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Piraeus Port Authority



Trading arteries & global supply chains at stake "

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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 stakeholders 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/multilateral cooperation in broader Eurasia.

The Balkans & Black Sea Forum 2024 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 BBSF2024 aspires to pave the way for a sincere, coherent, and constructive exchange of views and dialogue, focusing on Med-ports' spiraling disruptions and the (dis-) order in Transports, Trade and Logistics.

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AGENDA

10.00-10.30: Meet & greet - Registrations

10.30-11.00: Welcome remarks

11.00-12.30: Chapter 1: Geopolitics, Regional Cooperation and Port hubs in the Mediterranean

In focus: The impact of recent Middle East conflicts on navigation, ports, and trade; regional cooperation and China-CEEC Cooperation; development of the Piraeus Port as a green hub of technology; development of Northern Greece's ports; China-Greece cooperation in shipping

12.30-13.00: coffee break

13.00-14.30: Chapter 2: New order and trends in regional connectivity

In focus: Current connectivity status & logistic hubs in the Southeast Mediterranean & Black Sea regions; the Belt and Road Initiative: review & prospects; synergies between the BRI and EU's Global Gateway plan

14.30-14.45: Closing remarks

14.45-15.45: Networking cocktail reception

15.45-17.00: Onsite visit at the Piraeus Port Authority premises

17.00: End of the conference

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- o Forum's language is English
- o Participation is by invitation only
- o Website: <u>Balkans & Black Sea Forum</u>





Leading partner & host

Previous events (links)

Balkans & Black Sea Forum international conferences

- 1st Executive Roundtable 2023, Athens-Greece, 5/7/2023
- 4th international conference, Athens-Greece, 13-14/12/2022
- 3rd international conference, Athens-Greece, 30/5-1/6/2018
- 2nd international conference, Thessaloniki-Greece, 15/9/2017
- 1st international conference, Serres-Greece, 25-26/5/2017

The Organizer

Geo Routes Institute is a nonprofit & nongovernmental organization that plans & develops cultural heritage journeys and events which held under the auspices of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO.

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