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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS & UPDATES

18 May 2023 | Meeting with the new Greek Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the UK



In May, a constructive meeting was held in London between Ms Anna Kalliani, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Mr Ioannis Tsaousis, the new Greek Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the UK and Mrs Paraskevi Kambouroglou, Head of the Economic & Commercial Section. During the meeting, potential cooperation initiatives and activities were discussed with the aim of further strengthening Greek-British business relations.

17 May 2023 | British Chambers of Commerce: Global Annual Conference 2023, London, UK



Ms Anna Kalliani, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, participated in the great Global Annual Conference of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) in London. Organized at the Queen

Elizabeth II Conference Center, the conference was attended by all the UK and international bilateral Chambers. An impressive list of distinguished speakers was hosted including: The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP - Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP - Leader of the Opposition, Labour Party, Andrew Bailey - Governor of the Bank of England, Baronese Martha Lane Fox CBE - BCC President and celebrity entrepreneur.

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BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

08 June 2023 | 2023 Real Estate Market Outlook | Half-Day Conference



A high-profile business Conference **co-organized** by the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** and **RICS in Greece** on **Thursday, 8 June (3.00 pm – 7.30 pm)** at **Eurobank Headquarters Bodossakis Foundation Building at Amalias Ave.**, aiming at showcasing international real estate trends, as well as developments, prospects and challenges of the Real Estate industry in Greece with emphasis on sustainability and innovation.

During the discussion panels, high-ranking executives from the real estate sector will share their valuable expertise and insights.

International Keynote Speakers

Sam Carson, Head of Sustainability, Valuations and Advisory Services at CBRE UK

Éamonn D’Arcy, Professor of International Real Estate, Henley Business School, University of Reading

Agenda

19 June 2023 | Economist Impact in partnership with the BHCC: The Global Economy and Financial Services Gala Dinner



In light of the broader cooperation of the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** and **Hazlis & Rivas**, official representative of the **Economist Events for Greece, Cyprus, Malta & SE Europe**, we are delighted to announce the organization by the Economist Impact of the **Global economy and financial services Gala Dinner** entitled “**Manoeuvring through the current turmoil**”, in partnership with the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce**.

The Event which will be **under the Auspices** of the **British Embassy in Athens**, will take place on **Monday, June 19th, 2023** at the **Grand Hyatt Athens**.

Don't miss the interesting and interactive discussion between **Lord O'Neill** of Gatley and **Yannis Stournaras**, Governor of the Bank of Greece chaired by **Joan Hoey**, Editor, the Democracy Index, **The Economist Group**.

More information is provided [here](#) regarding the Event. BHCC members receive preferential rates. **To reserve your seat or corporate table and complete your reservation, please contact the BHCC Team at +30 210 7210361.**

SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

08 June 2023 | 13th Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** supports the **13th Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum**. The Forum, with the participation of senior representatives from both the public and the private sectors, taking into account new trends but also challenges for Sustainability, Financing & Investments, will cover these crucial topics as well as initiatives undertaken in this context.

More details can be found [here](#).

TRADE FAIRS

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Reco Exports, participated recently in the following Trade Fair organized in the UK.

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



The London Wine Fair returned to Olympia on 15-17 May 2023 with the participation of over 50 wineries from Greece.

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure to support London Wine Fair for one more year and Ms Anna Kalliani, Greek President of the Chamber was pleased to visit the Greek Pavilion and attend Greek masterclass sessions. Greek wineries' participation was impeccably organized by Reco Exports, BHCC member and Antonis Sioulis its Managing Director and BHCC Board Member. The Fair offered great opportunities for expansion in the UK market and internationally.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

- **Smart Pay Services**, <https://www.smartpayservices.gr/>
- **AESTech S.M. PC**, <http://www.aestechnologies.com>

BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

BERNITSAS LAW | ARTICLE IN LEGAL BUSINESS

Maria Nefeli Bernitsa, Counsel



Green bonds: the future of equity financing?

Predictions for 2023 estimate up to \$600bn will be raised globally from green bonds, with Europe playing a leading role. The European Commission will fund up to €250bn over the next years by issuing NextGenerationEU green bonds. Greece is expected to raise substantial amounts under this new legal framework.

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Source: [Greece focus: Lap of the gods - Legal Business](#)

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Η συμμόρφωση στους δείκτες ESG αποτελεί προϋπόθεση χρηματοδότησης και επένδυσης για κάθε εταιρία αλλά και ουσιαστική τοποθέτηση της αξίας της μέσα στην αγορά

Οι εξειδικευμένοι συνεργάτες της CPA προσφέρουν τις απαραίτητες υπηρεσίες για τη χάραξη μιας ολοκληρωμένης στρατηγικής στο πλαίσιο των ESG και CSR που οδηγούν στον δρόμο της επιχειρηματικής ανάπτυξης.

