



30th June 2021, 9th Edition

BHCC EVENTS & INITIATIVES

UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

- **14 July 2021 | Virtual BHCC Summer Gathering 2021**

On Wednesday 14 of July, the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce will host a virtual relaxed Members' gathering, as an opportunity to stay connected and share ideas and proposals just before summer vacations.

The invitation will follow shortly.

PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

- **"Bites of Greece" by Reco Exports and Murphy London in cooperation with the BHCC**



British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce supports Reco Exports and Murphy London's special event to promote the Organic or Conventional to Artisan, Awarded and Innovative Greek Products in the UK market. Until 31st of July 2021, participants and visitors of "BITES OF GREECE" will discover the true essence of natural Greek aromas and flavours in the heart of London. Over 60 Greek Producers of Conventional, Organic, Free-From, Vegan and Natural Products will take part in this two-month celebration of Greek Food and Drinks. "BITES OF GREECE" is supported by Enterprise Greece and the BHCC.

[Find out more](#)

SUPPORTING EVENTS

- **24 June 2021 | BHCC Supported the hybrid event “Better Boards - What is getting in the way of Board diversity?”, which was successfully organised by Better Future in association with FT Board Director Programme.**



The hybrid event was organized at the British Residence in Athens. The Agenda included speeches of **Mr Kris Amiralis**, Founding Partner/Chairman at BetterFuture, **Ms Kate Smith**, the British Ambassador to Greece, **Mrs Mareva Grabowski** and **Ms Michelle Daisley**, Partner at Oliver Wyman. The ways businesses are struggling to increase diversity on their Boards, the progress that has been made so far, relevant trends, the benefits of having diverse perspectives on corporate Boards, as well as barriers and challenges faced, were discussed during the event's **panel** moderated by **Ms Anna Kalliani**, President of the BHCC. The panel consisted of distinguished guests: **Mr Socrates Lazarides**, CEO of Hellenic Exchanges, **Ms Christina Papaconstantinou**, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Greece and **Ms Sabina Dziurman**, former EBRD Director for Greece and Cyprus.

BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

GRANT THORNTON | INSIGHTS

Σε εφαρμογή τίθενται οι νέοι κανόνες ΦΠΑ για τις διασυνοριακές δραστηριότητες ηλεκτρονικού εμπορίου (B2C).

Καταργείται το υφιστάμενο όριο που προβλεπόταν από την εκάστοτε χώρα για τις ενδοκοινοτικές εξ αποστάσεως πωλήσεις προς τελικούς καταναλωτές, το οποίο εφόσον ξεπερνούσαν οι επιχειρήσεις όφειλαν να αποδίδουν τον ΦΠΑ στο κράτος μέλος του καταναλωτή. Με τις νέες διατάξεις ορίζεται πλέον νέο όριο ύψους 10.000 ευρώ για ολόκληρη την ΕΕ κάτω από το οποίο η ενδοκοινοτική εξ αποστάσεως πώληση αγαθών θα μπορεί να συνεχίσει να υπόκειται σε ΦΠΑ στο κράτος μέλος στο οποίο είναι εγκατεστημένη η επιχείρηση.

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Επιβεβαιώθηκε η αναγκαιότητα απασχόλησης έστω ελάχιστου προσωπικού σε άλλη χώρα προκειμένου να θεωρηθεί ότι υφίσταται μόνιμη εγκατάσταση για σκοπούς Φ.Π.Α. από το Δικαστήριο της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης.

Η απασχόληση προσωπικού στη χώρα στην οποία εξετάζεται η ύπαρξη ή μη μόνιμης εγκατάστασης για σκοπούς ΦΠΑ είναι απαραίτητη προκειμένου να θεωρηθεί ότι υφίσταται εκείνη η οργανωτική και υλική

υποδομή που επιτρέπει στην ελεγχόμενη επιχείρηση να παρέχει τις υπηρεσίες της στη χώρα αυτή, ακόμα και αν η φύση της επιχειρηματικής δραστηριότητας δεν απαιτεί σημαντική παρουσία ανθρώπινου δυναμικού. Η προϋπόθεση αυτή, ωστόσο, μπορεί να ικανοποιείται και σε περίπτωση που βασικές επιχειρηματικές αποφάσεις ανατίθενται εξωτερικά σε τρίτες επιχειρήσεις που λειτουργούν στην εν λόγω χώρα και δρουν ανεξάρτητα.

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PEOPLECERT | PRESS RELEASE

PeopleCert announces agreement to acquire AXELOS

PeopleCert announces agreement to acquire AXELOS, establishing its position as the global leader in Project Management and IT qualifications.

