

DRAFT AGENDA

Title: CIRCULAR PORTS FOR GLOBAL TRADE: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SMART CONNECTIVITY

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 – 14:20

Venue: Hotel Mediterranean Palace, Thessaloniki

Organized by: Bulgarian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BHCCI)

Co-organized by: Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)

10:00 | Arrival – Registration

10:30 – 11:00 | Opening – Welcome Speeches *(Duration: 3-4 minutes each)*

- **Savvas Karafyllidis**, President of the Bulgarian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BHCCI).
- **Tsvetan Simeonov**, President of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).
- **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism.
- **Konstantinos Gioulekas**, Deputy Minister of Interior (Sector of Macedonia – Thrace).
- **Ioannis Plakiotakis**, 1st Vice President of the Hellenic Parliament.
- **Stelios Angeloudis**, Mayor of Thessaloniki.
- **Dimitar Nikolov**, Mayor of Burgas.
- **Georgios Kremlis**, Honorary Director of the European Commission & Ambassador of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) in Bulgaria.

11:00 – 11:40 | Keynote Addresses

(Duration: 10 minutes each)

- **Vassilis Kikilias**, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy.
- **Christos Dimas**, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport.
- **Kimberly Guilfoyle**, Ambassador of the USA to the Hellenic Republic.
- **Dimitris Skalkos**, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs and Openness.

11:40 – 11:50 | Keynote Speech

- **Serhat Köksal**, President of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB).
(Topic: Financial tools for green infrastructure in the Black Sea)

11:50 – 12:10 | Coffee Break

12:10 – 13:00 | Panel I: "Strategic Gateways: Connecting the Aegean to the Black Sea"

(Strategic Hubs & Connectivity)

Moderator: (Proposed: Journalist or BHCCI Board Member)

- **Thessaloniki: Ioannis Tsaras**, CEO, Thessaloniki Port Authority S.A.
- **Constanta: Mihai Teodorescu**, General Manager, National Company Maritime Ports Administration SA Constanta.
- **Kavala: Angelos Vlachos**, CEO, Kavala Port Authority S.A.
- **Burgas: Yanko Melkonian**, Executive Director, Port of Burgas EAD.

13:00 – 13:50 | Panel II: "Ports: Regional Hubs, Smart Tech & Security"

(Ports: Regional Hubs, Smart Technologies & Security)

- **Varna: Ivaylo Gavrilov**, Executive Director, Port of Varna EAD.
- **Alexandroupolis: Konstantinos Chatzikonstantinou**, CEO, Alexandroupolis Port Authority S.A.
- **Ruse: Ivailo Bashalov**, Executive Director, Port Complex Ruse J.S.Co.
- **Odesa: Oleksiy Myaskovskyi**, Director, State Enterprise "Odesa Sea Commercial Port".

13:50 – 14:20 | Conclusions – Brief Sponsor Remarks