



Location

“Museum” Hall

Thessaloniki Concert Hall – Building M2

25th March Street & Seafront

**“SHIPPING AND NORTHERN GREECE:
CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPECTS”**

MONDAY, JULY 6 2026

09.30-10.00 **Arrival & Registration**

Presentation & Moderation: Maria Samolada, Journalist

Opening: Konstantinos Gioulekas, Deputy Minister of the Interior Macedonia and Thrace

10.00-10.15 **Welcome Addresses**

- Theodoros Livanios, Minister of the Interior
- Evgenia Alexandropoulou-Aigytiadou, President, Thessaloniki Concert Hall Organization
- Christos Galileas, Artistic Director, Thessaloniki Concert Hall Organization
- Georgios Alexandratos, President Hellenic Chamber of Shipping
- Savvas Karafyllidis, President, Bulgarian - Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry

10.15-10.30 **Speech**

**The Infrastructure of Northern Greece: Critical Hubs in the International
Goeconomic Network**

Chirstos Dimas, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport

10.30-10.45 **Speech**

Shipping as a Pillar of Growth, Security, and National Strength

Vasilis Kikilias, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy

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10.45-11.45

Shipping in the 21st Century: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects (*globalization, green shipping, geopolitical developments*)

Moderator:

Panagiotis Krinis, Journalist, TV100

Speakers:

- **Giorgos Alexandratos**, President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping
- **Charalampos Simantonis**, President, Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association (HSSA), President, European Shortsea Network (ESN)
- **Dionysis Theodoratos**, President, Association of Greek Passenger Shipping Companies, Deputy CEO Attica Group
- **George Xiradakis**, President Hellenic Shipping Financiers, CEO XRTC Consultants
- **Danai Bezantakou**, President, Propeller Club (Port of Piraeus), CEO Navigator Shipping Consultants
- **Dr. Kalliopi Chainoglou**, Associate Professor of Public International Law, University of Macedonia
- **Ilias Bisias**, Assistant Professor, University of the Aegean, Publisher “Naftika Chronika”

11.45-12.00

Speech

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, EU Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism

12.00-13.00

Port Infrastructure and Regional Development: The Role of Balkan Ports (*connectivity, investments, ports as development hubs*)

Moderator:

Vasileios Politis, Board Member, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping

Speakers:

- **Angelos Vlachos**, CEO Kavala Port Authority S.A.
- **Konstantinos Chatzikonstantinou**, CEO Alexandroupolis Port Authority S.A.
- **Boris Balev**, CEO BMF Port Burgas

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- **Stella Fassa**, Conventional Cargo Terminal Director, ThPA S.A.
- **Dimitris Vagenas**, Chief Financial Officer Igoumenitsa Port Authority S.A.
- **Ilias Georgantas**, General Manager Sarisa S.A port Filippos II, Kavala

13.-00-13.15

Speech

The Role of Constanța in the Balkans and Europe

Theodoros Skandalidis, Honorary Consul of Greece in Constanța

13.15-14.15

Shipping, Rail and Logistics: Enhancing the Value of Port Investments

Moderator:

Christos Nikolaidis, Journalist

Speakers:

- **Prof. George Ioannou**, Chairman of the Board, Hellenic Railways
- **Symeon Diamantidis**, President, SEVE - Greek Exporters Association
- **Dimitris Tsitsamis**, President, Greek Association of Supply Chain Management
- **Nikolina Angelkova**, CEO Angelkova Law and Consultancy Office, Former Minister of Transport, Former Minister of Tourism, Republic of Bulgaria

14.15-14.30

Speech

The Development of Northern Greece

Konstantinos Gioulekas

Deputy Minister of Interior of Macedonia & Thrace

14.30-15.00

Coffee - lunch break

15:00-15.15

Speech

The Role of Information Technology and Digital Technologies in Shipping

Dimitris Lyras, Ship Operator

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15.15-16.15

Tourism Shipping and Cruises

(cruise development, yachting & marina economy, homeporting opportunities, sustainable maritime tourism)

Moderator:

Lazaros Theodorakidis, Journalist, Editor-in-Chief Voria.gr

Speakers:

- **Georgios Koumpenas**, President, Union of Cruise Ship Owners and Associated Members, COO Celestial Cruises
- **Vasilis Kampakis**, President, Federation of Greek Shipping Agents
- **Konstantinos Tornivoukas**, Vice President, Thessaloniki Hoteliers Association, MoB of Directors, Greek Tourism Confederation (SETE), Chairman and CEO, TOR Hotel Group
- **Stefanos Hadjimanolis**, General Secretary, Association Travel Agencies of Northern Greece
- **Vasilis Politis**, Admiral HN ret. Member of the BoD, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, Tourism and Yachting Rep.
- **Christos Plevritis**, General Manager SANI Marina
- **Giannis Bras**, CEO, Five Senses Consulting

16.15-17.15

Human Resources and Technology in Shipping: Skills, Education, Employment, New Technologies

(education, new skills, labor market, technological changes)

Moderator:

Dimitris Diamantidis, Journalist

Speakers:

- **Vasilis Korkidis**, President, Piraeus Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- **Christos Giordamlis**, CEO, Prisma Electronics S.A.
- **Vassilios Demetriades**, Principal Advisor EU Policy & Government Affairs, HEMEXPO, Former Shipping Deputy Minister to the President of the Republic of Cyprus

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- **Boutsouki Christina**, Professor, Head of the School of Economics, Aristotle University

- **Grigoris Tsagkarakis**, Commodore Hellenic Coast Guard, Director, Merchant Marine Academy of Macedonia

17:15-17:30

Conclusions – Closing Remarks

Konstantinos Gioulekas

Deputy Minister of Interior Macedonia & Thrace

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