



# CIRCULAR PORTS FOR GLOBAL TRADE

## Green Infrastructure And Smart Connectivity

14 March 2026, 10:00-16:15h

Mediterranean Palace Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece

**Organizer:** *Bulgarian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BHCCI)*

**Co-organizers:** *Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)*  
*Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI)*

*The event is held under the patronage of:*

*Ministry of Interior, Region of Macedonia-Thrace, Greece*

*Greek Association of Supply Chain Management (EELBE)*

*Association of Enterprises of the Industrial Area of Thessaloniki (SEVIPETH)*

*Greek Exporters Organization (SEVE)*

## AGENDA

**09:30-10:00** Arrival, Registration of Participants

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**10:00 – 10:15** Welcome Addresses:

**Savvas Karafyllidis**, *Chairman, Bulgarian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

**Tsvetan Simeonov**, *Chairman, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

**Konstantinos Moraitidis**, *First Vice President, Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

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## CONFERENCE START

**10:15 – 10:25** Keynote Speaker:

**Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, *European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism*

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**10:25 – 11:05**

Speakers and Addresses:

**Konstantinos Gkioulekas**, Deputy Minister of Interior (Region of Macedonia–Thrace), Greece

**Traycho Traykov**, Minister of Energy of Bulgaria

**Catherine Tsapikidou**, Embassy Councillor Director, International Relations Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

**Simeon Borisov Saxe-Coburg-Gotha**, Prime Minister of Bulgaria (2001–2005)

**Athina Aidona**, Regional Governor of the Central Macedonia Region, Greece

**Christodoulos Topsisidis**, Regional Governor of the East Macedonia Region, Greece

**Stelios Angeloudis**, Mayor of Thessaloniki, Greece

**11:10 – 11:45**

Keynote Speakers:

**Christos Dimas**, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport of Greece (video attendance)

**Yulian Popov**, Minister of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria

**Grozdan Karadjov**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic Bulgaria (2021–2022; 2025–2026)

**Vasilis Kikilias**, Minister of Shipping and Island Policy of Greece

**11:45 – 11:55**

Keynote Speech:

**Serhat Köksal**, President Black Sea Trade and Development Bank

**Topic:** Financing Instruments for Green Infrastructure in the Black Sea Region



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12:00 – 12:15

Coffee Break

### PANELS

12:15 – 13:15

Panel I: **“Strategic Gateways: Connecting the Aegean to the Black Sea”**

**Moderator: Georgios Kremlis**, *Director at the European Commission and Ambassador of the European Public Law Organization in Bulgaria*

- Thessaloniki: **Ioannis Tsaras**, *CEO, Thessaloniki Port Authority S.A.*
- Constanța: **Mihai Teodorescu**, *General Manager, National Company Maritime Ports Administration Constanța S.A. (video attendance)*
- Kavala: **Angelos Vlachos**, *CEO, Kavala Port Authority S.A.*
- Burgas: **Boris Balev**, *CEO, BMF Port Burgas JSC*
- **Dr. Dimitrios Tsitsamis**, *President of the Board of the Greek Association of Supply Chain Management, Northern Greece (EEL.BE)*
- **Stanislav Yordanov**, *Director General, State Enterprise “Port Infrastructure”, Bulgaria*

13:20 – 14:05

Panel II: **“Ports as Regional Hubs: Smart Technologies and Security”**

**Moderator: Sergey Stanishev**, *Prime Minister of Bulgaria (2005–2009)*

- Varna: **Ivaylo Gavrilov**, *CEO, Port of Varna EAD*
- Alexandroupolis: **Konstantinos Chatzikonstantinou**, *CEO, Alexandroupolis Port Authority S.A.*



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- Ruse: **Ivaylo Bashalov**, *CEO, Ruse Port Complex JSC*
- **Dr. Maria Tzanidaki**, *Principal Manager, PPP Advisory Unit, Sustainable Infrastructure Group (SIG) at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)*
- **Eng. Martin Yanev**, *Chair of the Bureau of the Council of Branch Organisations, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Vice-Chair, Green Transport Cluster, Member, Transport and Logistics Council, International Trade Council, Washington, USA.*

**14:10 – 14:35**

Panel III: **“Circular Ports”**

Moderator: **Garifallia Selimi**, *Deputy Director, EPLO Institute*

- **Monika Stanisheva**, *Chairperson of the Board, Dir.bg and Green Transition Forum*
- **Nikolina Angelkova**, *Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria (2014-2017; 2017-2021)*
- **Efstathios Sideris**, *Chairman, Foreign Investors Council in Greece*
- **Dr. Ivan Petrov**, *President of the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) 2001-2023, Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Bulgarian National Freight Forwarding Association*
- **Symeon Diamantidis**, *President, Greek Exporters Association (SEVE)*

## CLOSING PART

**14:40 – 15:40**

Closing Remarks – Messages from Sponsors



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**Panagiotis Theodorikakos**, *Minister of Development of Greece*

**Topic:** Dynamics in the Development of the Circular Ports and the Importance of Their Connectivity

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Master of Ceremonies: **Sashka Sashova**, *CMO, Power Partner Solutions*

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**16:45**

**Reception by Mr. Konstantinos Gkioulekas**, *Deputy Minister of Interior (Region of Macedonia–Thrace), Greece*

**Location:** *the premises of the Ministry of Interior, Region of Macedonia–Thrace,*  
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