

# NEWSLETTER

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## BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

### UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

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

A high-profile business and social event co-organized every year with the British Embassy, where BHCC Members, business affiliates and colleagues celebrate together the traditional "Pitta Cutting".

With a high sense of responsibility and given the special conditions that have developed due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year, we are planning a hybrid event.

Strictly following the hygiene and safety protocols imposed by the Greek Government, the British Ambassador, the event's Guest Speaker, the BHCC Presidents and the Board of Directors, as well as top executives of sponsor companies will be physically present in the British Ambassador's Residence.

Our distinguished invitees will attend via live streaming, while we plan to host special virtual connections with specific guests.

An invitation to attend virtually will follow shortly.

### PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

#### **02 February 2022 | BHCC and the British Embassy in Athens organized the Webinar "The UK as a top investment destination" | Digital event**

The aim of this co-organisation of the British Embassy in Athens/Department for International Trade and the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce was to raise awareness among Greek investors of the opportunities and advantages the UK offers.

The British Ambassador to Greece, H.E. Matthew Lodge, addressed a welcome speech. The webinar agenda incorporated a comprehensive presentation entitled "Why choose the UK as your investment destination" by Christina Liaos, Investment Director of DIT Europe. Selected companies participated and presented their case studies. The event closed with a Q&A session, discussion and closing remarks by Anna Kalliani, Greek President of the BHCC.

**Press Release**

## 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.

## BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

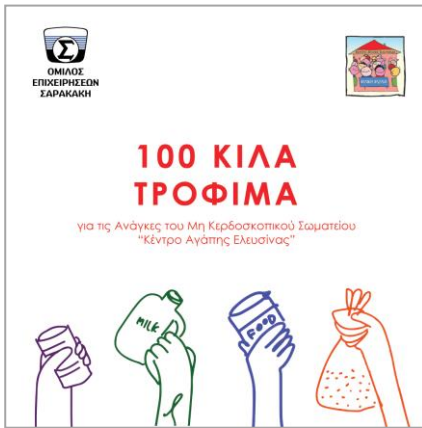
### **ENERGEAN | PRESS RELEASE**



#### **Ξεκινά στα τέλη Μαρτίου η πλωτή μονάδα της Energean για Ισραήλ**

Το "**Energean Power**" αποτελεί μέρος της ύψους 1,7 δισεκ. δολαρίων ανάπτυξης του κοιτάσματος Karish στην θάλασσα του Ισραήλ. Κατά τη διάρκεια της τοποθέτησης του εξοπλισμού του (έξαλα) στη Σιγκαπούρη έχουν εργαστεί ακόμη και πάνω από 1.500 εργαζόμενοι την ημέρα, ενώ το συγκεκριμένο project έχει βραβευθεί τόσο το 2020 όσο και το 2021 για θέματα Υγείας, Ασφάλειας και Περιβάλλοντος.

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## SARACAKIS GROUP OF COMPANIES | PRESS RELEASE

**Ο Όμιλος Επιχειρήσεων Σαρακάκη διέθεσε 100 κιλά τρόφιμα στο Κέντρο Αγάπης Ελευσίνας**

**Ο Όμιλος Επιχειρήσεων Σαρακάκη και οι άνθρωποί του, με αίσθημα αλληλεγγύης και με γνώμονα την υποστήριξη και την παροχή κάθε δυνατής βοήθειας σε ευάλωτες κοινωνικές ομάδες, συνέλεξαν κατά την γιορτινή περίοδο των Χριστουγέννων, 100 κιλά τρόφιμα τα οποία διατέθηκαν στο μη κερδοσκοπικό σωματείο "Κέντρο Αγάπης Ελευσίνας", γνωστό και ως "Φιλική Φωλιά", καλύπτοντας έτσι ένα μεγάλο μέρος της ανάγκης που είχε δημιουργηθεί.**

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

- STANDARD CLUB MANAGEMENT (EUROPE) LIMITED, <https://www.standard-club.com/>
- BERY MARITIME INC, <http://bhcc.gr/business-index/bery-maritime-inc>

## UK GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

**25 January 2022**

**The Department for International Trade (DIT) has published a new dashboard of UK trade performance over the past year which will be updated monthly.**

[Read more](#)

## BREXIT NEWS & UPDATES

### UK GOVERNMENT - BREXIT UPDATES

**31 January 2022**

**Prime Minister pledges Brexit Freedoms Bill to cut EU red tape**

A new 'Brexit Freedoms' Bill will be brought forward by Prime Minister Boris Johnson, to mark the two-year anniversary of Getting Brexit Done.

