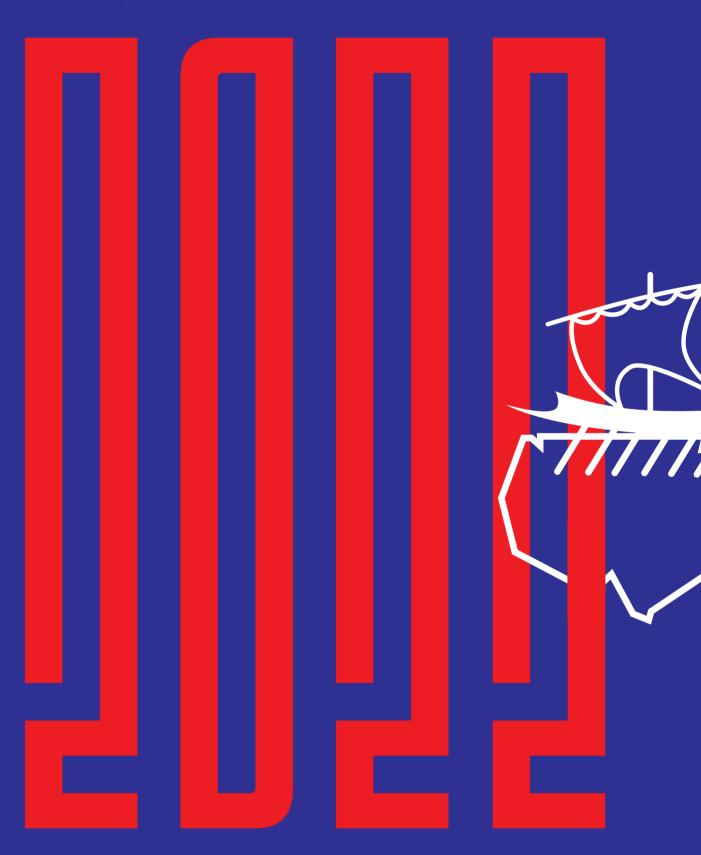
# **Annual Review**



2022 was an extraordinary year for AmCham Greece. With an overwhelming number of high profile conferences, workshops and other events, either entirely online or in hybrid format, throughout Greece and in the U.S., AmCham Greece continues to advocate sustainable growth, to empower entrepreneurship, and to showcase the country's potential and its wealth of investment and business opportunities.

As always, the various events brought together key government representatives and public officials, business leaders, experts, specialists, and other stakeholders and covered a range of key topics in crucial areas of the Greek economy and business land-scape, showcasing the ongoing commitment and valuable contribution of AmCham Greece's committees to promoting best practices.

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## Messages



At AmCham Greece, we are committed to advancing the interests of member companies and contributing to top-level knowledge-sharing, policies advocacy, and economic development in the country. Working through our specialized sectoral committees and extensive international network, we will continue to strengthen the close bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Greece and support transatlantic cooperation at all levels, while also working to establish a modern and attractive business environment in Greece, capable of sustainably driving the country's economy.

Nikolaos Bakatselos President American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce



Building on an exceptionally successful program of events and initiatives in 2022, our Chamber has set a new series of ambitious goals for the future, aiming to support American and Greek business and contribute to a robust investment environment in our country, secure a larger and more dynamic presence in U.S. markets, and establish more international partnerships across the Mediterranean and the Balkans, as well as to further advance economic and trade relations between the United States and Greece.

Elias Spirtounias

Executive Director

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

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### **Committees**

The 23 committees of AmCham Greece help formulate the strategic sectoral roles of the Chamber. Sectoral experts, members of each committee, organize events such as conferences, exhibitions, trade missions, seminars, and media briefs, as well as develop position papers, in order to advance the interests of member companies and assist in policy formation, legislation, and government action. Committees are the core interface of the Chamber vis-à-vis the government and societal stakeholders and play an essential role in the Chamber's overall development.

