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Annual Review

2023

In 2023, AmCham Greece experienced a landmark year, distinguished by a multitude of high-profile conferences, workshops, and other events held across Greece, Europe and the U.S. These gatherings underscored AmCham Greece's unwavering commitment to advocating for sustainable growth, empowering entrepreneurship, and showcasing the country's immense potential and abundant investment and business opportunities. As ever, these events brought together key government representatives, public officials, business leaders, experts, specialists, and other stakeholders, addressing a wide range of crucial topics within the Greek economy and business landscape. This robust engagement highlighted the ongoing dedication and significant contributions of AmCham Greece's committees in promoting best practices. Furthermore, AmCham Greece's new enhanced role within the AmChams in Europe network signifies its growing influence and importance in shaping the future of transatlantic business relations and fostering a collaborative environment for economic development.

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Messages



At AmCham Greece, our dedication to advancing the interests of our member companies remains unwavering. By leveraging our specialized sectoral committees and expansive international network, we continue to enhance the strong bilateral ties between the U.S. and Greece and support comprehensive transatlantic cooperation. We are committed to fostering top-level knowledge-sharing, advocating for progressive policies, and driving economic development across Greece. Our efforts are focused on creating a modern, attractive business environment in Greece, one that is capable of sustainably propelling the nation's economy forward.

Nikolaos Bakatselos

President

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce



The publication of our annual review is an excellent opportunity to showcase our progress and highlight our achievements over the past year. Building on the remarkable success of our 2023 events and initiatives, our Chamber has established a new series of ambitious goals for the future. We aim to support American and Greek businesses by fostering a robust investment environment in our country. Additionally, we are committed to further advancing economic and trade relations between the US and Greece, ensuring a dynamic and prosperous future for all stakeholders involved. Finally, our new role as the AmChams in Europe (ACE) vice chairmanship and Secretariat places us in a pivotal position to promote our mandate, drive strategic initiatives, and reinforce our commitment to sustainable growth and international cooperation. Through these efforts, we strive to create opportunities that will drive sustainable growth and development in both nations.

Elias Spirtounias

Executive Director

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

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Committees

The 25 committees of AmCham Greece play a crucial role in shaping the strategic direction of the Chamber across various sectors. Comprising sectoral experts, these committees organize a range of events, including conferences, exhibitions, trade missions, seminars, and media briefings. They also develop position papers to advance the interests of member companies and influence policy formation, legislation, and government actions. These committees serve as the primary interface between the Chamber, the government, and societal stakeholders, playing an essential role in the Chamber's overall development.

AGROTECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Chair: Athanasios Kouimtzis

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Maria Theodoulidou

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Chair: Pakis Papademetriou

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Coordinator: Katerina Tzagaroulaki

EDUCATION, INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMITTEE

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INSURANCE, SOCIAL SECURITY & LABOR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) COMMITTEE

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LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Coordinator: Ritana Xidou

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Chair: John Kyriakides

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TAXATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Ioannis Stavropoulos

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TOURISM COMMITTEE

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Coordinator: Angeliki Dikeoulia

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Coordinator: Angela Boyatzis

Advocacy

Established in 1932, AmCham Greece is one of the largest, most active, and dynamic American Chambers in Europe. Representing U.S., Greek, and international companies operating in Greece, AmCham Greece is dedicated to fostering a robust, growth-oriented business and investment climate in the country. It is a wholly autonomous, not-for-profit organization that operates without any government subsidies. AmCham Greece is an active member of both the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., and since 2023, serves as the AmChams in Europe network's Secretariat, taking on this pivotal role for the umbrella organization that represents 50 American Chambers of Commerce from 484 countries across Europe and Eurasia.

MISSION STATEMENT

Following its primary mandate, the Chamber's mission is to strengthen economic, business, and trade ties between the United States and Greece. We achieve this by expanding our membership base, advocating effectively, and organizing high-caliber events such as exhibitions, seminars, forums, conferences, and summits on both sides of the Atlantic.

