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## UK - EU AGREEMENT

**19 May 2025**

### **PM Keir Starmer secures new agreement with EU to benefit British people**

UK secures new agreement with the European Union to support British businesses, back British jobs, and put more money in people's pockets.

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### **Who are the winners and losers from the UK-EU agreement?**



A deal to "reset" relations between the UK and the EU following Brexit has been agreed at a summit in London.

The agreement covers a range of issues, including defence, fishing, the trade in food products and the ability of young people to move freely between the UK and the EU.

BBC Verify has gone through the deal, picking out the potential winners and losers.

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## PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

**07 May 2025 | Athens Maritime Technology Showcase 2025 | In partnership with the Society of Maritime Industries (SMI) - Under the Auspices of the British Embassy in Athens**



On **Wednesday, 7 May 2025**, the **Athens Maritime Technology Showcase 2025**, co-organised by the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC)** and the **Society of Maritime Industries (SMI)**, under the Auspices of the **British Embassy in Athens**, was successfully held. The Showcase took place at the **Piraeus Marine Club**, in the presence of **His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic**, members of the Board of Directors of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Greek and British entrepreneurs, senior executives from the maritime sector, as well as members of the Chamber.

As part of the event, brief welcome greetings were delivered by **Manos Lorentzos, Greek Vice President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce**, **Matthew Lodge, His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic**, and **Helen Stephen, Director of the Society of Maritime Industries**.

The event offered a unique opportunity to maintain momentum between Posidonia years and networking opportunities, ensuring UK companies stay visible and relevant in the crucial Greek Shipping market.

The presentation of innovative ideas in the field of maritime technology by ten participating British companies -experts in their fields- was a targeted initiative aimed at strengthening the relationship between these companies and shipowners, executives of shipping enterprises and Greek shipyards, as well as key stakeholders of the Greek maritime community. Cutting-edge UK technologies were presented especially aligned with the industry's priorities, including energy efficiency, regulation compliance, and cost-saving solutions.

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## TRADE FAIRS

Within 2025 and for one more year, the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with RECO Exports participated in the following Trade Fairs organized in the UK.

### 19 – 21 May 2025 | London Wine Fair, Olympia London, UK



Under the coordination of **RECO Exports**, led by **Antonis Sioulis**, Managing Director and Board Member of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Greece had a strong and strategic presence at this year's **London Wine Fair**. Two national pavilions showcased the diversity and depth of the Greek wine industry, hosting **36 exhibitors – 35 wineries and 1 distillery** – in a central area of the exhibition. The Greek delegation was honored by the visit of **Ms Paraskevi Kampouroglou**, Counsellor for Economic & Commercial Affairs at the Greek Embassy in London, who engaged in one-on-one discussions with producers regarding market opportunities and challenges in the UK. The RECO team also curated **two Free Tasting Bars** with professional sommeliers offering guided tastings, supported by a detailed **wine booklet** highlighting each label's profile. Additionally, a well-attended **masterclass** titled *"Greece: Wine of Personality and Diversity"* was presented by renowned **Master of Wine Demetri Walters**, introducing attendees to the unique character of Greek wines and native grape varieties.

For one more year, the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** in collaboration with **RECO Exports** participated in the **London Wine Fair**, alongside Greek companies that were supported by Enterprise Greece.

This year's edition reaffirmed **London Wine Fair** as a key platform for elevating the visibility of Greek wine in one of the world's most mature and competitive markets. The professional execution by RECO Exports and the high level of engagement by participating producers signal the growing potential of Greek wine in the UK – a market that values authenticity, quality, and origin. Building on this momentum, RECO Exports remains committed to creating long-term export pathways for Greek producers through strategic, well-targeted international exposure.

### 12 - 13 May 2025 | Natural & Organic Products Europe, London Excel, UK

The **Definitive Trade Event for Natural & Organic Health & Living** took place for another consecutive year, upholding a long-standing tradition that brings together a vibrant community of merchants and buyers from retail, hospitality, manufacturing, import & export, distribution and wholesale sectors.

Find out more at: <https://www.naturalproducts.co.uk/>

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## SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

### 3 - 5 June 2025 | 10th HAEE Energy Transition Symposium

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** has the pleasure to support the upcoming **10th HAEE Energy Transition Symposium**, themed **"A Decade of Energy Transition: Adapting for**

**Tomorrow”,** scheduled to be held on **3-5 June 2025**. This milestone event marks the **10th anniversary of HAEE’s flagship conference**, celebrating a **decade of significant contributions to the global energy landscape**.

Over the past ten years, the Symposium has been at the forefront of fostering dialogue, sharing insights, and driving innovation in the energy sector. It has brought together thought leaders, industry experts, and policy makers to address the complexities of the energy transition. Through rigorous debate, cutting-edge research, and collaborative problem-solving, the Symposium has become a vital platform for creating real-world solutions.

