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## BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

### UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

**15 November 2023 | Extraordinary General Assembly and Election of Members of a new Board of Directors**

**CONVOCATION  
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
BRITISH HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
TO ATTEND THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

According to the decision of the Board of Directors of the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 and the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 and the provisions of Articles 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 of the current Articles of Association, the members of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) are invited to the **Extraordinary General Assembly to be held on**

**Wednesday, 15 November 2023  
starting time at 16.00**

**which will be held fully virtually via teleconference** for its participating members, in accordance with Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the current Articles of Association.

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

## PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

03 October 2023 | 2023 Back-to-Business Dinner



The official, well-established "**Back-to-Business**" Dinner organized for one more year by the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC)**, was held with great success on October 3, 2023. The event took place at the Hotel Grande Bretagne with **Guest of Honour the Minister of Economy & Finance, Mr Kostas Hatzidakis**, and with the presence of **His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic Mr Matthew Lodge**.

The Event was attended by approximately **200 distinguished guests**: Representatives of the country's political leadership, high-ranking executives of the most important Greek and multinational companies, Members of the BHCC, Event Sponsors, Members of similar Institutional Bodies & Bilateral Chambers and Press.

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## SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

03 October 2023 | 13th Annual Capital Link Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce supported the "**13th Annual Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum - Best Industry Practices - Building Long Term Value Through Sustainability**", hosted by **Capital Link** on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at the **Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens**, Greece. The Forum showcased Operational Excellence in the Maritime Sector and explored Best Industry Practices across all major areas such as fleet management, technological innovation, crewing, energy efficiency and the environment, safety & security. Special attention was paid to Sustainability and ESG considerations.

## 10 October 2023 | 3rd CX & Loyalty Conference

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce supported the established **CX & Loyalty Conference** organized by **KPMG** on **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at the **Basil & Elize Goulandris Foundation**. In its 3<sup>rd</sup> organisation, the CX & Loyalty Conference is a high-end and top content event which constitutes a point of reference for the CX community with more than 200 CX Managers, Marketing Managers and CEOs giving their annual appointment at this conference.

## 24-26 & 30 October 2023 | 27th Annual Economist Government Roundtable

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce has the pleasure to support the **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Economist Government Roundtable**, which will be held on **October 24th-26th** at the **Grand Resort Lagonissi** & on **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at the **Athenaeum Intercontinental, Athens - Prime Minister's Gala Dinner**.

A pandemic, a war in Europe, geopolitical upheavals, energy and environmental crises: the world has come across unpredictable risks recently, while threats which were considered eliminated seem to be back. At the same time, important transformations shaping the 21st century are currently in process, signifying an era of great transition. The country's performance in the investment and business landscape, the progress in the digital and green transition, but also priorities in the labour market and the prospects for the younger generation will be –among others– at the centre of the discussions during the conference.

**BHCC Members receive preferential rates** to attend. For more information, please contact the Chamber Team.

For more information regarding the organisation, please press [here](#).

## BRITISH COUNCIL'S Study UK Alumni Awards 2023 - 2024

For one more year, the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** partners with the **British Council** on its **Study UK Alumni Awards 2023-2024**, which will be hosted in partnership with the British Embassy in Athens and British Graduates Society (BGS), supported also by UK Alumni Associations in Greece.

Award winners and finalists are leaders in their fields, who have used their experience of studying at a UK university to make a positive contribution to their communities, industries and countries. The awards celebrate and showcase the impact and value of a UK higher education and raise the international profile of UK alumni and their former universities.

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

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

- **Cosmopolitan Hotel Kos**, <https://www.cosmopolitankoshotel.com/>
- **Pavlos Koronis**
- **Kosmocar AE**, <https://www.kosmocar.gr/>
- **Konstantinos Kyriakou**
- **Mount Street Hellas Advisory Ltd**, <https://mountstreet.com/>
- **Pobuca**, <https://www.pobuca.com/>
- **World Energy News**, <https://www.worldenergynews.gr/>

**CANA LABORATORIES | PRESENTATION**



On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the pioneers of the Greek pharmaceutical industry received an honorary plaque as a recognition of their contribution to the public health of the country, by the Panhellenic Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, on the occasion of its 90th anniversary.

Kosta Kanaroglou, British VP of the Board of the BHCC as well as President and CEO of Cana Laboratories which was founded in 1928, had the honor of receiving this recognition on behalf of his grandfather.