WORKING ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS

AmCham Greece provides clear and evidence-based representation to decision-makers in Greece, Brussels/EU, and Washington DC on behalf of our members. The Chamber's advocacy efforts vividly showcase the robust and mutually beneficial trade and economic relationship between the US and Greece, which in turn benefits the US, the EU, and Greece.

HOW AMCHAM GREECE WORKS

AMCHAM GREECE CONNECTS

Membership in AmCham Greece is accessible to large American corporations, small- and medium-sized businesses operating in Greece, Greek companies of any scale involved in, or intending to engage in, trade with

the United States, as well as non-governmental organizations, associations, and entrepreneurs who align with the Chamber's mission.

AMCHAM GREECE LIAISES

AmCham Greece works closely with and serves as a spokesperson to the government, government agencies, international organizations, business consortiums, and other partners, focusing its efforts on a number of key areas and activities including:

- Building and maintaining channels of communication between the government and the private sector as well as between private sector parties and other stakeholders in the US and Greece to nurture and develop mutually beneficial policies and opportunities
- Creating internationally respected platforms to facilitate the exchange of specialized knowledge, promote best practices and encourage innovation across key areas
- Ensuring the government and relevant government agencies are fully informed on our members' priorities
- Identifying pivotal policy points and putting forward policy proposals designed to enhance Greece's global standing and reputation
- Providing thought leadership on emerging opportunities and current business and economic trends

AMCHAM GREECE ORGANIZES

AmCham Greece is a leading force in creating, admin-

istering and hosting business and industry-specific events, at all levels and scales, including some of the oldest and most prestigious events in their respective fields in Greece and the wider region; these include:

- Major conferences and forums with keynote speakers and participants that include prime ministers, foreign diplomats and dignitaries, senior government officials, industry leaders, policy experts and think tank analysts, thought leaders, and other stakeholders
- Hellenic pavilions at leading global exhibitions
- US pavilions at major international exhibitions in Greece
- Business delegations and trade missions to and from the US as well as other countries in the wider South-eastern Europe region
- Open and closed B2B and B2G networking events

AMCHAM GREECE PUBLISHES

AmCham Greece publications serve as primary communication tools for the Chamber, comprising both regular and ad hoc releases. Regular publications include the Annual Review, offering a comprehensive overview of the Chamber's activities; the Directory, an annual compendium of Chamber members featuring insights into business and economic landscapes, along with essential guidance on conducting business in Greece and the US; and Business Partners, a bimonthly magazine featuring tailored content catering to and about Chamber members. Additionally, our publications encompass sector-specific and informational whitepapers, as well as focused toolkits and guides.

AMCHAM GREECE SPECIALIZES

AmCham Greece leverages the expertise and experience of its members to establish specialized sectoral committees. These committees convene business leaders, specialists, and experts from diverse industries and disciplines to exchange knowledge, foster innovation, and promote the interests of member companies. Committee activities encompass targeted advocacy efforts, focused events and initiatives, specialized reports, as well as policy analysis and the formulation of policy proposals, including recommendations for amendments to government-prepared draft legislation. Additionally, committees strive to provide member companies with valuable information and advice tailored to their specific areas of expertise.

TRADEUSA

At the core of TradeUSA, AmCham Greece's global trade facilitator, lies its fundamental objective: to serve as a dynamic platform for the dissemination of information and crucial insights to support and advance bilateral trade between Greece and the United States. Beyond simply gathering and providing a wealth of up-to-date information, TradeUSA is also committed to monitoring international economic developments, identifying market challenges and gaps, developing strategic recommendations, and sharing its considerable specialized experience and export expertise through a range of diverse initiatives designed to support and facilitate international trade.

Key TradeUSA activities include:

- Empowering workshops and seminars: Educational workshops are at the heart of TradeUSA's work. Focusing on the latest trade trends, these events are essential forums that foster specialized knowledge exchange and promote best practices, with a focus on innovation, among trade stakeholders.
- US FDA updates and assistance: In an ever-evolving regulatory environment, TradeUSA is perfectly poised to assist businesses with the latest U.S. Food and Drug Administration updates, providing expert assistance, ensuring compliance, and fostering smooth interactions with U.S. authorities for successful product exports to the U.S.
- International trade delegations: TradeUSA participates in some of the biggest trade shows in the United States, covering key industries including energy, tourism, and food and beverage. Trade missions lead to impactful connections, foster collaboration, and build strong beneficial relationships.
- Market research reports: Closely monitoring and analyzing today's complex landscape, TradeUSA crafts in-depth market research reports that provide businesses with comprehensive, data-driven insights and forecasts, assisting them in successfully navigating the ins and outs of international trade.