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GREEK GOVERNMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

04 May 2023

Κατηγορίες κινδύνου των προϊόντων υγειονομικού και φυτοϋγειονομικού ενδιαφέροντος στο προσχέδιο του επιδιωκόμενου τρόπου λειτουργίας των βρετανικών συνόρων (draft Border Target Operating Model)

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01 May 2023

Έρευνα Αγοράς Οίνου στο ΗΒ

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10 May 2023

Smarter regulation unveiled to cut red tape and grow the economy

Initial package of regulatory reform will reduce unnecessary regulation for businesses, cutting costs and allowing them to compete.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

24 May 2023

Capital Markets Union: Commission proposes new rules to protect and empower retail investors in the EU

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17 May 2023

The Commission put forward proposals for the most ambitious and comprehensive reform of the EU Customs Union since its establishment in 1968.

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

26 May 2023

£40 million biodiversity research programme opens for applications

A £40 million grant programme launched to help projects around the world put the power of biodiversity at the forefront of the fight against climate change and poverty.

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UK strengthens pledge to end plastic pollution by 2040

UK signs Ministerial Statement calling for an ambitious global plastic pollution treaty to tackle plastic pollution and protect the marine environment.

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25 May 2023

Citizens' Rights Specialised Committee meeting: joint statement

The UK Government and European Commission gave a joint statement following the 12th meeting of the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights.

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Companies House receives international recognition for delivering new overseas property register

Companies House has been given a top award for its work in implementing the Register of Overseas Entities.

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22 May 2023

Visa processing times: applications outside the UK

Check how quickly you'll receive a decision on your UK visa application if you are applying from outside the UK.

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19 May 2023

Heads of G7 Export Credit Agencies - Meeting Statement

The heads of G7 Export Credit Agencies met in Rome, Italy to discuss international trade.

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16 May 2023

Secure Connected Places: Cyber Security Playbook launched

New guide will help UK communities innovate and build 'smart cities' while keeping data safe from cyber threats.

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BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

Global Annual Conference 2023 | Wednesday, 17 May 2023 | QEII Centre, London

The BCC's Global Annual Conference 2023 took place on Wednesday 17 May

The theme for 2023 was Building British Business. The full day conference was an opportunity for business leaders from across the UK, and the globe, to come together to discuss the opportunities for growth to help local communities thrive.

Throughout the day, delegates heard from key senior politicians and other notable public figures about their plans for growth. The conference was centered around four key breakout sessions for thought-provoking discussion amongst peers across the Chamber Network.

The four sessions were:

- **TRADE** Breakout Session: *In Partnership with Heathrow*
- **ECONOMIC GROWTH** Breakout Session: *In Partnership with NatWest*
- **GREEN INNOVATION** Breakout Session: *In Partnership with Drax*
- **SKILLS** Breakout Session: *Brought to you by BCC Experts*

[View the Photo Gallery](#)

Shevaun Haviland: Full speech to BCC Global Annual Conference



The British Chambers of Commerce are focused on making the UK the best place to start and grow a business – building networks, supporting companies and giving them a local and national voice.

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05 June 2023

BCC launches Business Council as part of new national offer

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) has announced a new Business Council, comprised of prominent UK business leaders, to design and drive the future of the British economy.

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28 May 2023

Economic Council to power up growth

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) is launching a new Economic Advisory Council (EAC), to build on its Quarterly Economic Survey, and develop policies to get the economy and businesses growing.

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24 May 2023

Inflation eases but cost pressures remain

CPI rate of 8.7% indicates that after several false starts, the peak in inflation looks to have passed. But this does not mean the problems caused by inflation will suddenly go away. Prices continue to rise from an already high base, after 18 months of price shocks.

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19 May 2023

Semi-conductor strategy 'A Welcome Start'

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16 May 2023

Unfilled jobs still holding back economy

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15 May 2023

Swiss trade negotiations a key step for UK services

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12 May 2023

Weak first quarter for UK exports

The picture for global trade in the first quarter of 2023 is creating serious challenges for UK exporters, with a drop off in services as well as goods.

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Weak GDP highlights continued fragility of UK economy

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11 May 2023

Interest rate rise a fresh headache for firms

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10 May 2023

BCC welcomes fresh tack on EU Regulation Reform

Firms will breathe a huge sigh of relief that steps are being taken to reduce the cumulative burden of red-tape that has placed a stranglehold on their ambition and ramped up cost. But they have also been worried about the headlong rush towards the sudden removal of vast swathes of legislation overnight, that could make it harder to compete internationally.

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