



## **Bulgaria Meets the Euro:**

### ***Integration and Economic Perspectives***

**Co-organized by Bulgarian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
and Green Transition Forum**

***TIF HELEXPO, SEPTEMBER 6-14, 2025***

#### **DAY 1, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, SUNDAY**

**09:30 - 10:00     Registration & Welcome Coffee**

**10:00 - 10:15     Welcome Address from the Organizers:**

- **Savvas Karafyllidis**, President, Bulgarian-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Monika Stanisheva**, Founder of GTF and President of the Board of [Dir.bg](http://Dir.bg)

**10:15 - 10:30     Opening keynote:**

- **Konstantinos Gioulekas**, Deputy Minister of Interior, sector of Macedonia and Thrace of Hellenic Republic

**10:30 - 11:15     Roadmap to Euro: Strategic Priorities for Bulgaria and Lessons learn from Greece**

**Moderator: Sergei Stanishev**, Prime Minister of Bulgaria (2005-2009), Member of SFC, GTF

#### **Speakers:**

- **Kyriakos Pierrakakis**, Minister of Economy and Finance of the Hellenic Republic (tbc)
- **Petar Dilov**, Minister of Economy and Industry of Bulgaria (tbc)

- **Industry stakeholder**

**11:15 - 11:45    Navigating Eurozone Integration: Strategic Insights from the Bulgarian and Greek Central Banks**

- **Petar Chobanov** , Deputy Governor of the Bulgarian National Bank (tbc)
- **Theodoros Pelagidis**, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Greece

**11:45 - 12:00    Coffee Break**

**12:00 - 12:45    Bridging Regions, Boosting Growth: Greek-Bulgarian Collaboration in Infrastructure and Connectivity**

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

**Speakers:**

- **Panagiotis Theodorikakos**, Minister of Development of the Hellenic Republic
- **Grozdan Karadzhov**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport and Communications of Bulgaria
- **Konstantinos Kyranakis**, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport of the Hellenic Republic (tbc)

**12:30 - 13:15    The Euro introduction and it's Economic Impact: Unlocking Growth, Investment, and Access to Finance**

**Moderator: Sophia Kassidova**, Head of Strategy and Green Policies, BDB (tbc)

**Speakers:**

- **Martin Danovsky**, Deputy Minister of Innovation and Growth of Bulgaria
- **Ismeni Papakyriilou**, Executive Director, Hellenic Development Bank (tbc)

**13:15 - 13:45      Fireside Chats:**

**1. Bulgaria at the Forefront of Solar Energy: Innovation, Infrastructure, and Industrial Leadership**

**Speakers:**

- **Kaloyan Staykov**, Chairman of the Board, Energy Management Institute (EMI)
- **Veselin Todorov**, President, Solar Academy, Bulgaria

**2. Energy Connectivity, E-Fuels and Low Carbon Energy Solutions: Perspectives from Industry Leaders**

**Speakers:**

- **Kaloyan Staykov**, Chairman of the Board, Energy Management Institute (EMI) in Bulgaria
- **Svetoslav Benchev**, Chairman of Bulgarian Petroleum and Gas Association

**13:45 - 15:30      Banking on the Euro: Is the Private Sector Ready for Bulgaria's Eurozone Entry**

- Insights from leading stakeholders from banking sector

**DAY 2, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, MONDAY:**

**16:00 – 18:00      Doing Business in the Eurozone: Everything Businesses Should Know.**

- Seminar, organized by Baker Tilly for the Small and Medium Enterprises, Business Representatives and Members of the BHCCI, / followed by Q&A Session

**18:00 – 22:00      Networking and B2B Meetings**



**DAYS 3-7, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, TUESDAY TO SUNDAY:**

**16:00 – 22:00    Presentations of the BHCCI Members;  
Networking Opportunities and B2B meetings**