



Balkans & Black Sea Forum 2022

New dates

“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.

13-14 December 2022
Athens Acropolis Museum

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**

In focus: Short-term energy demands; energy suppliers' strategies; energy markets' risks; gas supply security through transit countries; role of renewables; climate change & green-energy; energy connections; East-Med viability; Greece's strategy in hydrocarbons' exploitation;

12.30-14.00: **Chapter 2: Innovation & Technology serving society**

In focus: The 5G, A.I. and new technologies on citizens' daily life; lifelong learning & re-education of working-force; lessons learnt from countries leading in digitalization in terms of governance, development & investments; addressing the puzzle of cyber-crime vs cyber security; effective proliferation of innovative, technologically advanced products/services;

15.00-16.30: **Chapter 3: Connectivity – Infrastructure, the ever-growing need for new investments**

In focus: Improving East-West and North-South connections in the Balkan and Black Sea regions; integration with transcontinental transport routes; The BRI today: review-prospects; Europe-China prospects in trade relations; The role of railways in international commerce; A.I. in automotive industry;

17.00-18.30: **Chapter 4: Regional cooperation-integration based on the economic geography of the regions**

In focus: Increasing the effectiveness of regional organizations; the status of UN SDGs' implementation; EU integration of the region; culture and tourism as a uniting factor; increasing trade in the Balkan and Black Sea regions: obstacles, challenges, prospects;

19.30-21.30: **Official dinner (guest-of-honor speech)**

by invitation only



DAY-2 (Wednesday 14/12/2022)

09.30-10.00: Registrations

10.00-10.15: Welcome notes

10.15-11.30: Chapter 5: Banking Industry in the digital era, responsible financing, sustainable investments

In focus: Addressing challenges of digital evolution in banking; Conventional banks vs FinTechs, InsurTechs & Virtual banks; The future of cryptocurrencies; Tax havens' impact on competitiveness, investments, growth and money-laundering; Outlook & assessment of Balkan & Black Sea economies onwards 2023; Regional adaptation to meet ESG financing criterias;

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

In focus: The Balkans and the Black Sea region as the epicenter of new conflicts and tension; "Big Players" vying for the increase of their geostrategic and economic influence in the area; EU dilemmas in its Balkan- and Eastern-neighborhood policies; The Balkans & the Black Sea region in a multipolar world-order;

13.30-14.30: Moderators' remarks and conclusions

14.30: End of the Balkans & Black Sea Forum 2022

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- Official language is English and the participation to the Forum is with a registration fee
- Topics are indicative and Chapters may be reordered

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, 5-6/12/2022](#)

The organizer: Geo Routes Institute

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