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**MYTILINEOS | PRESS RELEASE**

**National Grid and SP Energy Networks select a consortium of GE Vernova and MYTILINEOS Energy & Metals as preferred grid supplier for Eastern Green Link 1 HVDC converter stations.**

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*Source: [www.nationalgrid.com](http://www.nationalgrid.com)*

**MYTILINEOS undertakes the EPC of the largest solar park in the UK**

Further expansion in the cords in UK and Ireland.

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

**29 September 2023**

**Αναβολή υποχρέωσης προσκόμισης πιστοποιητικού επιθεώρησης για την εισαγωγή στη Μεγάλη Βρετανία και τη Βόρεια Ιρλανδία οργανικών τροφίμων προέλευσης ΕΕ**

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**20 September 2023**

**Δημοσίευση τελικού σχεδίου Border Target Operating Model (TOM) - πρόσθετες πληροφορίες**

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**11 September 2023**

**Συμφωνία για τη συμμετοχή του HB σε Horizon Europe**

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## UK GOVERNMENT: DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS & TRADE

**13 September 2023**

**New jobs announced ahead of Northern Ireland Investment Summit**

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**04 September 2023**

**Over £50 million awarded to cutting edge manufacturing projects**

Cutting edge projects in battery, self-driving and automotive R&D will receive millions in funding, driving innovation in energy storage and self-driving technologies.

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

### UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

**05 October 2023**

**UK joins leading nations to form new telecoms coalition and invests £70 million in new future telecoms technologies**

The UK has joined a global coalition to enhance communication network resilience and is investing £70 million in advancing domestic next-gen telecom technology through the UKRI Technology Missions Fund.

[Read more](#)

**04 October 2023**

**PM Sunak redirects HS2 funding to revolutionise transport across the North and Midlands**

A revolution in the country's transport infrastructure will see billions of pounds redirected from spiralling HS2 costs to build the daily connections that people depend on – unlocking potential, driving growth and transforming communities.

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**27 September 2023**

**Government backs new oil and gas to safeguard UK and grow the economy**

UK Government welcomes decision by regulators to approve the Rosebank development.

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**20 September 2023**

**PM Sunak recommitting UK to Net Zero by 2050 and pledges a “fairer” path to achieving target to ease the financial burden on British families**

UK’s over-delivery on reducing emissions provides space to take a more pragmatic, proportionate, and realistic approach to reaching net zero.

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**07 September 2023**

**UK joins Horizon Europe under a new bespoke deal**

UK to associate to Horizon Europe and Copernicus programmes through a bespoke new agreement with the EU.

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

**12 October 2023**

**RECENT UK EXPORT GAINS REVERSED IN AUGUST DOWNTURN**

August was not a good month for UK goods exports. There were falls in both EU and rest of the world trade.

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**BCC: GDP LATEST SHOWS ECONOMY STILL STRUGGLING**

With GDP growing by 0.3% in the three months to August, and by 0.2% on a monthly basis, the UK economy is holding up but remains in a precarious state.

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**08 October 2023**

**QUARTERLY RECRUITMENT OUTLOOK: LABOUR COST PRESSURES BITE AS HIRING ISSUES REMAIN**

The latest Quarterly Recruitment Outlook (QRO), a survey of nearly 5,000 UK firms of all sectors and sizes, by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Insights Unit, reveals that many firms are still facing problems hiring staff.

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**05 October 2023**

## **BCC QUARTERLY ECONOMIC SURVEY: INVESTMENT FLATLINING AS INTEREST RATE FEARS CLIMB**

The BCC's Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) for Q3 2023 shows the percentage of firms expecting to raise prices in the next three months has fallen for the fifth consecutive quarter.

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**02 October 2023**

## **BCC REACTS TO CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE SPEECHES**

It's important that wages rise proportionately to maintain living standards and that people can cope with the cost-of-living crisis.

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**28 September 2023**

## **UNLOCKING THE PLANNING SYSTEM TO BOOST INVESTMENT**

The British Chambers of Commerce is calling for a series of urgent improvements to unlock the planning system across the UK. The proposals are aimed at creating a more effective and efficient system that boosts business investment.

