



LOGISTICS EXPO 2026

Friday 16th, October, 2026

13.30 – 17.00 **Thessaloniki as a Regional Logistics Hub:
Challenges, Opportunities, and Strategic Perspectives by GASCN**

13:30-13:50 **Welcome Addresses**

Konstantinos Gkioulekas, Deputy Minister of the Interior – Macedonia and Thrace Sector
Kostas Gioutikas, Vice Governor of the Metropolitan Unit of Thessaloniki & Vice Governor for Development and Environment, Region of Central Macedonia
Stelios Angeloudis*, Mayor of Thessaloniki
Mairy Efthymiatou, Chief Editor SC&L magazine - Organizer LOGI.C events
Dr. Dimitrios Tsitsamis, President, Greek Association of Supply Chain Management (GASCN)

13:50-14:00 **Fireside Chat**

SC&L Magazine in Conversation with **Dr. Ioannis Tsaras**, CEO, ThPA S.A. - Port of Thessaloniki

14:00-14:50 **Roundtable A "Thessaloniki's Prospects as a Transport Hub"**

Makarios Papadopoulos, President, Chamber of Small & Medium Sized Industries of Thessaloniki (VETh)
Kyriakos Merelis, President, Thessaloniki Chamber of Professionals (EETh)
Konstantinos Moraitidis, Vice President, Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EBETh)
Dr. Panagiotis Ketikidis, President, Alexander Innovation Zone S.A. - Vice President for Research and Innovation, University of York Europe Campus – National Representative of Greece, European Innovation Council (EIC)
Panayiotis Hassapis, Executive Vice President, SEVE - Greek Exporters Association
Nikolaos Fokas, Commercial Director, Port of Thessaloniki S.A. (ThPA)

Moderator: Dr. Dimitrios Tsitsamis, President, Greek Association of Supply Chain Management

14:50-15:00 **Main Speech**

Mrs. Diana Cristescu, General Secretary, Freight Forwarders Association of Romania (USER)

15:00-15:10 **Keynote Speech**

Mr. Karlov Rumen, Manager, Large Infrastructure Projects, Ministry of Transport of Bulgaria

* Invited



15:10-15:50

Roundtable B "Challenges for the Logistics Development of Northern Greece & Cross-Border Cooperation"

Savvas Karafyllidis, President, Bulgarian Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Prof. Simeon Ananiev*, President, Green Transport Center - GTC, Bulgaria

Karlo Zmajsek, Transport Logistics Manager, Makpetrol – President, Macedonian Association of International Freight Forwarders and Logistics Operators (MIFA)

Moderator: Dr. Stavros Karamperidis, Associate Professor in Maritime Economics and Logistics, International Hellenic University

15:50-16:00

Presentation

Cross-Border Research Study "Cyprus–Northern Greece 2026: Common Prospects, Supply Chain Flows and Regional Development"

Giorgos Loizidis, President, Cyprus Association of Supply Chain & Operations Professionals; General Manager, iMinder; Director, ECR CYPRUS

16:00-16:45

Roundtable C "How Does the Private Sector View Supply Chain Operations? Recommendations for Northern Greece and International Cooperation"

Anastassios Manos, President and Chief Executive Officer, DOTSOFT SA

Dimitris Bleris, Managing Director, UTILIZE

Dr. Andreas Zervos, Chief Operating Officer, Mobile Technology

Christos Athanasiadis, Chief Executive Officer, ROBOVISION

Giorgos Loizidis, President, Cyprus Association of Supply Chain & Operations Professionals; General Manager, iMinder; Director, ECR CYPRUS

Chrysanthos Marouchos, Director, Value Creation Consulting Ltd

Moderator: Mairy Efthymiatou, Editor-in-Chief, SC&L magazine

16:45-17:00

Discussion – Conclusions – Closing Remarks

Dr. Dimitrios Tsitsamis, President, Greek Association of Supply Chain Management