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## BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

### PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

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



**The Economist Group** under the auspices of the **British Embassy in Athens** and in partnership with **the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** successfully organized in Athens **The Global Economy and Financial Services Gala Dinner** entitled “**Manoeuvring through the current turmoil**”, on **19 June 2023**.

During the evening, **Matthew Lodge**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Greece made an opening address and **Anna Kalliani**, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce delivered opening remarks.

Distinguished personalities including well renowned **Lord Jim O’Neill**, former Commercial Secretary to the Treasury, former Chairman, Goldman Sachs Asset-Management (GSAM), Creator of the acronym BRICs, as well as **Yannis Stournaras**, Governor of the Bank of Greece and **Eleni Vrettou**, Chief Executive Officer, Attica Bank, had an interactive discussion with **Joan Hoey**, Editor, The Democracy Index & Senior Analyst for Greece, The Economist Group.

The UK Trade and Investment Strategy for Europe and ways to further strengthening business relations with Greece, were presented by the Keynote Speaker, **Chris Barton**, CMG His Majesty’s Trade Commissioner for Europe.

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A high-profile business Conference **co-organized** by the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** and **RICS in Greece** on **Thursday, 8 June 2023** at **Eurobank Headquarters Bodossakis Foundation Building**, which aimed at showcasing international real estate trends, as well as developments, prospects and challenges of the Real Estate industry in Greece, the UK and globally, with emphasis on sustainability and innovation.

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

#### **International Keynote Speakers**

**Éamonn D’Arcy**, Professor of International Real Estate, Henley Business School, University of Reading  
**Sam Carson**, Head of Sustainability, Valuations and Advisory Services at CBRE UK

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#### **SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES**

**29-30 June 2023** | 8<sup>th</sup> Global Symposium of Maritime Executives

The **8<sup>th</sup> Global Symposium of Maritime Executives** took place in Piraeus (Peace & Friendship Stadium), **under the Auspices** of the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce**.

The Symposium is organized every two years and this year included:

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Global Shipbrokers Forum on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2023
- The Gala Dinner on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

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

#### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS**

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

- **BAKER TILLY ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS SERVICES SA**, <https://www.bakertilly.gr/>
- **JUST ONE | Recruitment & Executive Search Agency**, <http://www.justone.gr/>
- **THE SQUARE | Dental Referral Clinic** <http://www.thesquare.im/about-us/index.html>

**AS NETWORK | PRESS RELEASE**

**Accounting Solutions SA joins WTS Global**

Accounting Solutions SA is the exclusive partner in Greece for WTS Global, the global network of companies providing tax and tax technical services.

WTS Global is a leader in the field of tax services worldwide. With members in more than 100 countries, WTS Global offers a full range of tax services to multinational companies, international mid-size companies, as well as private clients.

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**GRAND THORNTON | PRESS RELEASE**

**Η Grant Thornton αναπτύσσεται διαρκώς και εγκαινιάζει τα νέα γραφεία της στη Ρόδο**

Σε μία εποχή ολοένα αυξανόμενων αναγκών και σύνθετων οικονομικών και κοινωνικών προκλήσεων, η Grant Thornton επενδύει συστηματικά στην διεύρυνση του κύκλου των δραστηριοτήτων της και στη συνεχή πρόοδο και εξέλιξή της.

Κινούμενη σε αυτήν την κατεύθυνση, η **Grant Thornton ανακοινώνει το άνοιγμα των νέων της γραφείων στη Ρόδο**, τα οποία θα εξυπηρετούν όλη την περιοχή της Δωδεκανήσου. Μετά την Αθήνα, τη Θεσσαλονίκη, το Ηράκλειο Κρήτης και τα Ιωάννινα, η Grant Thornton ενισχύει το δίκτυό της με ένα ακόμη γραφείο, επεκτείνοντας έτσι την παρουσία της στην Ελληνική αγορά και επιβεβαιώνοντας την τάση της Grant Thornton για σταθερή ανάπτυξη, με μακροπρόθεσμο ορίζοντα.

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

**09 June 2023**

**Μεταρρύθμιση των κανονισμών που αφορούν στο κρασί και τα αμπελοοινικά προϊόντα: δημοσίευση κειμένου διαβούλευσης από τη βρετανική κυβέρνηση**

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

**27 June 2023**

**Billions in foreign investment sees thousands of new jobs across the UK**

Country continues to be levelled-up as foreign investment creates thousands of jobs, including in manufacturing, life sciences and tech.

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**UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES**

**29 June 2023**

**Multilateral reform: Foreign Secretary's speech at Chatham House London Conference 2023**

The Foreign Secretary James Cleverly gave a speech at Chatham House's London Conference 2023, where he called for a reinvigorated multilateral system.

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**28 June 2023**

**New service for accessing government support to save taxpayer over £200 million**

A brand-new UK-wide digital service for organisations applying for government grants could save up to £270 million through efficiencies and fraud prevention.

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**UKEF backs British exporters with £6.5 billion**

New figures unveiled as part of the Export Credit Agency's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23.

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**27 June 2023**

**UK Chancellor to sign financial services agreement with EU**

Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will sign an agreement on financial services cooperation.

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**26 June 2023**

**Science and tech figureheads lead government innovation charge**

Startup board meets for the first time, supporting department's goal of making the UK a science and technology superpower by 2030.

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**23 June 2023**

**Specialised Committee on the Implementation of the Windsor Framework: joint statement**

The UK government and European Commission gave a statement after the Specialised Committee on the Implementation of the Windsor Framework meeting in Brussels.

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**09 June 2023**

**Wrightbus secures £50 million UKEF financing to turbocharge green exports**

UK Export Finance announces support for the world's first hydrogen-powered bus company.

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

### "Where Business Belongs", new BCC's branding campaign



At recent BCC's Global Annual Conference, Shevaun Haviland, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce, launched the new Network-wide branding campaign: *Where Business Belongs*.

The campaign will act as a dynamic platform for businesses to come together, drive growth and make a difference.

### 04 July 2023

**Chamber Network meets with Chancellor – with skills, planning and national grid top of the agenda**

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### 28 June 2023

**Government must be a beacon for Net Zero**

Business needs to see a deeper policy understanding from the Government on how it plans to steer the economy towards Net Zero by 2050. Firms want greater certainty about the new technologies, systems and services that will form the foundations of the UK's pathway to Net Zero.

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### 21 June 2023

**Stubbornly high inflation still a major concern for businesses**

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### 20 June 2023

**More focus on trade needed**

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### 14 June 2023

**Uptick in exports but trade with the EU remains weak**

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## Economy continues to skirt recession

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## Net Zero Change Pivotal to UK Plc's Competitiveness

Business says a partnership with Government is vital to meet the UK's commitment to be Net Zero by 2050.

The proposal is a centerpiece of a new report from business leaders which recommends how we successfully transition to a Net Zero economy.

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**13 June 2023**

## Labour market tightness persists, damaging economic productivity

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**08 June 2023**

## BCC Economic Forecast: Upgrade to GDP but UK economy flatlining

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) upgrades its 2023 GDP forecast to 0.3%, but economic activity will remain weak throughout the year, according to the organisation's latest Quarterly Economic Forecast.

- **UK Economic Outlook**

The UK economy remains on course to avoid a technical recession. A growth rate of 0.3% is expected for the whole of 2023, rising slightly to 0.6% in 2024, and 1.0% in 2025.

BCC's programme of business surveys show that inflation remains the top concern for UK firms. The forecast for the CPI rate remains unchanged from the previous forecast at 5.0% in Q4 2023.

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**06 June 2023**

## BCC welcomes Atlantic Declaration

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