More than an international trade platform, TradeUSA embodies collaboration, information sharing, and strategic growth, aiming to make the world of trade more transparent and accessible and to strengthen the bonds between Greece and the United States, making our countries stronger, more resilient, and prosperous.

2023 Highlights

TRANSATLANTIC CONFERENCE 2023

AmCham Greece attended the annual AmCham EU Brussels Briefing in March 2023, attended by 25 representatives from 15 AmChams in Europe. The event aimed to update colleagues on EU policy developments, share advocacy strategies, and facilitate networking. Workshops on digital and healthcare issues kicked off the program, followed by sessions on transatlantic cooperation and Europe's attractiveness. The Transatlantic Conference, held on the next day, emphasized the importance of a strong transatlantic relationship, particularly regarding green and digital transitions. Speakers from both sides of the Atlantic, including US Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, highlighted the significance of ongoing dialogue through forums like the Trade and Technology Council. Panel discussions delved into key priorities for transatlantic cooperation.

20TH TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMY REPORT

AmCham Greece proudly supported the Transatlantic Economy 2023 report, which provides an extensive overview of transatlantic trade and investment. Independently conducted by Daniel Hamilton and Joseph Quinlan at Johns Hopkins University, the report offers up-to-date data on the economic relationship between Europe and the United States. It includes insights on various topics such as the impact of the Ukraine war, international sanctions on Russia, energy transformations, supply chain reconfigurations, relations with China, and green and digital transitions. Additionally, the report features individual profiles for over 30 European countries, including Ukraine for the first time, as well as all 50 US states.

AMCHAM GREECE AND SIDO SIGN MOU

AmCham Greece and the State International Development Organizations Inc. (SIDO) signed a memorandum of cooperation in March 2023. This partnership aims to advance their joint missions of supporting international commerce and promoting healthy trade

and economic development. Through various activities and events, the collaboration will focus on facilitating international trade and commerce, educating policymakers about the benefits of trade and investments, promoting exports, and fostering connections between Greece and the United States to encourage foreign direct investment opportunities. SIDO is the primary US organization dedicated to supporting state international trade agencies, representing all 50 states to the federal government, and is affiliated with The Council of State Governments.

AMCHAM GREECE MEETS DOS ECA'S MARK HOWARD

AmCham Greece hosted a meeting at its Athens headquarters in March 2023, with Mark Howard, Director for the Office of Private Sector Exchange Program Administration at the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). Howard introduced the Early Career STEM Research Initiative, which facilitates connections between US STEM businesses and research institutions with J-1 exchange visitors seeking STEM training and research experience through State Department-designated BridgeUSA sponsors.

AMCHAM GREECE IN EGYPT

As part of a memorandum of understanding signed three years prior, the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce organized a business mission to Cairo, Egypt, in March 2023. The Greek delegation included ten representatives from eight carefully selected companies spanning industries such as energy, manufacturing, agriculture, recycling, medical equipment, and automobiles. Their objective was to explore potential collaborations with prominent Egyptian businesses, fostering new trade leads, partnerships, and international sales opportunities. During the four-day mission, delegates engaged in briefings and roundtables with senior government officials to gain insights into local policies and business practices. They also

held one-to-one meetings with industry executives to discuss possibilities for representation, direct sales, and joint ventures in the Egyptian market.

BALKAN AMCHAMS COME TOGETHER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AmCham Greece collaborated with AmCham associations from Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Serbia in a productive discussion held in Skopje in April 2023. Recognizing the potential of business associations to drive collective action for enhanced economic cooperation, EU integration, and prosperity in the Southeast Europe (SEE) region, the meeting focused on reinforcing economic collaboration and identifying regional development opportunities. Through initiatives aimed at facilitating the free movement of capital, people, goods, and services, the participating AmChams aim to foster a more favorable business and investment climate across the region. Their ultimate goal is to strengthen regional cooperation by establishing a shared vision and common goals among neighboring countries.

