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## UK's POLITICAL UPDATE



**26 October 2022**

### **Rishi Sunak's cabinet: Who is in the prime minister's top team?**

Rishi Sunak has appointed his new cabinet, hours after officially taking over as prime minister.

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**25 October 2022**

### **Rishi Sunak's first speech as UK prime minister in full**

Rishi Sunak has delivered his first speech as prime minister outside Downing Street, after an audience with King Charles at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday morning.

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### **Liz Truss's final speech as Prime Minister: 25 October 2022**

Liz Truss gave her final speech as Prime Minister on the steps of Downing Street.

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### PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

05 October 2022 | **BACK-TO-BUSINESS BUFFET RECEPTION 2022**



For one more year, the well-established "Back-to-Business" event organized by the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, was held with great success on 5 October 2022.

The event took place in the Gardens of the British Residence in Athens, with the presence of the British Ambassador to Greece Mr Matthew Lodge. It was attended by important representatives of the political leadership, members of the Chamber, distinguished Greek and foreign entrepreneurs and high-ranking executives of Greek and multinational companies.

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## Amendment of "HELLENIC PETROLEUM Holdings S.A." corporate and trade name on the Athens Exchange

HELLENIC PETROLEUM Holdings S.A., informs the investor community that the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company held on 20.09.2022, approved the amendment of the Company's corporate name to "HELLENiQ ENERGY Holdings Société Anonyme" and its distinctive title to "HELLENiQ ENERGY Holdings S.A.".

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming our new Member, who has joined the Chamber within October 2022:

- **EVANGELOS KONTOS** <http://www.bhcc.gr/el/kontos-evangelos>

## UK GOVERNMENT: DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

**01 November 2022**

### Trade Secretary sets out plan to 'future-proof UK economy'

Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch sets out her plan to 'future-proof the UK economy' in a speech at the landmark Green Trade and Investment Expo in the North East.

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**12 October 2022**

### Paperless trade for UK businesses to boost growth

Electronic Trade Documents Bill ends need for paper-based trading documents.

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**UK trade: August 2022**

Total value of UK exports and imports of goods and services in current prices, chained volume measures and implied deflators.

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**03 October 2022**

### Support service for Northern Ireland traders extended for a year

The Trader Support Service, which helps businesses move goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has been extended.

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**29 September 2022**

### **Register your interest for the UK Trade & Export Finance Forum 2022**

The UK Trade & Export Finance Forum brings together finance and business leaders for a day of presentations, case studies, panels, workshops and networking.

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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**25 October 2022**

### **Opening remarks by Commissioner Simson at the press conference of the Energy Council**

The Commission presented the most recent package of proposals to tackle the energy crisis, dedicated to gas prices in particular. Following the endorsement and guidance of the European Council last week, we now had a more detailed discussion with the ministers on how to move forward.

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**18 October 2022**

### **Statement by President von der Leyen on a new package of measures to address high energy prices and ensure security of supply**

Russia's war against Ukraine has triggered severe knock-on effects. One of these knock-on effects that we see is an unprecedented energy crisis.

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**13 October 2022**

### **Eurobarometer survey highlights how Europeans interact with the financial services world**

The European Commission has published a Eurobarometer survey on how Europeans interact with the financial services world, in particular given its ever-increasing digitalisation and the development of sustainable finance.

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**11 October 2022**

### **EU exports under Free Trade Agreements surpass €1 trillion**

EU trade deals mean increased exports, more stable economic relations and secure access to resources, a new report out today shows. EU exports to preferential partners for the first time surpassed €1 trillion in 2021, according to the Commission's 2nd Annual Report on the Implementation and Enforcement of EU Trade Agreements.

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**10 October 2022**

### **Opening remarks of Commissioner Hahn at the Annual EU Budget Conference 2022**

We are facing a war, which was triggered by Russia against Ukraine, and which is also a war against our European values.

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## **BREXIT NEWS & UPDATES**

### **UK GOVERNMENT - BREXIT UPDATES**

**18 October 2022**

#### **Joint statement of the Financial Provisions Specialised Committee**

Coordinated statement from the European Commission and the UK outlining discussions at the most recent Specialised Committee on Financial Provisions.

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**03 October 2022**

#### **UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Domestic Advisory Group**

EU and UK Domestic Advisory Groups to the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

[Joint statement](#)

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For more information on Brexit developments you may 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 October 2022**

#### **Energy Price Guarantee: ministerial direction**

Ministerial direction letters authorising the Energy Price Guarantee, which provides financial support to domestic energy consumers affected by recent price rises.

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**11 October 2022**

**Government introduces new Energy Prices Bill to ensure vital support gets to British consumers this winter**

UK government introduces new Energy Prices Bill, putting into law support for consumers with energy costs.

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**05 October 2022**

**First launch from the UK**

The UK will soon become the first country to launch satellites into orbit from Europe.

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**04 October 2022**

**Less than one month left for VAT businesses to be ready for Making Tax Digital filing**

VAT-registered businesses must use Making Tax Digital compatible software for their VAT returns from 1 November 2022.

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**01 October 2022**

**Government support for energy bills begins for households and businesses**

The Government's Energy Price Guarantee will limit the price households pay per unit of gas and electricity they use.

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

**12 October 2022**

**Baroness Martha Lane-Fox CBE elected President of the BCC**

Entrepreneur and business leader Baroness Martha Lane Fox CBE was elected as BCC's new President.

Baroness Lane Fox will be succeeding Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith CBE as President, whose two-year term has come to an end in accordance with the BCC Articles of Association.

Speaking at the AGM, BCC Chair, Sarah Howard MBE warmly welcomed Martha and thanked Ruby for her dedicated service to the BCC during challenging times for UK businesses.

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**6 October 2022**

### **BCC in the Civil Society Forum**

BCC participated in the first meeting of the Civil Society Forum on the UK-EU relationship, along with key officials from London and Brussels, and business and other stakeholders from the UK and EU. BCC raised the key issue for SME traders of fiscal representatives, VAT and using the 'one-stop shop' for online sales.

### **BCC in the UK and EU Domestic Advisory Groups on EU-UK Trade meeting**

The BCC also joined the first joint meeting of UK and EU Domestic Advisory Groups on EU-UK Trade.

A strong ambition was expressed by all stakeholders to keep the practical effects of regulatory divergence in both the UK and EU under review in terms of the implications for trade.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 31 October – 04 November [International Trade Week 2022](#)
- 07 - 11 November [Business Finance Week 2022](#)
- 08 November [Trade Remedies Authority Forum](#)
- 09 - 10 November [COP27 Business Forum](#)
- 17 November [UK Trade and Export Finance Forum](#)

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