[Read more](#)

**26 January 2022**

**Citizens' Rights Specialised Committee meeting, 24 January 2022: joint statement**

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

[Read more](#)

## **Residence rights implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, Part 2 (Citizens' Rights): sixth joint report, January 2022**

The sixth joint report by the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights outlines how the UK and EU countries are implementing residence rights.

[Read more](#)

**24 January 2022**



### **Northern Ireland Protocol and UK-EU relations: UK and EU joint statement**

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič held talks on the Northern Ireland Protocol and UK-EU relations.

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**20 January 2022**

### **The Northern Ireland Protocol must be changed to protect the hard-won peace here: article by Liz Truss**

The Foreign Secretary writes in the Belfast Telegraph about her priorities at the start of technical talks with the European Union on the Northern Ireland Protocol.

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**14 January 2022**

### **Goods leaving Great Britain from 1 January 2022 at ports using GVMS (CIP 1)**

HMRC's policy on customs controls for exporters from 1 January 2022 in Great Britain.

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**31 December 2021**

### **Prime Minister Boris Johnson pledges to build on Brexit achievements in 2022**

PM: The Government will go "further and faster" to maximise the opportunities of Brexit.

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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**26 January 2022**

### **Sixth joint report on the implementation of residence rights under part two of the Withdrawal Agreement**

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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](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

**25 January 2022**

#### **First ever Government Cyber Security Strategy to step up Britain's defence and resilience**

Britain's public services will be strengthened to further protect them from the risk of being shut down by hostile cyber threats, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Steve Barclay said.

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**20 January 2022**

#### **Government backs UK entrepreneurs with tech support and software to help them grow**

Help to Grow: Digital scheme launches to support small businesses with discounted software and free advice.

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

**31 January 2022**

#### **BCC says more must be done to improve UK-EU trade**

On the second anniversary of Brexit, and with huge lorry queues being reported at Dover last week, the BCC is calling for urgent action to improve trade with Europe.

[Read more](#)

**20 January 2022**



#### **New BCC Trade Manifesto**

BCC [launched](#) the BCC Trade Manifesto and updated [Trade Hub](#).

**New generation of exporters needed to power economic growth.**

## ONS (Office for National Statistics) trade data for November 2021

ONS trade data for November 2021 showed a modest rebound in EU goods imports to the UK while export performance remained as flat as it had for the previous six months. The BCC issued [comments on the November trade data](#).

## New Scale Up Visa

Scale-up business can soon apply to become a Home Office registered scale-up sponsor and use the new Scale Up visa to attract overseas talent as a faster alternative to the Skilled Worker visa.

The sponsorship responsibilities end after 6 months and there is no requirement to pay the Immigration Skills Charge requirement. The worker requires 70 points under the Points Based Immigration System (PBS), to be skilled to Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) level 6 and receive a minimum salary of £33k or the going rate.

## 13 January 2022

### Delays at the EU-GB borders

Delays at the EU-GB borders continue following the first phase introduction of the inbound GB border and customs controls. The picture is that these are improving compared with the start of 2022.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR BCC'S ONLINE EVENTS



- **Tuesday 15 February**
- **15:00 - 16:00 (UK time)**
- **Open to all**

A year after the impact of Brexit was first felt by businesses that import and export goods, we assess the current state of play.

This session will provide some hard data from our latest International Trade Survey, some reflections on how businesses have had to adapt to a whole new set of border controls and a look forward at a new era for UK Trade Deals and what they could mean for businesses in Great Britain.

You may register [here](#).



## BECOME A BHCC MEMBER

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