AMCHAMS AROUND THE WORLD ACE 2023 US CONFERENCE

AmCham Greece participated at the AmChams in Europe (ACE) US Conference, held in Washington DC and Houston, Texas in May 2023. The conference, coinciding with ACE's 60th anniversary, aimed to underscore the importance of transatlantic relations, foster relationships, and provide insights into the US economic and political landscape. Participants, including ACE Executive Directors and representatives from American Chambers of Commerce, visited prestigious government institutions, agencies, and corporations, including the US Chamber of Commerce, Department of Commerce and State, and the Export-Import Bank. They engaged in discussions on strengthening business-government relations and gained insights into funding programs

and initiatives aiding US and European enterprises. The conference featured presentations by US Chamber of Commerce leaders, meetings with government officials, and discussions on various topics such as energy, trade, and investment.

USA PAVILION AT DEFEA 2023

The AmCham Greece-organized USA Pavilion at DEFEA (Defense Exhibition Athens) 2023 reaffirmed the strong defense relationship between Greece and the United States, showcasing leading US companies and highlighting opportunities for partnerships and advancements in the field. Held at the Metropolitan Expo exhibition center at Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos in May 2023, DEFEA 2023 was held under the auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of National Defense and the General Directorate of Defense Investments and Armaments (GDDIA), with support from the Hellenic Manufacturers of Defense and Security Material Association (SEKPY). The exhibition served as a prominent platform for defense and security industry leaders, government officials, manufacturers, distributors, and buyers to converge and engage in discussions, fostering collaboration and innovation in the sector.

LAYING FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

AmCham Greece and Purdue University committed in 2023 to collaborate and to enhance mobility opportunities for students, faculty, staff, researchers, and professionals between the US and Greece. Our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aims to facilitate collaborative research, discovery, learning, teaching, and engagement initiatives, as well as provide technical assistance, promote sponsored research, support workforce development, and pursue other mutually agreed educational or research endeavors. This partnership seeks to fuel growth and promote innovation in both countries' economies, contributing to stronger bilateral relations in the academic sector between the US and Greece.

AMCHAM GREECE AT NHS 2023 HERITAGE WEEKEND & CLASSIC IN LAS VEGAS

AmCham Greece participated in the National Hellenic Society's (NHS) 2023 Heritage Weekend & Classic event held in October 2023, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. This gathering brings together the Greek American community to celebrate shared heritage and reflect on achievements while looking forward to future endeavors. AmCham Greece's participation underscores our commitment to strengthening economic, business, and trade relations between the US and Greece, as well as promoting shared values between the two nations, and reaffirmed our support for initiatives that foster closer Greek-US ties, particularly among younger generations.

SHAPING A RESILIENT TOMORROW THE ACE 2023 BEST PRACTICE SHARING CONFERENCE

The AmChams in Europe (ACE) 2023 Best Practice Sharing Conference, held in Athens in September 2023, brought together over 60 representatives from more than 35 AmChams across Europe and Eurasia. Hosted by AmCham Greece, the conference aimed to promote cooperation and transatlantic relations, emphasizing business excellence and a positive transatlantic economy. Established in 1963, ACE serves as the umbrella organization for 46 American Chambers of Commerce, fostering partnerships and achieving shared prosperity. The conference featured discussions, knowledge sharing sessions, and opportunities for networking and collaboration.

THE 10TH HELLENIC PAVILION at AUSA 2023

In October 2023, the AmCham Greece organized the Hellenic Pavilion at the Association of the US Army's (AUSA) Annual Meeting and Exposition for the tenth consecutive year. Held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington DC, the event showcased the latest developments in the defense

and security sector, featuring technology from over 755 defense industry partners. With a record 41,000 registered attendees and representatives from 92 countries, including 20 chiefs of Army, the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition is North America's largest land power exposition and professional development forum. The event provides a platform for networking, launching new products and services, and engaging with military leaders, defense officials, industry executives, and foreign dignitaries, highlighting Greece's innovation and entrepreneurship in the global defense arena.

