



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 7th, 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

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 Karadzhev**, 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 8th, 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 9th-14th, TUESDAY TO SUNDAY:

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