This year, the **HAEE Energy Transition Symposium** will focus on strategies for scaling up renewable energy sources to meet national and EU climate goals for 2030 and 2050.

For more information, please visit the following link: [10th HAEE Energy Transition Symposium](#)

### **5 June 2025 | 15th Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum**

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** will support the “**15th Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum**”, which is organized on an annual basis **under the auspices of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises and Industries** and the **Athens Chamber of Commerce with the support of the CSR Hellas Network**. The Forum will take place on **Thursday, June 5, 2025**, at the **Divani Caravel Hotel**, with physical presence.

More details can be found [here](#)

### **19 June 2025 | Blue Heritage Hydra Round Table**

It is with great pleasure that the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** supports the upcoming **Blue Heritage Hydra Round Table**, which will take place on **Thursday, June 19, 2025**.

This event follows the highly successful **1st Blue Heritage Forum West Macedonia**, held on **May 3rd in Florina** as well as last year’s **Blue Heritage Round Table in Hydra**, organized within the framework of **Blue Life Hydra** in collaboration with **HELMEPA**.

Announcement will follow.

### **3 - 4 July 2025 | 9th Global Symposium of Maritime Executives**

The **9th Global Symposium of Maritime Executives** will take place in **Piraeus (Peace & Friendship Stadium)**, **under the Auspices of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce**.

The Symposium is organized every two years, and will include:

- The 9<sup>th</sup> Global Shipbrokers Forum on the 3rd of July 2025
- The Gala Dinner on the 4th of July 2025

For more information, please visit the following link: [Global Symposium of Maritime Executives](#)



Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within May 2025:

- **LUCY LAWSON**
- **UNIVERSAL MARINE SUPPLIES (LONDON) LIMITED** | <https://www.ums.gr/>



## METLEN ENERGY & METALS | PRESS RELEASE

### METLEN Hosted Capital Markets Day in London, Unveiling Strategic Roadmap Towards €2 Billion targeted EBITDA in the medium term and New Growth Pillars



**London, UK; Athens, Greece - 28 April 2025 – METLEN** (the "Company" and "METLEN") (RIC: MYTr.AT, Bloomberg: MYTIL.GA, ADR: MYTHY US) **hosted its 2025 Capital Markets Day at the London Stock Exchange**, where the Company's executive leadership presented its roadmap to achieve its target of €2 billion in EBITDA in the mid-term (based on organic growth prospects only, exclusive of any M&A) and unlock new pillars of growth across its integrated platform. The Company also reaffirmed its intention to pursue a primary listing on the London Stock Exchange.

The Capital Markets Day featured a comprehensive update on METLEN's business activities by sector, including a presentation by Evangelos Mytilineos, CEO of METLEN, on the Company's transition into a new strategic cycle as it incorporates Critical Metals (Gallium), Circular Metals and Defence into its portfolio alongside Energy, Metals, and Infrastructure & Concessions.

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## ATHENS CAPITAL HOTEL - MGALLERY COLLECTION | PRESS RELEASE

### Athens Capital Suites – MGallery Collection: Official Inauguration of the New Luxury Destination with a Grand Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



On May 22, 2025, in the heart of Athens, a grand event took place, graced by the presence of distinguished guests and esteemed partners, marking the official opening of Athens Capital Suites – MGallery Collection, the city's newest luxury destination located at 7-9, Zalokosta Street.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Chloé Laskaridis, President of LAMPSA Hellenic Hotels S.A., Mrs. Maud Bailly, CEO of Sofitel Legend, Sofitel, MGallery & Emblems – Accor Executive Committee Member, and Mr. Evripides Tzikas, General Manager of Athens Capital Hotel & Athens Capital Suites.

Among the notable attendees were His Excellency the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, accompanied by his spouse Mrs. Mareva Grabowski, Her Excellency Mrs. Olga Kefalogianni, Minister of Tourism, and Her Excellency Mrs. Laurence Auer the French Ambassador in Greece, highlighting the importance of this development in the city's hospitality and tourism landscape.

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## **BERNITSAS LAW | ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Qualco Group ATHEX IPO**



Bernitsas Law advised the underwriters and bookrunners on Qualco's successful IPO and listing on ATHEX. The combined offering to Greek and international investors marks a significant milestone for Qualco, a BHCC member, and involved several BHCC members. Qualco is a leading international financial technology provider with a UK presence which has transformed the credit management landscape.

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## **CELEBRITY INTERNATIONAL MOVERS | ARTICLE**

### **Article by Xenia Kostara, Partner Relations Manager**



#### **Tips for creating a colorful move with children**

Moving to a new home can be exciting for adults but overwhelming for children. This article offers practical tips to help parents ease the transition, maintain routines, and involve kids in the moving process. With thoughtful preparation and open communication, families can turn a potentially stressful experience into a positive adventure for everyone involved.