AMCHAM GREECE UNDERTAKES ACE SECRETARIAT

In November 2023, Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, was appointed as the Vice Chair of AmChams in Europe (ACE), assuming office at the beginning of 2024. He will serve in this capacity for two years, during which time AmCham Greece will also take on the role of the ACE Secretariat. AmChams in Europe, established in 1963, comprises 50 US Chambers of Commerce from 48 countries in Europe and Eurasia. It advocates for the interests of over 17,000 US and European companies, employing more than 20 million people and contributing over \$1.1 trillion in investment across the Atlantic.

WHITE PAPERS 2023

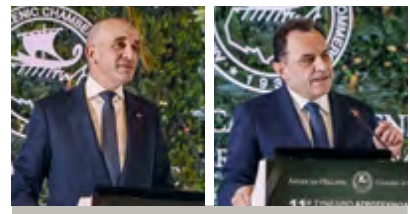
AmCham Greece released the AmCham Greece Committees' White Papers 2023 at the end of the year. This series, initiated in 2021, consolidates the expertise and knowledge of AmCham Greece committees and their members into concise papers. The white papers provide up-to-date information, highlight recent developments, and offer recommendations for their respective sectors. The latest edition presents the committee's positions and recommendations for the year, focusing on short- and long-term reforms necessary for Greece to develop a modern and sustainable economic model, ensuring dynamic and long-lasting growth.

Chamber Activities 2023

Adapting swiftly to the rapid evolution of our times and the transformative influence of AI, AmCham Greece extended its reach across three continents in 2023: Europe, Africa, and the US. This expansion reinforced the Chamber’s global footprint, elevating its strength and influence.



FEBRUARY 17
PORTO PALACE HOTEL, THESSALONIKI
 Agrotechnology Committee
 11th Agrotechnology Conference: “Modern Agrifood Systems in a Circular Economy Framework: Unlocking the Future”



JANUARY 20-21
ATHENS CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION (ACEIN), ATHENS
 NBG Business Seeds – EIE Committee
 Innovation in Greece and the Bodies that Support it 4.0



FEBRUARY 3
THE MET HOTEL, THESSALONIKI
 Northern Greece Committee
 Closed Luncheon with Minister of Tourism Vassilis Kikilias



FEBRUARY 21
ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, ATHENS
 New Year’s Reception, Athens



JANUARY 26
THE MET HOTEL, THESSALONIKI
 New Year’s Reception, Thessaloniki



FEBRUARY 17
KASTELLAKI HALL, THE HERAKLION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, HERAKLION, CRETE
 NBG Business Seeds – EIE Committee
 Innovation in Greece and the Bodies that Support it 4.0



FEBRUARY 23
NJV ATHENS PLAZA, ATHENS
 Public Affairs Luncheon with Deputy Minister of Health Zoe Rapti



MARCH 2
 DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL,
 WASHINGTON DC
 American College Of Greece (ACG)
 – AmCham Greece
 Education as A Pillar of Growth
 and US-Greece Cooperation



MARCH 14
 TGI FRIDAYS (SYNTAGMA), ATHENS
 Leadership Committee
 Leadership Forum



MARCH 20
 AMCHAM GREECE HQ, ATHENS
 AmCham Greece HQ Visit
 by Mark Howard, Director for
 the Office of Private Sector
 Exchange Program Administration
 at the US Department of State's
 Bureau of Educational and Cultural
 Affairs (ECA)



MARCH 2
 IAPR PREMISES, ATHENS
 Taxation Committee – Independent
 Authority For Public Revenue (IAPR)
 International High Level Tax
 Meeting



MARCH 16-17
 UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS
 CULTURAL AND CONFERENCE
 CENTER, PATRA, PELOPONNESE
 NBG Business Seeds –
 EIE Committee
 Innovation in Greece and the
 Bodies that Support it 4.0



