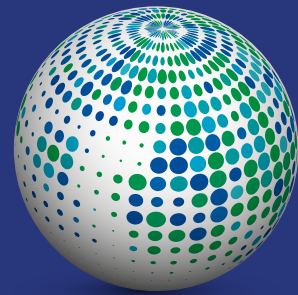
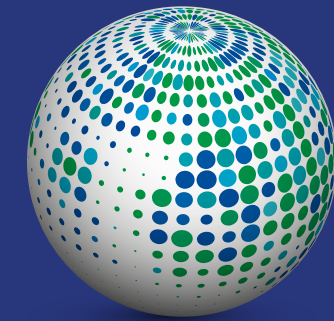


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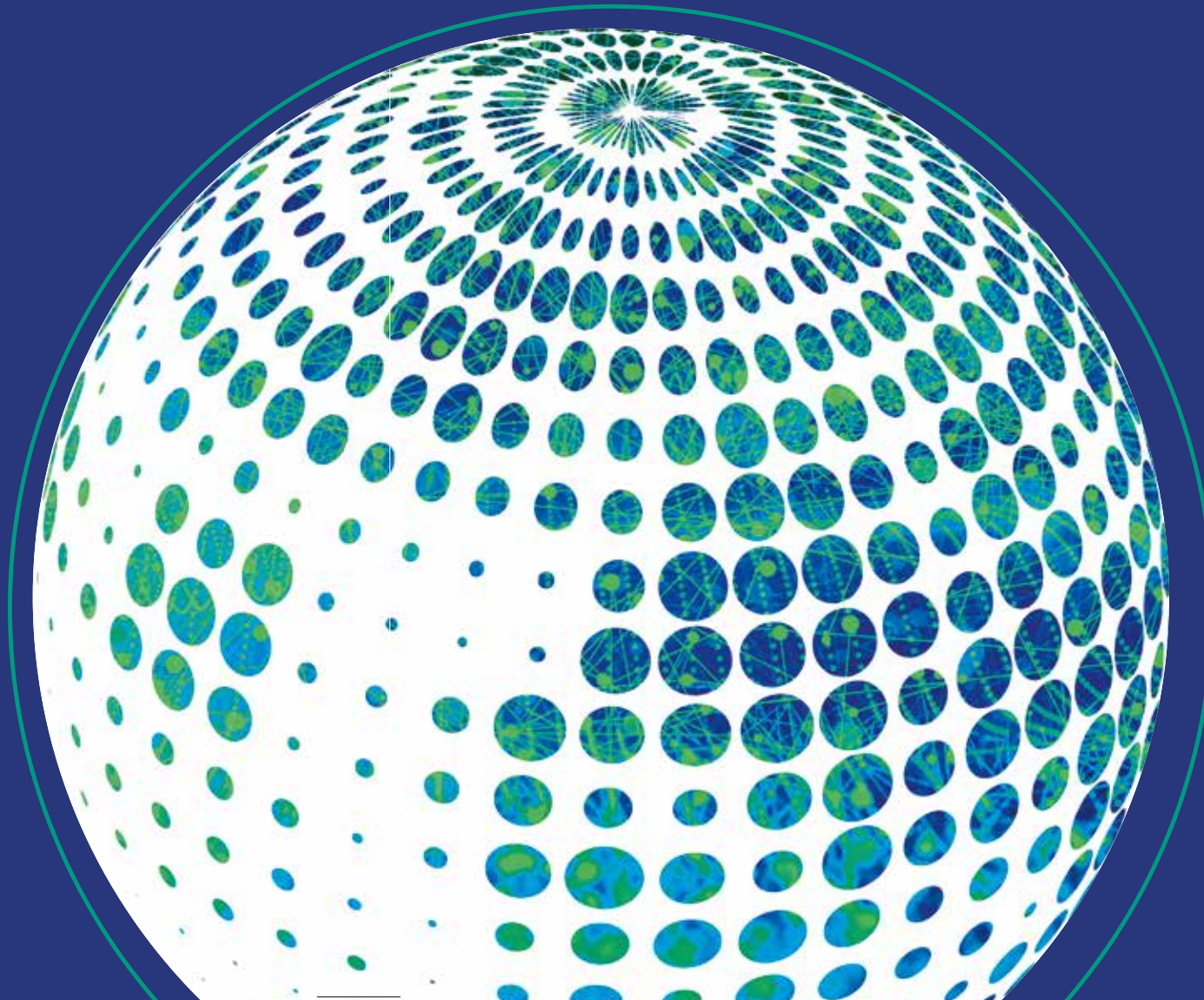
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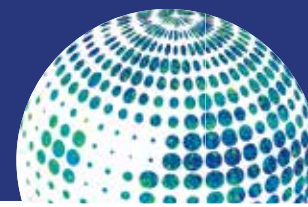


