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## ESN GREEK PRESIDENCY 2025-2026

### European Shortsea Network Summit 2025 *Walking into a new era*

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 // Grand Hyatt Athens - Greece  
**organised by SPC Greece**

#### DRAFT PROGRAM

**09.00-09.30:**      *Registration – Coffee*

**09.30-09.40:**      *Welcome Address*

- ✓ **Mr. Charalampos Simantonis**, President, European Shortsea Network  
President, Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association

**09.40-10.30:**      *Opening Speeches*

(awaiting final confirmation)

- ✓ **Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport & Tourism (*online*)
- Mr. Vassilis Kikilias**, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Republic of Greece
- Mr. Christos Dimas**, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Republic of Greece
- Mr. Takis Theodorikakos**, Minister of Development, Republic of Greece
- ✓ **Mr. George Alexandratos**, President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping
- Union of Greek Shipowners Representative**
- ✓ **Mr. Dionysis Theodoratos**, President, Greek Shipowners Association for Passenger Ships

**10.30-10.45:**      *Keynote Speech*

- ✓ **Ms. Gesine Meissner**, European Coordinator for the European Maritime Space

**10.45-11.00:**      *Keynote Speech*

- ✓ **Dr. Guido Grimaldi**, Corporate Commercial Director of Short Sea Shipping Services,  
Grimaldi Group



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## **11.00-12.40: SESSION 1**

### ***Connecting Europe: The Power of Intermodality***

#### **PART A**

- ✓ **Mr. Jørn Askvik**, Managing Director, Shortsea Promotion Center Norway
- ✓ **Ms. Iro Doumani**, General Manager, Hellenic Federation of Road Transport (OFAE) Greece | Vice President, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- ✓ **Mr. Ralf-Charley Schultze**, General Manager & Chairman of International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport (UIRR)
- ✓ **Prof. Stratos Papadimitriou**, Dept. of Maritime Studies | Director of the Transportation Systems Laboratory, University of Piraeus, Greece

**Moderator: TBA**

#### **PART B**

- ✓ **Mr. Andima Ormaetxe**, Director of Operations, Sales, Logistics, and Strategy, Port of Bilbao Authority
- ✓ **Mr. Konstantinos Papageorgiou**, President, Hellenic Logistics Association (EEL)
- ✓ **Prof. Serafeim Kapros**, Head of the Department of Shipping Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean, Greece
- ✓ **Mr. Emmanouil Koutoulakis**, Secretary General of Aegean and Island Policy, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
- ✓ **Moderator: Mr. Marios Bougioukas**, Director of Logistics & SCM, BCA COLLEGE

## **12.40-13.15: Networking Coffee Break**

## **13.15-14.15: SESSION 2**

### ***Shipping Legislation in an EU Context***

- ✓ **Mr. Apostolos Kamarinakis**, President, Hellenic Ports Association (ELIME)
- ✓ **Ms. Marien van den Berg**, Policy Advisor, ESPO
- ✓ **Vice Admiral HCG Christos Kontorouchas**, First Deputy Commandant, Hellenic Coast Guard
- ✓ **Dr. George D. Pateras**, Deputy Chairman, Contships Management Inc.
- ✓ **Mr. Panos Zachariadis**, Technical Director, Atlantic Bulk Carriers
- ✓ **Moderator: Mr. Stavros Chatzigrigoris**, Advanced Engineering Services & Technical Director, Zodiac Maritime

## **14.15-15.15: Lunch Break**



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### 15.15-17.00: SESSION 3

#### *Financing the Green Transition: Meeting Innovation and Technology Demands*

##### *Introductory Remarks*

- ✓ **Mr. Jaap Gebraad**, Secretary-General, Waterborne Technology Platform

##### *PART A*

- ✓ **Mr. José Francisco Fernández Aparicio**, Secretary General, Pymar
- ✓ **Mr. Ioannis Tsakiris**, Vice President, European Investment Bank
- ✓ **Mr. Miltiadis Varvitsiotis**, CEO, Skaramangas Shipyards
- ✓ **Moderator: Mr. Nigel Lowry**, Greece Correspondent for Lloyd's List

##### *PART B*

- ✓ **Mr. Jaap Gebraad**, Secretary-General, Waterborne Technology Platform
- ✓ **Mr. Konstantinos Economou**, Head of Shipping Finance at Credia Bank | General Secretary Association of the Banking & Financial Executives of Hellenic Shipping
- ✓ **Ms. Carola Yiannouli**, General Manager, Oceanking
- ✓ **Mr. Jorinus Kalis**, Development Manager, Damen Shipyards
- ✓ **Moderator: Mr. George Xiradakis**, President, Association of the Banking & Financial Executives of Hellenic Shipping | Founder & Managing Director, XRTC Business Consultants

### 17.00-17.30: Networking Coffee Break

### 17.30-18.30: SESSION 4

#### *Navigating Geopolitical Shifts and Divides / Impacts on Shipping Routes*

- ✓ **Professor Angelos Syrigos**, Member of Greek Parliament | Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy, the Department of International & European Studies, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Greece  
**Mr. George Prokopiou**, Founder, Dynacom Tankers Management, Sea Traders and Dynagas Holdings (TBC)
- ✓ **Mr. George Koumoutsakos**, Permanent Delegate of Greece to UNESCO
- ✓ **Mr. Marcel Hansemann**, Vice President-Relationship Manager, International Shipping Department, BERENBERG
- ✓ **Moderator: Ms. Maria Sarafoglou**, Journalist/Anchor

**Master of Ceremony: Prof. Angelos Pantouvakis,  
Dean, School of Maritime and Industry, University of Piraeus, Greece**