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**27 September 2023**

## **HALF OF BUSINESSES HAVE NO PLANS TO USE AI**

The BCC's new Digital Revolution Challenge has held its first meeting to discuss ground-breaking research on how businesses are using Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The survey, by the BCC's Insight Unit – of more than 700 firms, mostly SMEs, found that:

- Almost half of all firms (48%) have no plans to use AI technology
- Customer facing businesses (B2C) are even less likely to use AI, with 58% stating they have no plans to use it
- One in four respondents (26%) think AI is going to lead to fewer jobs in their sector, with more B2B firms (29%) predicting a negative impact

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**22 September 2023**

## **BCC GREETES NEW ERA OF GLOBAL TRADE**

The BCC is urging businesses who want to boost their exports and reduce costs to quickly embrace a new era of digital trade.

It made the call as the Government's flagship Electronic Trade Documents Act finally came into force on September 20, 2023.

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## **BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN NET ZERO PLANS IS VITAL**

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**19 September 2023**

## **FRESH INSIGHT INTO INTEREST RATE PAIN FOR BUSINESS**

Ahead of the upcoming interest rate decision, new research by the BCC Insights Unit shows nearly half of firms say the cost of borrowing is negatively impacting their business.

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**14 September 2023**

## **NEW BUSINESS COUNCIL USHERS IN PARTNERSHIP ERA**

The BCC has held its inaugural meeting of its new Business Council alongside Cabinet Minister, the Rt Hon Michael Gove and Shadow Chancellor, the Rt Hon Rachel Reeves.

The new body, comprising some of the most prominent British businesses, has been brought together to work in partnership with politicians to drive the future of the economy at this crucial time.

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**09 September 2023**

## **BUSINESS IN THE DARK OVER REGULATORY AVALANCHE FOR EU TRADE**

New research by the BCC has uncovered that the vast majority of businesses are unaware and unprepared for a swathe of fast approaching changes in EU/UK regulations.

When asked about their knowledge of a number of changes coming down the track, the survey of more than 700 firms found:

- 84% of manufacturers do not know about new reporting requirements on exports of goods containing high-carbon steel, and selected other products, to the EU starting in October
- 87% of exporters are either unaware or unprepared for new EU VAT requirements due in January 2025
- 43% of manufacturers are still unaware of the UK's, now voluntary, alternative product safety marking system to the EU's CE one

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**06 September 2023**

## **BCC ECONOMIC FORECAST: FRAGILE ECONOMY STUCK IN FIRST GEAR**

The BCC has marginally upgraded its 2023 GDP forecast to 0.4%, but economic activity will remain very weak throughout 2024 and 2025.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### BCC Webinar: CDS Exports Explained

- **Wednesday 25 October**
- **14:00 - 15:00 (UK time)**
- [Register here](#)

**We invite you to join this upcoming ChamberCustoms webinar, led by Customs Declaration Service (CDS) experts.**

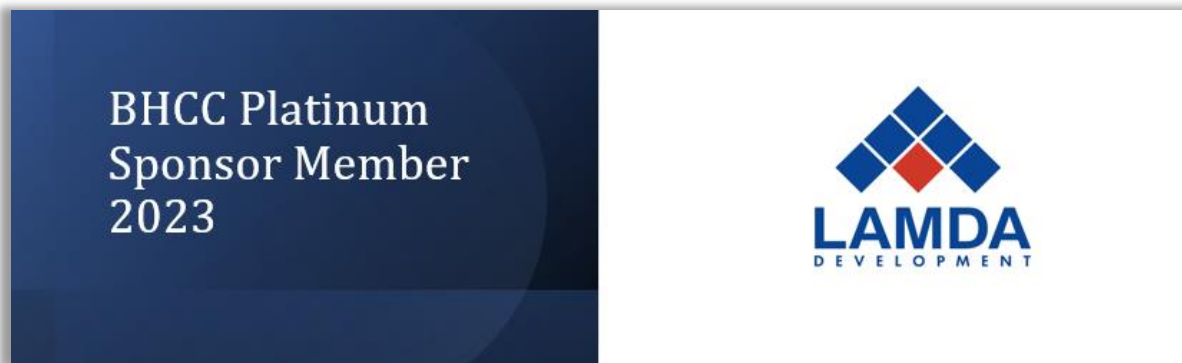
The webinar will unravel the latest updates and guide you through the difference between the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) and CDS for Export movements out of the UK.

### BCC Global Annual Conference 2024

- **Thursday 27 June 2024**
- **QEII Centre, London**

Save the date! BCC Global Annual Conference 2024 will bring together business leaders, policy experts, media and government representatives to tackle important business issues and create lasting change. [Find out more.](#)

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