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Elina Konstantinou, Kiara Konti, Siana
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Melios, Manina Menidiati, Sotiris
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Vassilis Makios, Barbara Mergou,
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Papapanagiotou, Peggy Pelonis,
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Nounis, Antouaneta Oikonomopoulou,
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George Plomaritis, Alkiviadis Poulias,
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### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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Panayotopoulos, Andreas
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Yannis Tsakalos
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Alexandra Konida, Agnes Mariakaki,
Zozeta Miliopoulou, Martha Mylona,
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## **Advocacy**

Established in 1932, AmCham Greece is one of the largest, most active and most dynamic American Chambers in Europe. AmCham Greece speaks for US, Greek and international companies operating in Greece and aims to ensure the development of a strong, growth-orientated business and investment climate in the country. It is a wholly autonomous, not-for-profit organization and receives no subsidy from any government body. AmCham Greece is an active member of the US Chamber of Commerce in Washington DC and AmChams in Europe, the umbrella organization for 46 American Chambers of Commerce from 44 countries throughout Europe and Eurasia.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Following its primary mandate, the Chamber strives for the enhancement of the economic, business and trade relations between the United States and Greece, through increased membership, effective advocacy and organization of top-quality events, exhibitions, seminars, forums, conferences, and summits on both sides of the Atlantic.

### **WORKING ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS**

AmCham Greece presents clear and evidence-based representation to decisionmakers in Greece, Brussels/ EU and Washington DC on behalf of our members. The Chamber's advocacy work clearly demonstrates the strength and depth of the two-way US-GR trade and economic relationship that has benefited the US, the EU and Greece.

### **HOW AMCHAM GREECE WORKS**

### **AMCHAM GREECE CONNECTS**

AmCham Greece membership is open to major US corporations and small- and medium-size businesses that do business in Greece, Greek companies of all sizes that engage, or plan to engage, in trade with the United States, and NGOs, organizations and entrepreneurs that share a common interest in 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, administering 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 Southeastern Europe region
- Investment Roadshows in the US, organized in co-operation with the Athens Exchange Group
- Open and closed B2B and B2G networking events

### **AMCHAM GREECE PUBLISHES**

AmCham Greece publications are one of the Chamber's foremost interface tools and include a number of regular as well as ad hoc publications. Regular publications the Annual Review, providing an overview of the Chamber's activities; the Directory, an annual index of the Chamber's members that includes an overview of business and economic developments as well as essential information on doing business in Greece and the US; and Business Partners, a bimonthly magazine with specially curated content for and about Chamber members. Other publications include sectorial and informational whitepapers and targeted toolkits and guides.

### **AMCHAM GREECE SPECIALIZES**

AmCham Greece draws upon the expertise and experience of its members to create specialized sectoral committees that bring together business leaders, specialists and experts from across a variety of industries and disciplines to share knowledge, develop new initiatives and advance the interests of the member companies. Committee activities include targeted advocacy work, focused events and actions, specialized reports, as well as policy analysis and development of policy proposals, including proposing changes to draft legislation prepared by the government. Committees also aim to supply AmCham Greece member companies with useful information and advice in their respective areas of expertise.

### **TRADEUSA**

Established in 2013, TradeUSA is the international trade department of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Through a multitude of actions and initiatives, it provides invaluable information, insight, support, and guidance to Greek companies seeking to successfully enter and/or further expand their export opportunities in the US market. TradeUSA regularly organizes targeted workshops and seminars for aspiring exporters in cities across Greece, in collaboration with local authorities, and also provides oneon-one consulting services, including on regulatory compliance with the FDA. Through a host of trade missions, exhibitions and B2B meetings, it creates networking opportunities to bring Greek exporters together with US importers, distributors and buyers. In 2016, TradeUSA also launched the annual ExportUSA Forum, which is the only forum in Greece focusing solely on exporting to the US market...

## 2022 Highlights

# AmCham Greece Celebrates 90-Year Anniversary 1932–2022

### **Broadening Horizons**

AmCham Greece is today among the most active and vocal business associations leading efforts to increase trade and investment between Greece and the United States, improve the legislative and policy framework, empower private sector growth through support of innovation and best practices, promote corporate responsibility, and bolster the economy for the benefit of all.

Established in 1932 in Athens, Greece, with a mission to foster commercial, financial and business relations between Greece and the United States, AmCham Greece has been steadily growing over the years—in membership as well as in significance in and contribution to the country's business and economic land-scape—the Chamber has resolutely pursued its mission, becoming one of the largest, most active and dynamic American Chambers in Europe and has become a household name among the Greek business and entrepreneurship community and is also known and respected far beyond the country's borders for its unrelenting commitment to fulfilling its mandate.

