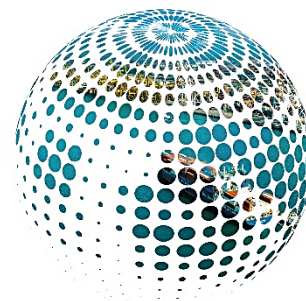


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“ The Eurasian nexus post 2022:
high-stakes arena for security,
trade and investments ”



The Balkans & Black Sea Forum is a flagship economic platform and a key Summit for leading business- & policy-makers committed to enhancing stability, growth and cooperation across the Balkan and Black Sea regions. Distinguished influencers from the public & private sectors engage and interact to review challenges, assess implications, identify opportunities, and explore innovative ways for promoting security, sustainable development and bi/multi-lateral cooperation in broader Eurasia.

The Balkans & Black Sea Forum 2022 is held at a time of numerous geopolitical, economic and power-shifting challenges that influence the global scene and endanger the social and economic equilibrium of regions. In a world of conflict and constant disruption the BBSF2022 aspires to pave the way for a sincere, coherent and constructive exchange of views and dialogue, needed today more than ever before.

DAY-1 (Tuesday 13/12/2022)

09.30-10.00: Registrations

10.00-10.30: Welcome remarks

10.30-12.00: Chapter 1: Energy supply & security, Environmental commitments in a World of sanctions & disruptions

- *Ambassador Omar Amer Youssef, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Greece*
- *Ambassador Burak Özügergin, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Greece*
- *Mr. Dimitris Kardomateas, Head of the Office of the Secretary General for Energy & Mineral Resources, Ministry of Energy & Environment*
- *Mr. Erik Holmgren, Economic Counselor, Embassy of the United States of America*
- *Moderator: Mr. Costis Stambolis, Executive Director, Institute of Energy for South East Europe*

12.30-14.00: Chapter 2: Innovation, Technology, Financing, Investments at serving society

- *Dr. Christos Dimas, Deputy Minister for Development and Investments in charge of Research & Innovation*
- *Mr. Peter Svec, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy of Slovakia*
- *Mr. Romeo Mikautadze, Deputy Minister of Economy & Sustainable Development of Georgia*
- *Moderator: Mr. Anthony D. Papayannides, Journalist, General Manager Economía Group*

15.00-16.30: Chapter 3: Regional cooperation-integration based on the economic geography of the regions

- *H.E. Ms. Željka Cvijanović, Chair of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- *Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, Secretary General | Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation*
- *Ms. Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director, UN Women Office for Europe & Central Asia*
- *Ms. Eleni Marianou, Secretary General, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions*
- *Mr. Wouter Zweers, Research Fellow – EU & Global Affairs Unit, Clingendael Institute of the Netherlands*
- *Moderator: Ms. Odin Linardatou, Head of Communications, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy*



17.00-18.30: Chapter 4: Connectivity – Infrastructure, the ever-growing need for new investments

- *Ambassador Xiao Junzheng, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China*
- *Mr. Umberto de Pretto, Secretary General, International Road Transport Union*
- *Mr. YU Zeng Gang, Chairman of the Board of Directors, COSCO Group*
- *Dr. Haris Lambropoulos, President, Hellenic Development Bank of Investments*
- *Moderator: Ambassador (a.h.) Michael B. Christides, Vice Chair Organizing Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum*

19.30-21.30: Official dinner (by invitation only)

DAY-2 (Wednesday 14/12/2022)

09.30-10.00: Registrations

10.00-10.15: Welcome notes

- *Mr. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister for Development & Investments*

10.15-11.30: Chapter 5: Investing in gender innovation to build sustainable economies

- *Ms. Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director, UN Women Office for Europe & Central Asia*
- *Ms. Emine Perviz Erdem, President of Turkey Woman Entrepreneurs Association, BoD Member of Erdem Holdings*
- *Dr. Avtandil Kasradze, Chairman, Georgia's Technology & Innovations Agency*
- *Ms. Esra Doğan Tulgan, Corporate Affairs Manager, Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye*
- *Ms. Valentina Disoska, President, Association of Business Women in North Macedonia*
- *Moderator: Ms. Merâl Güzel, Partnerships Manager, UN Women Headquarters*

12.00-13.30: Chapter 6: Global convulsions and their impact on the Balkans and the Black Sea region

- *Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst, Managing Director Europe, European External Action Service*
- *Mr. Daniel Mitov, fm. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of the National Assembly of Bulgaria*
- *Dr. Spyridon Flogaitis, President, European Public Law Organization*
- *Mr. Jim Morris, Political Counselor, Embassy of the United States of America*
- *Moderator: Ambassador (a.h.) Michael B. Christides, Vice Chair Organizing Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum*

13.30-14.30: Moderators' remarks and conclusions

- *Ambassador (a.h.) Michael B. Christides, Vice Chair Organizing Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum*
- *Mr. Anthony D. Papayannides, Journalist, General Manager Economia Group*
- *Mr. Costis Stambolis, Executive Director, Institute of Energy for South East Europe*
- *Ms. Merâl Güzel, Partnerships Manager, UN Women Headquarters*
- *Ms. Odin Linardatou, Head of Communications, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy*

14.30: End of the Balkans & Black Sea Forum 2022

15.00-16.00: Speaker's guided visit to the Acropolis Museum – Family photo

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Previous events (links)

Balkans & Black Sea Forum international conferences

- [1st international conference, Serres-Greece, 25-26/5/2017](#)
- [2nd international conference, Thessaloniki-Greece, 15/9/2017](#)
- [3rd international conference, Athens-Greece, 30/5-1/6/2018](#)
- [4th international conference, Athens-Greece, 13-14/12/2022](#)

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