Executive Roundtable

ATHENS-GREECE | 5 JULY 2023

“ The role of Greece
in the Balkan and
Black Sea regions ”





The Balkans & Black Sea Forum "executive roundtable" series bring together visionary policymakers, diplomats, businesses and thinktanks to review challenges, assess implications, identify opportunities and promote bi-/multi-lateral cooperation across the wider Balkans and Black Sea regions. Restricted to experts and selected audience by invitation only, they provide space for open, sincere and out-of-the-box dialogue and debate.

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The Balkans & Black Sea Forum "Executive Roundtable" adopts the Chatham Rule in order to create a trusted environment at which no information should be shared, neither the identity of who said what may be revealed. It aims to increase openness of discussion and for holding debates of a sensitive nature or on controversial topics.

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- Discussions are held 'off the record', breaking down barriers, generating ideas and agreeing solutions;
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- Guests breaking the Rule are likely to mean the exclusion from all BBSF "Executive Roundtable" future activities.

Welcome to the Balkans & Black Sea Forum (BBSF) "Executive Roundtable 2023" which is held in the emblematic Athenian Club highlighting "The role of Greece in the Balkan & Black Sea regions".

As it was acknowledged during the BBSF2022 last December in Athens, the international community faces an era of increased polarization, fragmentation, and outright confrontation. Following the grave geopolitical consequences provoked by the war in Ukraine and the subsequent disruptions in energy, connectivity, security and stability, states in the region must intensify their efforts to reach viable solutions and to agree on a new code of conduct.

It is against this backdrop that the "Executive Roundtable 2023" aims to **reveal whether Greece could contribute** to this effort by assuming a significant role, both political and economic. Well before holding its 5th annual edition in Athens on 15-16 February 2024, the Balkans & Black Sea Forum "Executive Roundtable", restricted to experts and by invitation only, safeguards a trusted environment for open & sincere dialogue among its esteemed panelists and participants.

The Balkans & Black Sea Forum has proven to serve as an independent economic platform for leading business- & policy-makers to engage and interact, in order to review challenges, assess implications, identify opportunities and explore innovative ways for promoting security, sustainable development, and bi-/multi-lateral cooperation in the broader Eurasian region.

Our sincere welcome to all participants of the Balkans & Black Sea Forum "Executive Roundtable 2023"

Sincerely,

Giannis Balakakis

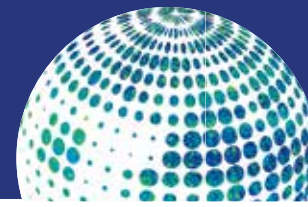
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Michael B. Christides
Co-Chair Executive Committee

PROGRAM IN BRIEF

09.30-10.00	Registrations
10.00-10.30	Welcome remarks
10.30-12.00	Chapter 1: Energy sector
12.00-12.30	Break
12.30-14.00	Chapter 2: Innovation-Technologies, Economics, Environment
14.00-15.00	Break
15.00-16.30	Chapter 3: Connectivity, Mobility, Infrastructure
16.30-17.00	Break
17.00-18.30	Chapter 4: Soft power, Intercultural cooperation
18.30-19.00	Conclusions



In focus:

- Energy corridors' status in the SEE
- Energy security, geopolitical consequences
- Risks on passage to renewable sources of energy
- Greece's chances to exploit fossil fuels or gas reserves
- Energy transition, energy stability, climate change