Working through a number of highly focused sectoral groups-23 committees and the Institute on Economic Policy and Public Governance—the Chamber harnesses the knowledge, knowhow and expertise of its people and members to develop and implement a range of pertinent initiatives, give its membership a voice at the table in top-level discussions, engage with senior decisionmakers and promote policies and actions that contribute to bolstering trade and commerce between the US and Greece. In its daily operations, the Chamber supports its members in navigating the complex local and international trade environment, affords them access to its many services and resources and promotes their best interests, while at the same time working to create opportunities for further growth and development across economic sectors and deploying effective advocacy and a program of high-profile events to help create new business synergies and trade and investment opportunities. In all its endeavors, the Chamber emphasizes the importance of the transatlantic economy and strives to further develop the close relationship between Greece and the United States, serving as a crucial economic bridge between the two countries. In the nine decades since it was established, the Chamber has remained unwavering in the pursuit of its mission, standing by its members, the business community and the country. With commitment and perseverance, the Chamber has played an important role in overcoming obstacles, reshaping policy and forging the path ahead for the country's economic and business environment. The outstanding quality and results of its efforts have earned it high esteem and a strong and ever-growing membership that includes virtually all US companies that do business in Greece and Greek companies that do, or plan to do, business in the United States.

Looking to the future, AmCham Greece pledges to continue its work to promote Greek business and enhance trade, commercial and financial relations between Greece and the United States, ever striving for a healthy and dynamic business environment, strong and sustainable growth, and a stable and prosperous future for Greece.

## Congratulatory Letter by US Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo

During the course of at the virtual New Year's Reception on February 3, President Bakatselos also read aloud a congratulatory letter from United States Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo sent on the occasion of the chamber's 90th anniversary, which recognized the Chamber's role as "an extremely valuable partner in [the] joint efforts to strengthen US-Greek economic relations" and "a key force behind Greece's ability to successfully revitalize its economy." AmCham Greece is honored to be recognized for its contribution in strengthening US-Greek economic relations and for being a key force in helping to successfully revitalize the Greek economy.

### **Closed Meeting with DAS Olson**

A delegation of AmCham Greece held a closed working breakfast meeting with Erika Olson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State overseeing policy for Southern Europe and the Caucasus, to discuss a broad range of issues relating to US-Greece relations and the potential for further development of trade and investment

between the two countries, as well as issues relating to regional cooperation, stability and security and the broader, global economic and business environment. The meeting took place in Athens on February 16. In attendance were DAS Olson, high ranking representatives of the United States Embassy in Athens and an AmCham Greece delegation.

### **Solidarity With Ukraine**

AmChams in Europe, the umbrella organization for 46 AmChams in 44 countries across Europe and Eurasia, stood in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. The ongoing invasion of Ukraine violates international law and endangers peace and security across the region. It poses a clear threat to fundamental values of human dignity, democracy, rule of law, and solidarity. Our thoughts went out to all the individuals who are directly impacted across the region, including our fellow AmCham colleagues, their members, partners, and relatives. Our network brings together individuals and organizations with deep ties across Europe and Eurasia, and around the world. It is built upon a strong belief in the importance of cooperation, dialogue and cultural understanding. The military actions underway jeopardize those ideals. AmChams in Europe supports all ongoing efforts to avoid further escalation, protect civilians and safeguard security and prosperity across the region.

### **AmCham Greece Signs MoU with Elevate Greece**

With an eye to boosting the country's startup ecosystem AmCham Greece and Elevate Greece, a Greek government initiative to identify and support promising startups, signed a memorandum of understanding on March 10. The collaboration aims at training, mentoring and providing networking opportunities for startups, and will build on the Chamber's extensive business network and decades of knowhow and expertise in driving the growth of entrepreneurship and innovation in the country. In the context of the MoU, AmCham Greece aims to help create a solid foundation for the development of competitive and innovative products and services, facilitate their access to international markets, contribute to creating employment opportunities for young scientists, and create added value for the country.

### **Business Beyond Borders: Skopje**

AmCham Greece and the American Chamber of Commerce in North Macedonia jointly organized "Business Beyond Borders," a trade mission to Skopje that took place on March 21-22, with the support of the US Embassy in Greece and the US Embassy in North Macedonia. With a focus on North Macedonia's business and investment environment, the trade mission gave participants an opportunity to access in-depth and up-to-date information on the country's growing market and explore the range of local investment opportunities.