MARCH 21-22
 AMCHAM EU
 AmCham Greece Participation
 at the AmCham EU Brussels
 Briefing and Transatlantic
 Conference 2023

MARCH 6
 MOU between AmCham Greece
 and the State International
 Development Organizations Inc.
 (SIDO)



MARCH 18-21
 EGYPT
 AmCham Greece – AmCham Egypt
 Business Mission to Egypt

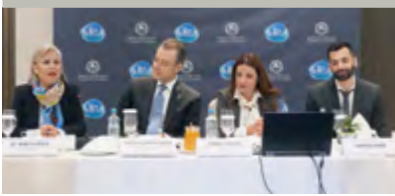


APRIL 5
 GRAND HOTEL MILLENNIUM
 SOFIA, BULGARIA
 AmCham Bulgaria
 AmCham Greece Participation
 at the “Bulgaria in the Eurozone
 – What’s Next for Business”
 conference



MARCH 9
 ACS ATHENS, ATHENS
 EIE Committee – ACS Athens
 Ai Is Here – Where are We?





APRIL 5
NJV ATHENS PLAZA, ATHENS
 Employment Committee
 Closed Working Breakfast with the
 Greek Public Employment Service
 (DYPA)



APRIL 7
KING GEORGE HOTEL, ATHENS
 Public Affairs Luncheon with
 Minister of National Defense
 Nikolaos Panagiotopoulos



APRIL 12
SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA
 AmCham Greece Participation
 at meeting of Balkan AmChams
 focused on regional development

MAY 4-5
OK!THESS, THESSALONIKI
 NBG Business Seeds –
 EIE Committee
 Innovation in Greece and the
 Bodies that Support it 4.0

MAY 4-7
**TIF HELEXPO EXHIBITION CENTER,
 THESSALONIKI**

Culture Committee
 USA Pavilion at Thessaloniki
 International Book Fair (TBF)



MAY 8
**EMBASSY OF THE HELLENIC
 REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON DC**
 Amchams In Europe (ACE)
 Cocktail Reception hosted by
 the Ambassador of Greece to
 the United States, Alexandra
 Papadopoulou in the context of
 the ACE 2023 US Conference



MAY 9-11
**METROPOLITAN EXPO EXHIBITION
 CENTER, ATHENS INTERNATIONAL
 AIRPORT, ATHENS**
 USA Pavilion at Defense Exhibition
 Athens (DEFEA) 2023



MAY 17
**AEGEAN TECHNICAL BASE,
 ATHENS INTERNATIONAL
 AIRPORT, ATHENS**
 Leadership Committee
 Leadership Forum



MAY 30
AMCHAM GREECE HQ, ATHENS
 AmCham Greece HQ Visit and
 MOU signed between AmCham
 Greece and Purdue University



MAY 31
**ACCI'S ATHENS STARTUP BUSINESS
 INCUBATOR (TH.E.A.), ATHENS**
 EIE Committee – Athens Chamber of
 Commerce and Industry (ACCI)
 Business Transformation Stories



JUNE 7
STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION
CULTURAL CENTER, ATHENS
WIB Committee
 7th Women in Business Forum
 “Turning Points to Breakthroughs”



JUNE 20
ON RESIDENCE, THESSALONIKI
 Cocktail Reception honoring
 US Ambassador to Greece
 George J. Tsunis



JUNE 22
MEGARON KARATZA, ATHENS
Hellenic Bank Association – Am-
Cham Greece
 Fit 4 Future Finance “Enabling the
 Sustainable Transition to the Next
 Generation Economy”



JUNE 27
KING GEORGE HOTEL, ATHENS
Microsoft – AmCham Greece
 Closed Roundtable “Europe’s
 Digital Transformation: Embracing
 the AI Opportunity”



JUNE 28
ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL, ATHENS
 Annual General Assembly



JULY 13
HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE,
ATHENS
Corporate Governance Committee
 10th Corporate Governance
 Conference “Business Excellence
 and Corporate Governance”



JULY 18
GIACOMO RESTAURANT, ATHENS
Taxation Committee
 Closed Dinner with Deputy
 Minister of Finance Harry
 Theocharis and George Pitsilis,
 Governor of the Independent
 Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR)

