# **NEWSLETTER**





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#### **BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

# **UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES**

03 October 2023 | 2023 Back-to-Business Dinner





## **Back-to-Business Dinner**

Tuesday, 3 October 2023 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Hotel Grande Bretagne, Grand Ballroom

Join us for drinks and a seated dinner to welcome autumn and the new business season.

- Official Announcement and more details will follow -

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) is organizing its annual "Back-to-Business" Dinner.

The Chamber's well-established "Back-to-Business" Dinner is the high-profile, business and networking event, which is organized annually at the beginning of fall, aiming to offer the opportunity to the BHCC Members and business affiliates to gather during the start of the new business season.

The current year's "Back-to-Business" seated Dinner will take place on Tuesday, 3 October 2023 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Grande Bretagne.

The Event is attended by approximately **200 distinguished guests**: **His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, Members of the Greek Government, BHCC Members, Entrepreneurs and high-ranking executives** from the Greek and British business community, **Event Sponsors, Members of similar Institutional Bodies & Bilateral Chambers** and **Press.** 

Official Announcement will follow shortly.

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### **SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES**

### 27 - 29 September 2023 | 8th HAEE Energy Transition Symposium

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce supports the 8th HAEE Energy Transition Symposium.

The most notable representatives of the energy sector will enrich the Conference's Plenary Sessions. Influential thought-leaders, government officials, heads from non-governmental organizations and leading companies will be there.

For more information please press <u>here</u>.

### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within July & August 2023:

- Ioannis Kanaris
- Lightsource Renewable Energy Greece Development, <a href="https://lightsourcebp.com/">https://lightsourcebp.com/</a>
- Dimitrios A. Papaioannou Law Office
- Third Party Logistics (TPL), <a href="https://www.tpl.gr/">https://www.tpl.gr/</a>

# **BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION**

### **ENERGEAN** | PRESS RELEASE

#### **Results for Half Year Ended 30 June 2023**

Energean plc is pleased to announce its half-year results for the six months ended 30 June 2023 ("H1 2023").

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

## **30 August 2023**

Δημοσίευση τελικού σχεδίου Border Target Operating Model (TOM)

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### 05 July 2023

Δημοσίευση της πρώτης έκθεσης της βρετανικής κυβέρνησης σχετικά με την εφαρμογή της Συμφωνίας Εμπορίου και Συνεργασίας ΕΕ- ΗΒ

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

### 19 July 2023

Tata Group to invest over £4 billion in a new UK gigafactory creating thousands of jobs

**UK** signs treaty to join vast Indo-Pacific trade group as new data shows major economic benefits Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch has formally signed the treaty to accede to the CPTPP trade group in New Zealand.

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

#### **UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES**

#### 30 August 2023

#### The Border Target Operating Model: August 2023

The final Border Target Operating Model sets out a new approach to security controls (applying to all imports), and sanitary and phytosanitary controls (applying to imports of live animals, animal products, plants and plants products) at the border. It sets out how controls will be simplified and digitised, and our ambition for the UK's new Single Trade Window.

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## 24 August 2023

## Iconic Bletchley Park to host UK AI Safety Summit in early November

Major global event to take place on the 1st and 2nd of November.

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# 15 August 2023

# Small businesses benefitting more than ever from government business, new figures reveal

New data released reveals small businesses (SMEs) won a record-breaking amount of government work in 2021/22.

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## 03 August 2023

## **Energy security boost with multi-million backing for renewables**

Energy Security Secretary Grant Shapps announces £22 million uplift for flagship scheme.

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## 31 July 2023

# Hundreds of new North Sea oil and gas licences to boost British energy independence and grow the economy

Hundreds of new oil and gas licenses will be granted in the UK, the Prime Minister has confirmed.

## Planning changes to speed up delivery of vital infrastructure

Overhaul of planning will speed up delivery of vital projects including off-shore wind, transport links and other major infrastructure.