### **Meeting With US DAS Lochman**

US Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Diplomacy in the Bureau of Energy Resources at the US Department of State Laura Lochman participated in a breakfast meeting hosted by AmCham Greece on April 6. The discussion focused on the general landscape of the energy sector in Greece today, the strategy for energy diversification and adequacy, prospects in renewables and hydrogen, e-mobility, and energy conservation. Participants had the opportunity to highlight Greece's potential as a key energy hub and producer, and the role it can play regionally and for Europe in general, and discussed current and upcoming investment opportunities in Greece's energy sector.

# AmCham Greece hosts U.S. Ambassador to Turkey Jeffry L. Flake

AmCham Greece President, Executive Director and Members of the Board had a breakfast meeting with US Ambassador to Turkey Jeffry Flake on April 7 and discussed the prospects for enhancing business and trade relations between the two countries.

# AmCham Greece Bids Farewell to Outgoing Ambassador Pyatt

AmCham Greece bade farewell to outgoing US Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey R. Pyatt, marking the end of his six-year term with twin receptions in Thessaloniki and in Athens. During the latter, which took place on May 5, the Chamber's Executive Committee and Board of Directors presented Ambassador Pyatt, an avid cyclist, with an official jersey of the Greek national cycling team as well as a commemorative scroll. Over the past six years, AmCham Greece has forged inseparable ties

that will continue in the Ambassador's new role as US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources.

### AmCham Greece Welcomes New US Ambassador Tsunis

On May 10, Ambassador George James Tsunis presented his credentials to President of the Hellenic Republic Katerina Sakellaropoulou, officially taking up his position as the new Ambassador of the United States to Greece. AmCham Greece extends its heartfelt welcome to Ambassador Tsunis on his appointment and looks forward to working together to further strengthen the close partnership between Greece and the United States.

### The Transatlantic Economy 2022 - Annual Survey

AmCham Greece, with its 90 years of actively promoting and supporting transatlantic relations, proudly welcomes the latest annual Transatlantic Economy 2022 report.

# AmCham Greece's Spring 2022 Mission to the US

This May, AmCham Greece traveled to the United States for a series of top-level meetings, showcasing Greek business, advocating for its members, and exploring opportunities for Greece, Greek companies and the Chamber itself to forge meaningful partnerships and make headway in vital sectors and fields including energy, gender equity and transatlantic cooperation.

# AmCham Greece-DYPA Survey Skills For The New Normal

In the context of AmCham Greece's MoU with the Greek Public Employment Service (DYPA) to improve the matching of supply and demand in the Greek labor market, we are calling on Chamber members to take part in a specially developed survey designed to identify the skills employers are looking for in order to thrive in the new normal. The survey's findings will be used to develop targeted educational programs and initiatives for DYPA's vocational training institutes (IEK), vocational apprenticeship schools (EPAS) and reskilling programs with the goal of improving skills matching in the country, which currently ranks 30th out of 31 on Cedefop's European Skills Index 2022.

# AmCham Greece Hosts US Congressional Delegation

On July 6, AmCham Greece a working luncheon for the US Congressional Delegation led by Congressman Gregory Meeks, Chair of the United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs. The luncheon was further attended by United States Ambassador to Greece George James Tsunis, as well as US Embassy officials and AmCham Greece members, who had the opportunity to exchange insights and discuss key issues concerning the economic, trade and business relations between Greece and the United States as well as how these are affected by ongoing global developments.

### **Annual General Assembly and Election 2022**

Amcham Greece convened its Annual General Assembly on June 29 in Athens. Chamber members assembled for an overview of the Chamber's activities, initiatives and output over the past year, which highlighted the work of the Chamber's various specialized committees, and a review of the financial data for that period. The agenda of the 2022 Annual General Assembly also included the Chamber's triennial elections, with members casting their vote for the 25 members of the new Board of Directors, who subsequently convened on July 1 to vote for the Executive Committee and to appoint, on merit, a further six honorary members to the Board. The vote formally confirmed the reelection of Nikolaos Bakatselos as President of AmCham Greece for a second three-year term.

