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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

November 6, 2026 Sofia Hotel Balkan, Sofia

"VERTICAL CORRIDOR. PERSPECTIVES ON TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN THE
BALKAN PENINSULA. THE ROLE OF BULGARIA AND GREECE"

Event Host: Gabriela Dimitrova, Director of International Relations at the
Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)

10:30 ORGANIZERS' WELCOME ADDRESSES:

1. **Savvas Karafyllidis**, President of the Hellenic-Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HBCCI)
2. **Tsvetan Simeonov**, President of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI)
3. **Todor Ivandzhikov**, President of the Bulgarian Aviation Industry Association (BAIA)
4. **Dragomir Doru**, President of the Bilateral Chamber of Commerce Bulgaria - Romania (BCCBR)

10:50 OPENING



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Rumen Radev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

11:15 Georgi Peev, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Bulgaria

11:30 Ivan Shishkov, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria

11:45 Christos Dimas, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport of the Hellenic Republic

12:15 Atanas Pekanov, Deputy Prime Minister for EU Funds Management of Bulgaria

12:30 Aleksadar Pulev, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, Investments and Industry of Bulgaria

12:45 PANEL I

Dimitris Skalkos, Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Openness of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Anna Natova, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of Bulgaria, with special portfolio for water transport and ports

Angeliki Samara, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Thessaloniki Port Authority (ThPA S.A.)

Ioannis Tsaras, Chief Executive Officer of the Thessaloniki Port Authority (ThPA S.A.)

Boris Balev, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Member of the Board of Directors of "BMF Port Burgas" AD (Port of Burgas)

Moderator: George Kremlis

13:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

H. E. Kimberly Guiloyle, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Hellenic Republic

13:30 Coffee Break

13:45 PANEL II

Yavor Dimitrov, President of Board of Directors of "Port of Varna" EAD



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Konstantinos Chatzikonstantinou, Chief Executive Officer of the Alexandroupolis Port Authority (OLANE S.A.)

Ivaylo Bashalov, Executive Director of the Port of Ruse

Silvena Krumova-Todorova, Director of the Commercial Department, Procurement, and Quality Management Systems, Port of Ruse

Dr. Angelos Vlachos, Chief Executive Officer of the Kavala Port Authority (OLK S.A.)

Garyfallia (Faye) Selimi, Deputy Director of the Institute for Circular Economy, Environment, Energy and Climate of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

Moderator: Sergei Stanishev

14:15 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism, European Commission

14:45 PANEL III

Murad Turk, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of Bulgaria, Railway Transport Sector

Alexander Todorov, Chairman of the Management Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency of Bulgaria (API)

Kancho Hristov, Chief Executive Officer and Member of the Board of Directors of "Holding BDZ" EAD (Bulgarian State Railways)

Eng. Dian Boev, Manager of "BDZ - Cargo" EOOD (Bulgarian Railway Freight Transport)

Dr. Dimitrios Tsitsamis, President of the Hellenic Logistics Association of Northern Greece (EEL.BE)

Prof. Dr. Miroslava Rakovska, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Bulgarian Logistics Association

Moderator: Lilyana Pavlova

15:15 FORUM CLOSURE