
Visit of Delegation from Kosovo

Thessaloniki 4 March 2014
& Athens, 5-7 March 2014

Agenda

Tuesday, March 4

14.30 Meeting at the **Greek International Business Association**

Location: 1 Morihovou Square, T. +30 0030 2310 535333, Fax. +30 2310 543232, Email info@seve.gr

The Greek International Business Association (SEVE) was established in 1975 as a non-profit organisation and is currently the largest association of exporting companies in Greece numbering more than 610 member - companies. In 1989, SEVE established the Exports' Research and Studies Institute (IEES), which aims to provide customized foreign market research and useful information through on-line connections with international data banks to exporting companies.

16.00 Meeting at the **Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry** hosted by Mr. Dimitrios Bakatselos, President of the Chamber

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The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Thessaloniki is established in 1918. Its operation begins in 1919. The TCCI is the second Chamber in Greece in terms of size. Today the CCI has 20 thousand active members (registered) which with their dynamic business presence have ensured the 50% of Greek exports for Thessaloniki and the greater region.

Wednesday, March 5

11.00 Briefing at ELIAMEP from the **Crisis Observatory** Title: **"The Greek economy: The course towards the crisis and recovery plan"**, by Dr.Dimitris Katsikas, head of the Crisis Observatory

Location: ELIAMEP, 49, Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, tel: (+30) 210 7257110-111

The Crisis Observatory is a new initiative of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), founded with the support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. In view of the deep crisis which engulfs Greece for a fourth consecutive year and the extremely difficult and complex challenge of sustainable recovery and growth, ELIAMEP deemed necessary the creation of an institution dedicated to the study of the crisis. The Crisis Observatory, the first initiative of this kind in Greece, is this institution. The objective of the Observatory is to create a unique point of reference for information, discussion and new research relating primarily to the Greek crisis, but also covering the wider European crisis. This objective is pursued through a variety of initiatives ranging from educational activities and public events, to the launch of a comprehensive, free, on-line hub of data, information and bibliography about the crisis, and the support of novel research projects designed to uncover new facts about the impact of the crisis and the path to recovery. The Observatory's guiding principle is the presentation of information and knowledge based on solid argumentation and empirical evidence. Ultimately, through the promotion of evidence-based debate and policy proposals the Observatory hopes to enhance the

level of public discourse regarding the crisis in Greece and contribute to the embracing of a new sustainable growth model for Greece.

- 12.00 Presentation at ELIAMEP of the Research on the **impact of the crisis on the economic and political position of Greece in the Balkans**, by Dr. Ritsa Panagiotou (Centre of Planning and Economic Research) and Mr. Anastasis Valvis (Southeast Europe Programme, ELIAMEP)

The South-East Europe Programme was set up in October 2011. Research and policy analysis on Balkan affairs has a long tradition in ELIAMEP going back to the period of its founding in 1988. The newly established South-East Europe Programme intends to follow that legacy of high quality scholarly and policy work.

Thursday, March 6

- 09.30 Meeting at the **Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE)**
Mr. N. Vettas (Director General) and Michalis Vassiliadis, Head of Macroeconomic Analysis & Policy Unit
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The Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research (IOBE) is a private, non-profit, public-benefit research organisation. It was established in 1975 with the dual purpose of promoting research on current problems and prospects of the Greek economy and its sectors and of generating reliable information, analysis and proposals for action that are non produced elsewhere and can thus be of high value to policy makers in the context of economic policy making.

- 11.00 Meeting at **Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
Location : Loudovikou 1, Plateia Odissou 18531 Piraeus, t. +30 210 41.77.241-5, fax: +30 210.41.78.680, email: evcp@pcci.gr

The Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been functioning since 1919 as a local organization of around 14.000 active businesses and companies in Piraeus with the intention to develop and further the interests of local companies and businesses in Greece. Many businesses are international operating companies with offices in Greece. Members of a Chamber of Commerce are usually international and local operating companies, such as lawyers, property developers, tourism companies, airlines, manufacturing companies, import and export businesses, banks, finance companies, legal advisors, IT and electronics manufacturers etc. It was established in 1907 and is the oldest Chamber of the country. It is a statutory advisory body of the Government on issues pertaining to commerce, industry and the National Economy in general.

The building of the Piraeus Chamber of Commerce & Industry is included amongst the few admirable architectural creations of the city of Piraeus. It was built at the expense of its members (1949-1953) according to the projects of eminent architects and engineers of that era.

- 13.00 Meeting at **Piraeus Port Authority**

Piraeus, the largest port in Greece and one of the largest ports in the Mediterranean, plays a crucial role in the development of international trade as well as the local and national economy. With a history dating from 1924 when major civil works started taking place, Piraeus Port today has a range of activities concerning the Commercial and Central Ports, ship services and real estate development. Piraeus Port connects continental Greece with the islands, is an international cruise center and a commercial hub for the Mediterranean, providing services to ships of any type and size. Today P.P.A. S.A. employs more than 1.300 people and annually provides services to more than 24.000 ships. P.P.A. S.A contributes towards the local and national economic growth and is further developed by upgrading both the infrastructure and the services provided. P.P.A. is developing into a modern and dynamic company that provides high quality services, keeps investors satisfied, ensures long-term employment and serves commercial transactions in Greece in favor of the national economy and the consumers in the most efficient way and within the context of the global port industry.

- 14.30 Guided visit at the **Piraeus Container terminal (COSCO)**

17.30 Meeting at the **Association of SA & Ltd Companies and the Institute of International Economic Relations**
Location: 16 Panepistimou Str, T. +30 2103636326, Fax: +30 210 3626610, email: sae@hol.gr

The Institute of International Economic Relations was established in February 1993 by the Greek Association of S.A. & Ltd companies. The Institute's main objectives are: To conduct research on the most significant contemporary issues in international economy paying special attention to the international economic relations of Greece. To provoke and enrich the public debate in business, academic and political circles. To put its expertise and consulting capability at the service of private and national institutions that determine the foreign economic affairs of Greece.