JULY 19
AmCham Greece – Export-Import
Bank of the United States (EXIM Bank)
 Webinar “EXIM Financing Program
 and New Initiatives Webinar”



JULY 20
HOTEL GRAND BRETAGNE, ATHENS
Information Technology and
Communications Committee
 Closed Breakfast with Minister
 of Digital Governance Dimitris
 Papastergiou and US Ambassador
 to Greece George J. Tsunis



SEPTEMBER 5
KING GEORGE HOTEL, ATHENS
Medical Devices and Diagnostics
(MD&D) Committee and
Pharmaceutical Committee
 Closed Luncheon with Minister of
 Health Michalis Chrysochoidis



SEPTEMBER 7
THE MET HOTEL, THESSALONIKI
 3rd Thessaloniki Future Thinking Dialogues (TFTD) “AI in Action: Transforming Business, Work and Life”



SEPTEMBER 14
ATHENS CONSERVATOIRE, ATHENS
 Deloitte – AmCham Greece
 Financial Crime Symposium

SEPTEMBER 16
ATHENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ACCI), ATHENS
 NBG Business Seeds – EIE Committee
 ESG 1.0: Challenges and Opportunities



SEPTEMBER 27-29
ATHENS
 AmChams in Europe (ACE) – AmCham Greece
 ACE 2023 Best Practice Sharing Conference and 60th anniversary celebration



OCTOBER 2-3
ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, ATHENS
 Medical Devices and Diagnostics (MD&D) Committee and Pharmaceutical Committee
 22nd HealthWorld Conference
 “Making Healthcare Reform a Political and Investment Priority”



OCTOBER 5-8
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
 National Hellenic Society
 AmCham Greece Participation at the NHS 2023 Heritage Weekend & Classic

OCTOBER 9-11
WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER, WASHINGTON DC
 10th Hellenic Pavilion at AUSA 2023 Annual Meeting And Exposition



OCTOBER 16
AMCHAM GREECE HQ, ATHENS
 AmCham Greece HQ Visit by student delegations from the University of Florida Warrington College of Business and the Rutgers Business School MBA program



OCTOBER 24
STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION
CULTURAL CENTER, ATHENS
Corporate Responsibility Committee
 21st Corporate Responsibility
 Conference “Links: Pivoting
 the Human Right to Nature into
 Business Reality”



OCTOBER 31
ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL, ATHENS
Taxation Committee
 19th Tax Forum “Tackling Tax
 Evasion: Thinking Out-of-the-Box
 for Future Shifts”



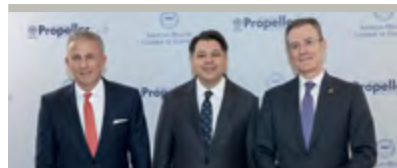
NOVEMBER 1
PIRAEUS MARINE CLUB, ATHENS
Leadership Committee
 Leadership Forum



NOVEMBER 7
THE MET HOTEL, THESSALONIKI
Energy Committee
 7th Southeast Europe
 Energy Forum



NOVEMBER 14
DEREE - THE AMERICAN COLLEGE
OF GREECE, ATHENS
Employment Committee
 6th Youth Talks Workshop “Agility
 Beyond the Jargon”



NOVEMBER 20
ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL, ATHENS
 Thanksgiving Dinner



NOVEMBER 24
THE MET HOTEL, THESSALONIKI
Agrotechnology Committee
 Closed Luncheon with Minister
 of Rural Development and Food
 Leteris Avgenakis



NOVEMBER 28
ALEXANDER INNOVATION ZONE
(AIZ) PREMISES, THESSALONIKI
EIE Committee
 Business Transformation Stories



DECEMBER 4-5
ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL, ATHENS
 34th Greek Economic Summit
 “Fostering a Sustainable
 Economic Future Amidst Global
 Challenges”



DECEMBER 19
THE MET HOTEL, THESSALONIKI
Northern Greece Committee
 Closed Luncheon with Minister
 of Infrastructure and Transport
 Christos Staikouras

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