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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***