[Press Release](#)

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RSM GREECE | SURVEY

“The RSM Board Diversity Survey”: Τα εντυπωσιακά συμπεράσματα της έρευνας για την κουλτούρα της ποικιλομορφίας

Η RSM Ελλάδα εκπόνησε την έρευνα «The RSM Board Diversity Survey», με αφορμή, τόσο τον νόμο 4706/2020 όσο και τις κατευθυντήριες γραμμές της Εγκυκλίου αρ.60, που εισάγουν νέες ρυθμίσεις με στόχο την προώθηση ενός κατάλληλου επιπέδου διαφοροποίησης στα Διοικητικά Συμβούλια με μια πολυσυνθετική ομάδα μελών, με ποικιλία απόψεων και εμπειριών και σκοπό την λήψη ορθών αποφάσεων. Τα συμπεράσματα δείχνουν το δρόμο για την ιδανική σύνθεση ενός Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου.

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming the new Members, who have joined the Chamber within June 2021:

- PHILIP ROSS SOLICITORS, www.philipross.com
- RSM GREECE, www.rsmgreece.gr

WELCOMING BHCC'S NEW TEAM MEMBER

As of June 2021, the BHCC has strengthened its team by adding a new member, Andriana Sklavounou as Communication and Events Officer.

Mrs Sklavounou has a strong background in the marketing field and comes from the retail sector.

We welcome Andriana, wishing her the best of luck and look forward to a mutually beneficial cooperation with her.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION - GREECE'S RECOVERY & RESILIENCE PLAN

17 JUNE 2021

Greece's recovery and resilience plan

The European Commission has given a positive assessment to Greece's €30.5 billion recovery and resilience plan, consisting of €17.8 billion in grants and €12.7 billion in loans.

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NextGenerationEU: European Commission endorses Greece's €30.5 billion recovery and resilience plan

The European Commission has adopted a positive assessment of Greece's recovery and resilience plan. This is an important step towards disbursing €17.8 billion in grants and €12.7 billion in loans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) over the period 2021-2026.

[Read more](#)

Questions and answers: European Commission endorses Greece's €30.5 billion recovery and resilience plan

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BREXIT NEWS & UPDATES

GREEK GOVERNMENT – Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR)

Δεκτές από την ΑΑΔΕ οι θέσεις των Βρετανών για τα σκάφη αναψυχής.

Παροχή οδηγιών σχετικά με την αντιμετώπιση ιδιωτικών σκαφών αναψυχής με σημαία Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου μετά την έξοδο του Η.Β. από την Ε.Ε.

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UK GOVERNMENT - BREXIT UPDATES

17 June 2021

Citizens' Rights Specialised Committee meeting: joint statement

The UK government and European Commission met by video conference for the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights and published a joint statement.

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16 June 2021

Search for head of the new Brexit Opportunities Unit begins.

Recruitment is underway for the Director of the Government's Brexit Opportunities Unit.

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12 June 2021

PM meeting with the European Commission President and European Council President

The Prime Minister Boris Johnson met European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, and European Council President, Charles Michel, at the G7 Summit.

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11 June 2021

UK and EU agreement on catch levels for 2021

Agreement covers catch limits for 70 shared fish stocks worth approximately £333m in fishing opportunities to the UK fleet

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09 June 2021

UK statement on the meeting of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee.

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UK Government statement on the meeting of the Partnership Council

The United Kingdom and the European Union today held the first meeting of the Partnership Council in London. The meeting took place in a constructive atmosphere and marks an important milestone in our new relationship as friendly trading partners and sovereign equals.

[Read more](#)

08 June 2021

Summary: The UK's new relationship with the EU

This explainer gives an overview of what has changed, and what remains the same. For businesses and citizens across the UK, there are actions you may need to take.

[Read more](#)

03 June 2021

Information and events for UK nationals living in Greece.

The British Embassy and Consulate Network are holding a series of meetings with UK nationals across Greece.

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28 May 2021

Residence rights implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, Part 2 (Citizens' Rights): third joint report, April 2021

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

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7 May 2021

Home Office publishes EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics

Home Office published EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics up to March 2021.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION - BREXIT NEWS AND UPDATES

28 June 2021

Data protection: Commission adopts adequacy decisions for the UK

The Commission has adopted two adequacy decisions for the United Kingdom - one under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the other for the Law Enforcement Directive.

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09 June 2021

Press statement by Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič following today's Joint Committee and Partnership Council meetings

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Statement by the European Commission following the eight meeting of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee

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Statement by the European Commission following the first meeting of the Partnership Council under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

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28 May 2021

Third 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 and <https://brexit.gov.gr/>

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

UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

23 June 2021

UK government provides highest level of support for exporters in 30 years

UK Export Finance publishes its annual results for 2020-21, which show the government provided record levels of support for UK exports.

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New national flagship to promote British businesses around the world.