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**Dimitrios Karavas, Partner | Dryllerakis Law Firm**



**Leading Greek legal insight with global reach**

With over 60 years of continuous presence, Dryllerakis Law Firm has become synonymous with high-profile litigation and strategic legal counsel in Greece. In this exclusive interview, Partner Dimitrios Karavas reflects on the firm's Tier 1 international standing, its UK legacy and his personal path from courtroom milestones to the FIA. Exploring the Legacy and Vision of a Leading Greek Law Firm.

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**GREEK GOVERNMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN LONDON**

**05 May 2025**

**ΕΡΕΥΝΑ ΑΓΟΡΑΣ ΟΙΝΟΥ ΣΤΟ ΗΝΩΜΕΝΟ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟ**

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**UK GOVERNMENT: DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS & TRADE**

**08 May 2025**

**Landmark economic deal with United States saves thousands of jobs for British car makers and steel industry**

Thousands of jobs have been saved as the Prime Minister secured a first-of-a-kind trade agreement with the US.

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**06 May 2025**

**UK concludes trade deal with India**

Multi-billion-pound boost to UK economy with landmark India trade deal to make working people better off.

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**14 April 2025**

**Government steps in to back British business in changing world**

The Chancellor announces a multi-billion-pound increase in government-backed financing.

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**12 April 2025**

### **Government acts to save British steel production**

Urgent action by the Government sees vote on emergency powers to save British steel production.

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## **UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES**

**27 May 2025**

### **IMF concludes annual Mission to assess UK economy – upgrading UK growth and endorsing fiscal strategy.**

IMF upgraded the UK's growth forecast for 2025 to 1.2%, saying that "an economic recovery is underway".

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### **Fresh UK-EU collaboration on AI to unlock new avenues for innovation and research**

Building on the UK's new deal with the EU, plans launched to supercharge AI collaboration across Europe.

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**19 May 2025**

### **British Government to set new ten-year budgets for R&D funding**

New criteria to give certainty to world-class research organisations, helping to attract greater private investment and grow the UK economy.

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**15 May 2025**

### **Great British Energy legislation passes through Parliament**

Landmark bill passes in Parliament as Great British Energy takes another major step forward.

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**24 April 2025**

### **Prime Minister launches major boost for UK clean energy industry**

Prime Minister brings forward £300 million for Great British Energy to invest in offshore wind supply chains ahead of the Future of Energy Security summit.

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**17 April 2025**

### **UK backs businesses to trade carbon credits and unlock finance**

British businesses and organisations better supported to trade carbon credits as part of new work to establish the UK as the global hub for green finance.

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## **BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES**

**19 May 2025**

### **Summit Marks new Beginning**

UK-EU Leaders' Summit marks a turning point in UK/EU relations which puts our trade relationship at the forefront of our partnership going forward.

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**15 May 2025**

### **UK and EU Must Seize the Moment with Reset**

The British Chambers of Commerce Business Council has met with the EU Ambassador and the UK's EU Relations Minister to push the case for a trade reset.

Director General, Shevaun Haviland, and President, Martha Lane Fox, hosted Pedro Serrano and the Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP at the HQ of council member, DP World, in London.

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### **Positive Q1 Growth but Challenges Ahead**

Better than expected Q1 growth of 0.7% is evidence that the UK economy held up well at the start of the year, despite mounting headwinds.

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**08 May 2025**

### **US Trade Deal Provides Welcome Relief**

This deal will be met with a huge sigh of relief by many British businesses.

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### **Rate Cut Provides Shock Absorber for Business**

Interest rate cut to 4.25% will help absorb some of the shocks that businesses are facing on multiple fronts.

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**07 May 2025**

### **BCC President: UK Must Commit to Free Trade**

President of the BCC, Martha Lane Fox, will use a speech at Mansion House to urge the government to commit to free trade and to pursue an improved EU deal.

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**06 May 2025**

### **UK-India Trade Agreement – A Big Deal For Business**

A Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the UK and India is a huge boost to both economies and a welcome lift for our exporters.

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### **Domestic Market and Online Offer Hope to Businesses**

Around a third (35%) of businesses expect to grow this year, according to new research by the British Chambers of Commerce, in partnership with Royal Mail. The results show hope for growth lies largely.

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**23 April 2025**

### **Level Playing Field for UK Trade is Vital**

It remains to be seen whether cheap Chinese goods will flood the UK as a result of the US/China trade war. But the risk is present.

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**22 April 2025**

### **Tariffs Loom Large as Growth Forecasts Cut**

The IMF downgrades for both the UK and global economy should come as no surprise to anyone.

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