business 2022

In 2022, Grant Thornton's Women in Business research has once again tracked the position of women in senior management across the world, and the progress towards gender parity in leadership. Our 2021 Women in Business report identified a window of opportunity created by post-pandemic working practices that were enabling more women to move into senior roles. In 2022, as economies slowly recover and the worst impacts of the pandemic recede, that trend looks set to continue.

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MYTILINEOS | PRESS RELEASE

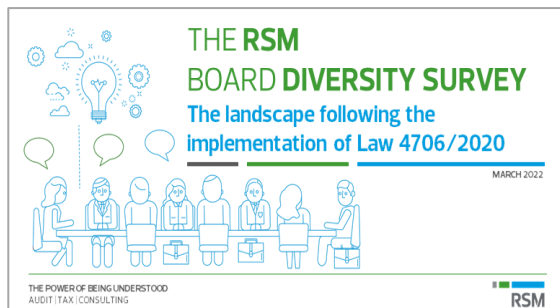


MYTILINEOS undertakes the development of 3 OCGTs for Drax

MYTILINEOS through its Sustainable Engineering Solutions (SES) Business Unit undertakes the development of three (3) open-cycle gas turbine (OCGTs) power plant projects in the United Kingdom. Specifically, MYTILINEOS has signed engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracts with three subsidiaries of Drax Group plc, UK's largest source of renewable electricity, namely Hirwaun Power Limited, Progress Power Limited and Millbrook Power Limited, to construct 3 OCGTs with a gross output of 299MW each.

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RSM GREECE | SURVEY



"The RSM Board Diversity Survey - The landscape following the implementation of Law 4706/2020"

Η έρευνα πραγματοποιείται από την RSM Ελλάδα για δεύτερη συνεχή χρονιά και εξετάζει τη σύνθεση των διοικητικών συμβουλίων των ελληνικών εισηγμένων επιχειρήσεων, πριν και μετά την εφαρμογή του Νόμου 4706/2020. Μέσα από την ανάλυση 1250 μελών σε 150 εισηγμένες εταιρίες, τα πορίσματα παρουσιάζουν τις αλλαγές που συντελέστηκαν στο πλαίσιο υιοθέτησης του νόμου και

των λοιπών κατευθυντήριων γραμμών και αναδεικνύει την ιδανική σύνθεση ενός διοικητικού συμβουλίου βασισμένη στην κουλτούρα της ισότητας, της ποικιλομορφίας και της συμπερίληψης.

Μελετήστε τα πλήρη αποτελέσματα της Έρευνας **"The RSM Board Diversity Survey"** [εδώ](#).

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within March & April 2022:

- HIVE ENERGY LTD <https://www.hiveenergy.co.uk/>
- HOTELLECT SMPC <https://hotellect.eu/>
- EMBIRIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS LLC <http://www.embiria.gr/>
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UK GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

28 March 2022

Tariffs on goods imported into the UK

How to check the tariff rates that apply to goods you import.

[Read more](#)

10 March 2022

Anne-Marie Trevelyan delivers keynote speech on maritime trade at 2022 Maritime UK Awards in Glasgow

Today the Trade Secretary delivered the keynote speech at the 2022 Maritime UK Awards, celebrating excellence across the UK's thriving maritime sector.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

16 March 2022

Capital Markets Union: Commission proposes simpler rules to make settlement in EU financial markets safer and more efficient

The European Commission has proposed changes to the Central Securities Depositories Regulation to enhance the efficiency of the EU's settlement markets, while safeguarding financial stability. The proposal is a key component of the [2020 Capital Markets Union Action Plan](#).

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BREXIT NEWS & UPDATES

UK GOVERNMENT - BREXIT UPDATES

28 March 2022

Brexit guidance

Find out how new Brexit rules apply to things like travel and doing business with Europe.

[Read more](#)

23 March 2022

Letters to businesses about importing and exporting goods between Great Britain and the EU

HMRC letters to VAT-registered businesses in Great Britain trading with the EU, highlighting the new rules and actions to take for importing goods from or exporting goods to the EU.

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08 March 2022

Tenth meeting of the Specialised Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland: joint statement

This joint statement follows the tenth Specialised Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland meeting, held by videoconference.

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25 February 2022

The UK's points-based immigration system: an introduction for employers (accessible version)

[Read more](#)

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

31 March 2022

Maritime Skills Platform

The UK government has launched the **Maritime Skills Platform (MSP)** to support individuals impacted by the P&O Ferries redundancies. The portal is available **here** and provides free access to a range of roles, providing individuals with the opportunity to showcase their experience, expertise and transferable skills.

Employers can view these skills and promote opportunities within their organisations, helping them to find the skills that they are looking for.

25 March 2022

Oil and gas: OPRED communications

Published communications issued to stakeholders relating to regulation of environmental and decommissioning activity for UK offshore oil and gas operations.

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22 March 2022

New body to make UK world-leading centre for telecoms innovation

UK Telecoms Innovation Network to unleash innovation in broadband and mobile network companies.

[Read more](#)

14 March 2022

Readout of Prime Minister's roundtable of UK oil and gas industry leaders: 14 March 2022

Prime Minister Boris Johnson hosted a roundtable of leaders in the UK's offshore oil and gas industry.

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13 March 2022

Prime Minister Boris Johnson to host Nordic and Baltic leaders as he pushes to bolster European resilience and defence

Nordic and Baltic leaders will attend a summit in London this week hosted by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

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BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

Monthly Economic Review - April

This briefing is BCC's analysis of the key domestic and international economic indicators for business. This is available as a [PDF](#) or a [Word](#) document.

7 April 2022

BCC's first meeting as an appointed member of the UK government's Domestic Advisory Group on Trade with the EU

Following the BCC's appointment as a member of the UK government's Domestic Advisory Group on Trade with the EU, BCC recently took part in a discussion with officials from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Department for International Trade on conformity assessment and markings.

Officials are keeping to the current timetable for the roll out of the new UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark. BCC raised points about the linkage between the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and continued access of CE marked goods to the GB market, as well as on compliance measures.

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31 March 2022

BCC appointed as a member of the UK government's Domestic Advisory Group on Trade with the EU

The BCC has been appointed as a member of the UK government's Domestic Advisory Group on Trade with the EU. This new standing forum will be chaired by a UK Minister and meet twice yearly in the four UK nations in rotation. The first meeting will take place at the end of April.

24 March 2022

Economic Fiscal Outlook

The Office for Budget Responsibility, in its latest **Economic and Fiscal Outlook**, found that UK trade in goods with the EU has fallen 15% over the last few years.

Overall, UK trade has not picked up as readily out of the pandemic in 2020 compared to neighbouring countries.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BCC's ONLINE EVENTS

20 April

[ChamberCustoms webinar - Rules of Origin and Tariff-Free Trade](#)



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