New ship will showcase cutting-edge British design, engineering and green technology while boosting trade and driving investment.

[Read more](#)

26 May 2021

Update on the Trade Credit Reinsurance scheme.

Government and insurers have agreed to end the successful temporary trade credit scheme.

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UK signs up to global alliance to protect our oceans and at-risk communities.

UK announces membership of the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA).

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24 May 2021

New Permanent Secretary to the Department for International Trade.

The Cabinet Secretary has appointed James Bowler as the new Permanent Secretary to the Department for International Trade.

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24 June 2021

Department for International Trade Updates

The National Survey of Registered Businesses (NSRB) is commissioned by the Department for International Trade (DIT) to monitor businesses' exporting behaviours, plans, capabilities and attitudes. The 2020 report published earlier this month showed that:

- 34% of survey respondents had exported either goods or services in the past 12 months.
- A further 6% of survey respondents were either lapsed or intermittent exporters, who had not exported in the past 12 months but had done previously
- 15% of survey respondents had never exported but had goods or services either suitable for export or could be developed for export.

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18 June 2021

Global Annual Conference 2021



BCC's Global Annual Conference has come to an end for another year!

We hope you found it useful, found our speakers inspiring and used our virtual platform to meet up with colleagues and friends, both old and new.

A special thanks to all our speakers and panellists for sharing their time and knowledge, and to our sponsors for their generous support to make this event possible.

For post event material click [here](#)

BCC Welcomes Suspension of Tariffs Following UK-US Boeing-Airbus Agreement

BCC says the suspension of tariffs is welcome news but more must be done to resolve the long-running dispute.

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Rebuild - Global trade a key driver for economic recovery



On Day 2 of BCC's Global Annual Conference, Shevaun Haviland set out the action needed to help firms and communities rebuild. Alongside this, they published their [Rebuild report](#) which sets out the detail of what is needed for UK businesses and communities to prosper in 2021 and beyond.

The recommendations within the report have been developed by the Chamber Network, based on our extensive research programme and direct insight into the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on businesses up and down the country. Take a look at the full document [here](#).

Reopening update – England

The UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson announced that the planned 21 June reopening (Stage 4) in England will not be happening, save for some minor changes around weddings and funeral wakes. The UK government is pausing the reopening, most likely until 19 July, to allow more of the population to receive their second vaccinations. This is obviously a huge concern to many members, particularly in the leisure and hospitality sectors.

The BCC continues to push in public and in private for extended business support, including reopening grant schemes and pushing back the furlough scheme's 'taper' (when businesses will gradually have to make a contribution to the costs of furlough).

Separately, the UK government has announced an extension of the moratorium on commercial tenancy evictions until March 2022, pending legislation.

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EU Settlement Scheme

The EU's representative to the UK has free information resources and tailored advice sessions to help Chambers, member businesses and their EU citizen employees to understand the EU Settlement Scheme, individuals' rights and help resolve issues. They want to hear from employers attempting to encourage EU citizens who have left the UK recently to return to employment.

More information [here](#).

10 June 2021

BCC Economic Forecast: UK set for an uneven economic recovery, despite record GDP growth

The BCC released its latest UK Economic Forecast.

The main headlines include:

- UK GDP forecast to grow by 6.8% in 2021, 5.1% in 2022 and 2.1% in 2023.
- Household spending expected to surge if restrictions are lifted as planned.
- Recovery expected to be uneven, amid 'notable' economic scarring.

[Read more](#)

Government Business Magazine

The BCC has partnered with Public Sector Information Limited to provide Chambers and members with access to the Government Business Magazine. It includes lots of news and features of interest to businesses looking to work with the public sector. Read the latest issue [here](#).

03 June 2021

BCC Monthly Economic Review – June 2021

This briefing is an analysis of the key domestic and international economic indicators for business.

This month's headlines:

- Outlook for UK economy improving, despite Q1 contraction
- UK inflation more than doubles in April as unemployment declines
- OECD forecasts record UK GDP growth for 2021 and a stronger global rebound

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Are you joining the latest ChamberCustoms webinar?



Webinars

Running until early September, the BCC has launched a [series of webinars](#) with expert speakers on each session.

It's not too late to register for the latest webinar which will help businesses understand their responsibilities around customs declarations for EU imports that arrived after 31/12/20. Click the links below for more information on each event.



- [Thursday 22 July: Crossing continents - moving goods under transit](#)
- [Thursday 9 September: Tariff free trade – global Britain explained](#)



SAVE THE DATES FOR BCC's ONLINE EVENTS

Thursday 1 July

UK Business Climate Leaders' Summit

Tuesday 6 July

Corporate migration post-BREXIT in the UK and across continental Europe

Wednesday 7 July

Corporate migration post-BREXIT

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