MODERATOR



Mr. Lambros Kalarraytis

Journalist

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Mr. Thanos Dokos

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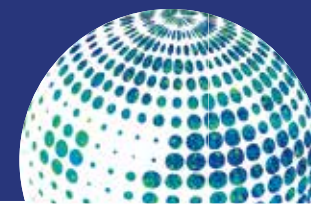


Dr. Michael Thomadakis

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In focus:

- From traditional to digital economies
- Innovation-technology impact on competitiveness & investments
- Economic development – human capital - environmental challenges
- Regional economic dependencies
- Investments potentials ex. Greece to the CEE & SEE regions

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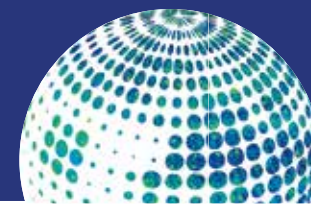


Mr. Hendrik Bosshammer

*Project Manager SEE
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In focus:

- *N/S new or alternative trade corridors*
- *Energy - trade transboundary connectivity*
- *Multimodal transports, hubs' integration*
- *Geostrategic infrastructures*
- *Simplification of legal-regulatory frameworks*

MODERATOR



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SPEAKERS



Mr. Konstantinos Fragkogiannis

*Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
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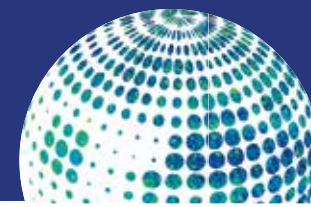
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Ambassador of Bulgaria

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In focus:

- *Western Balkans' EU integration*
- *Regional organizations' cooperation*
- *Connecting the dots to/from North/South*
- *Cultural, religious, interfaith dialogue*
- *Creative industries in mutual understanding*

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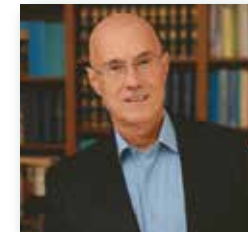
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Upcoming Events

6th AGRIBUSINESS FORUM 2023 ATHENS



The AgriBusiness Forum 6th international edition highlighting "Food & farming systems at a crossroad of green, digital & climate transition" is held on 28-29 September 2023 in the European Parliament Office in Athens.

It features 7 high caliber sessions and 35 renowned speakers from Greece & abroad; addressed to leading businesses, financial services, farmers, cooperatives, policymakers, research and academia.

Language: Greek with simultaneous translation to/from English.

HCPA-AGRIBUSINESS FORUM 2023 PIERIA



The HCPA-AgriBusiness Forum 2023 to be held on 3-4 November 2023 in Poseidon Palace (Leptokaria-Pieria) highlights "Crop protection: catalyst for agrifood systems transformation in the green & digital era". It features 7 high caliber sessions and 35 speakers; addressed to farmers, agronomists, cooperatives, businesses, policymakers, research & academia.

Language: Greek with simultaneous translation to/from English.

Co-organized with: Hellenic Crop Protection Association.

5th INTERNATIONAL BALKANS & BLACK SEA FORUM



The 5th international Balkans & Black Sea Forum highlighting "Leadership, Security, Cooperation in a fragmented world" will be held in Athens on 15-16 February 2024.

The 5th international Balkans & Black Sea Forum 2024 will feature 7 high caliber sessions with 35 renowned speakers from Greece and the world; addressed to diplomats, leading businesses, policymakers, think tanks, research and academia.

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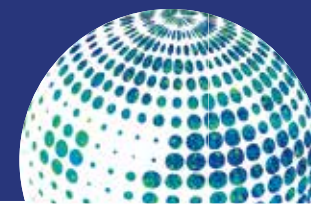
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- Ambassador (a.h.) Michael B. Christides, Co-Chair Executive Committee, Balkans & Black Sea Forum
- Dr. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director, European Public Law Organization

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Session-3 (Connectivity, Mobility, Infrastructure)

- Mr. Konstantinos Fragkogiannis, Deputy Minister, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Session-4 (Soft power, Intercultural cooperation)

- H.E. Ms. Lidija Boskovska, Ambassador of North Macedonia
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