### **AmCham Greece and HDB Sign an MoU**

AmCham Greece and the Hellenic Development Bank (HDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on November 29 and joined forces to boost Greek entrepreneurship through a series of targeted actions and initiatives that will build on the Chamber's significant expertise and contact network, committing to develop, organize and implement synergies between the two organizations aimed at promoting and enhancing entrepreneurship in the country. The partnership will focus on enhancing the extroversion of Greek businesses and promoting technology transfer, knowledge exchange, and the dissemination of good practices.

### **Chamber Activities 2022**

Exhibiting fast reflexes, AmCham Greece began hosting digital events as early as May 2020 in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Almost three years later, in 2022, AmCham Greece is happy to be hosting conferences, workshops and other events in physical presence once again and less in hybrid format.



FEBRUARY 3
HYBRID
ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL
New Year's Reception



FEBRUARY 21
HYBRID
THESSALONIKI
Agrotechnology Committee
10th Agrotechnology Conference





MARCH 4-6
ATHENS
Culture Committe
Cultural Tribute to Liberty



MARCH 10

AMCHAM GREECE OFFICES

MoU sign - AmCham Greece &

Ministry of Development and

Investments



MARCH 21-22 SKOPJE - NORTH MACEDONIA Trade Mission to Skopje

### **APRIL 4**

# ATHENS, NJV ATHENS PLAZA Energy Committee

Closed breakfast meeting for the presentation by Katerina Sokou of the energy report with the participation of Minister of Energy Kostas Skrekas, US Ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt, Ben Haddad of Atlantic Council and sponsor companies of the report.



APRIL 4
ATHENS, NJV ATHENS PLAZA
Energy Committee

Working Breakfast Meeting with Minister of Environment and Energy Kostas Skrekas, US Ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt, and AmCham Greece Energy Committee



APRIL 6
AMCHAM GREECE OFFICES
Energy Committee
Closed Breakfast meeting w

Closed Breakfast meeting with Laura Lochman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State



### **APRIL 7**

## HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE, ATHENS

Closed Breakfast meeting with United States Ambassador to Turkey Jeffry Flake

### **APRIL 27**

### ATHENS CLUB, ATHENS

Closed luncheon with guest speaker President of DHSY Averof Neofytou



### MAY 4

THESSALONIKI, TIF HELEXPO-AIMILIOS RIADIS HALL 5th Tourism Conference

### MAY 5

### **VIRTUAL EVENT**

Real Estate & Development Committee

Closed Virtual Meeting with General Secretary of Spatial Planning and Urban Environment, Efthymios Bakoyiannis

#### MAY 11

### ATHENS, HOTEL KING GEORGE

Public Affairs Committee Luncheon with guest speaker Yannis Stournaras, Governor, Bank of Greece



### **MAY 16-18**

WASHINGTON DC, ATLANTIC COUNCIL

**Energy Committee** 

Energy Delegation and Official launching of Energy Report

### **MAY 24**

## VIRTUAL EVENT ATHENS

The impact of the Pandemic on the social security system and working environment



### **MAY 26**

VIRTUAL EVENT ATHENS

Corporate Responsibility Committee 8th Sustainable Talks

#### **MAY 27**

### **THESSALONIKI**

Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Committee

"Innovation in Northern Greece" An event organized by National Bank of Greece in cooperation with AmCham Greece

### JUNE 1

### **ATHENS**

### **Employment Committee**

Launching of questionnaire on skills and labor market in cooperation with DYPA



## JUNE 8 VIRTUAL

ATHENS

Taxation Committee
Tax News and Views



### JUNE 9

ATHENS, METROPOLITAN EXPO

Trading in US Waters Seminar and Shark Tank Event at Posidonia Fair



**JUNE 21** VIRTUAL EVENT **ATHENS** Trade USA



TradeUSA State-by-State Insights webinar



**BRETAGNE Tourism Committee** Round table discussion with key stakeholders for Tourism and Investments with the participation of Minister of Tourism Vassilis Kikilias, Minister of Development and Investments Adonis Georgiadis and the Ambassador of the United States George Tsunis

ATHENS, HOTEL GRANDE

**JUNE 27** 



**JUNE 27-28** THESSALONIKI, THE MET HOTEL 2nd Thessaloniki Future Thinking Dialogues (TFTD) 2022

### **JUNE 29** ATHENS, HOTEL GRANDE **BRFTAGNF**

**Annual General Assembly** Meeting/ Elections for the new **Board of Directors** 



**JULY 6** ATHENS, ELECTRA PALACE Public Affairs Committee Luncheon with guest speaker Kostas Bakogiannis, Mayor of Athens