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# 24 July 2023

#### PM to build 1 million new homes over this Parliament

The government will meet its manifesto commitment to build 1 million homes over this Parliament, the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, has announced.

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# 11 July 2023

# New regulations to promote fairness and transparency for dairy sector

New regulations mean farmers will be able to challenge prices and more easily raise concerns with supply contracts, helping ensure they receive a fair price.

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

### 02 September 2023

# Three key fixes needed for SME finance

The BCC has called for action to improve the availability of finance for SMEs as accessibility, awareness and a lack of competition continue to hold firms back.

In written evidence submitted to the Treasury Select Committee, the BCC said many smaller firms are no longer seeking finance as they consider it too limited and costly.

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## 30 August 2023

#### **Unlocking the power of British Business**

The British Chambers of Commerce is calling for urgent action from politicians to stimulate economic growth across the UK.

Among the key asks:

- Better planning for business so that firms are not squeezed out of towns and cities.
- Introduction of flexibility in the apprenticeship levy to support everyone in the workplace.
- Strengthened UK-EU co-operation to increase bilateral investment levels.
- Dramatic energy grid upgrades to ensure there is sufficient network capacity to meet modern needs.

### 29 August 2023

## **BCC respond to Border Target Operating Model plans**

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### 16 August 2023

Business still under pressure as inflation eases

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# 11 August 2023

Mixed UK trade picture for Q2

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### **UK Economy remains in precarious position**

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# 09 August 2023

### Three-point plan to unlock Net Zero

A new report by the BCC and Lloyds Bank finds three key changes needed to help business hit Net Zero.

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## 03 August 2023

**Business hoping for end to rate rises** 

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### 01 August 2023

# **Quarterly Recruitment Outlook: People problem key to tackling inflation**

- Government must fix people problem to ease inflation and take pressure off interest rate rises
- 79% of businesses surveyed (92% of whom are SMEs) attempting to recruit have faced challenges, with hospitality and construction firms the most likely to report difficulties
- Three in five (60%) businesses attempted to recruit in the quarter

The latest Quarterly Recruitment Outlook (QRO), a survey of 4,800 UK firms of all sectors and sizes by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), reveals there is still no easing in the record high difficulties in finding staff.

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Indefinite retention of CE Mark a welcome boost for business

#### **BCC WELCOMES ELECTRONIC TRADE DOCUMENTS ACT**

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## 16 July 2023

# **BCC** announces leaders to chair National Business Council work

Baroness Ruby McGregor Smith CBE and entrepreneur Michael Hayman MBE will be amongst those chairing the work of the British Chambers of Commerce's new National Business Council.

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#### ASIA-PACIFIC TRADE BLOC DEAL A BOOST FOR EXPORT PROSPECTS

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#### 13 July 2023

New approach needed as exports fall

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**Economy remains on shaky ground** 

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## 12 July 2023

### **BCC Trade Manifesto: International Trade vital for UK growth**

The British Chambers of Commerce has called for Government to focus on boosting services, advanced manufacturing, green and digital trade if it wants to hit its £1tn trade target.

The move comes as research shows SME exports continue to languish:

- In Q2 of 2023, half of all SME exporters (50%) saw no change in overseas sales, and almost a quarter (24%) reported a decrease
- Just over a quarter of exporting SME firms (26%) saw their overseas sales increase in Q2
- SME Manufacturers fared slightly better as 30% saw an increase, with the services sector at 23%
- The last time more than 30% of firms saw increased export sales was in Q4 2018

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## 11 July 2023

Persistent labour market tightness adds to business woes

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### 10 July 2023

**BCC** responds to Chancellor's Mansion house reforms

# **BCC Quarterly Economic Survey: Signs inflation pressure easing**

- Less than half (45%) of UK firms expect their prices to increase in the next three months, down from 55% in Q1.
- Labour costs are the biggest driver of price rises, cited by 68% of businesses.
- Domestic sales, cashflow, turnover and profitability indicators all remain largely unchanged from Q1.

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