**JULY 6** ATHENS, HOTEL GRANDE **BRETAGNE** 

Closed Luncheon on the occasion of the U.S. Congressional Delegation visit, led by the Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Gregory Meeks

**JULY 18** ATHENS, HOTEL GRANDE **BRETAGNE** 

Closed working-luncheon with guest speaker Kostas Tsiaras, Minister of Justice



**SEPTEMBER 8 HYBRID** THESSALONIKI, PWC PREMISES Turning Crisis into Opportunities for Greece



**SEPTEMBER 9** THESSALONIKI, THE MET HOTEL **Energy Committee** 6th Southeast Europe Energy Forum



**SEPTEMBER 13** THESSALONIKI, I. VELLIDIS **CONGRESS CENTER** 

AmCham Greece Digital Talks and Events @ 3rd Thessaloniki Helexpo Forum



**SEPTEMBER 16** 

THESSALONIKI, I. VELLIDIS CONGRESS CENTER

Northern Greece an International Center of Innovation: Extroversion and Challenges



**SEPTEMBER 19** 

THESSALONIKI, THE MET HOTEL Agrotechnology Committee

Closed Luncheon, organized by AmCham Greece Agrotechnology Committee, with guest speaker Minister George Georgantas, Ministry of Rural Development and Food



**SEPTEMBER 21** 

ATHENS, ATHENAEUM
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
Circular Economy Committee
1st Litter Free East Med Forum



**SEPTEMBER 26** 

ATHENS, GRAND HYATT HOTEL Corporate Responsibility Committee 20th CR conference





**OCTOBER 3** 

ATHENS, GRAND HYATT HOTEL WIB Committee 6th WIB Forum





**OCTOBER 5-6** 

ATHENS, ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL Pharmaceutical Committee and Medical Devices & Diagnostics Committee

21st HealthWorld Conference





**OCTOBER 10-12** 

WASHINGTON DC, WALTER WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER

AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition 9th Hellenic Pavilion





OCTOBER 20
ATHENS, SARACAKIS PREMISES
Leadership Committee
Leadership Forum





OCTOBER 31
ATHENS, ATHENAEUM
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
Corporate Governance Committee
9th Corporate Governance
Conference





NOVEMBER 21
ATHENS, ATHENAEUM
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
Taxation Committee
18th Tax Forum





NOVEMBER 22
ATHENS, ATHENAEUM
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
Thanksgiving Dinner

### **NOVEMBER 24**

ATHENS, HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Committee Closed working luncheon with guest speaker, Niki Kerameus, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs



DECEMBER 5-6
ATHENS, ATHENAEUM
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
GES-Greek Economic Summit
Organizing Committee
33rd Greek Economic Summit



### **DECEMBER 12**

ATHENS, GRAND HYATT NEW GES-Greek Economic Summit Organizing Committee Dinner with Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis



DECEMBER 13 VIRTUAL EVENT ATHENS Trade USA 7th Export Forum

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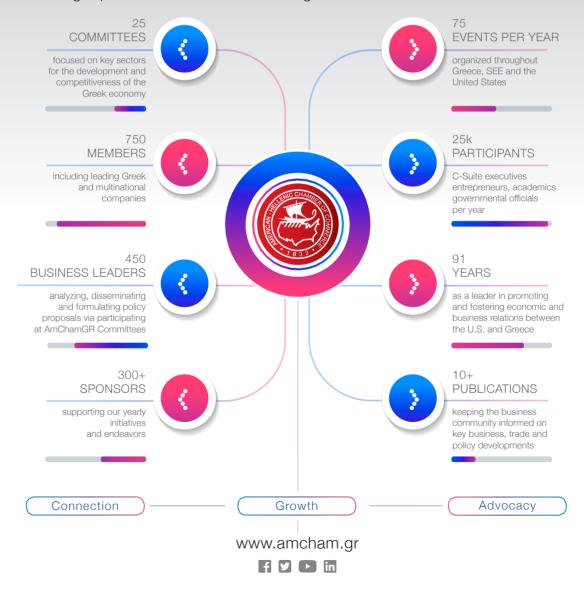
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