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DRAFT PROGRAM

09.00-09.30: *Registration – Coffee*

09.30-09.35: *Welcome Address*

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

09.35-10.30: *Opening Speeches*

(awaiting final confirmation)

- Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport & Tourism
- 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
- Ms. Marina Hadjimanolis**, Deputy Minister of Shipping, Republic of Cyprus
- ✓ **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* TBA

11.00-12.00: Session 1 – Connecting Europe: The Power of Intermodality

- ✓ **Mr. Apostolos Kamarinakis**, President, Hellenic Ports Association (ELIME)
- ✓ **Mr. Ralf-Charley Schultze**, General Manager and 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



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- ✓ **Ms. Iro Doumani**, General Manager, Hellenic Federation of Road Transport (OFAE) Greece | Vice President, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- **Mr. Konstantinos Papageorgiou**, President, Hellenic Logistics Association (EEL) (TBC)
- **Ms. Isabelle Ryckbost**, Secretary General, ESPO (TBC)

Moderator: TBA

Q&A

12.00-12.30: Coffee Break

12.30-13.30: Session 2 – Shipping Legislation in an EU Context

- ✓ **Mr. Panos Zachariadis**, Technical Director, Atlantic Bulk Carriers
- ✓ **Vice Admiral HCG Christos Kontorouchas**, First Deputy Commandant Hellenic Coast Guard
- ✓ **EMSA Representative (name tba)**
- **Mr. Rene de Vries**, (State) Harbour Master, Port of Rotterdam Authority (TBC)
- ✓ **Moderator: Mr. Stavros Chatzigrigoris**, Advanced Engineering Services & Technical Director, Zodiac Maritime

Q&A

13.30-14.30: Session 4 – Financing the green transition

(awaiting final confirmation)

- **Mr. Kostas Oikonomou**, Head of the Shipping Finance Dept., Attica Bank
- **European Investment Bank Representative**
- **Mr. Miltiadis Varvitsiotis**, CEO, Skaramangas Shipyards
- ✓ **Damen Maritime Ventures Representative (name tba)**
- ✓ **Moderator: Mr. George Xiridakis**, President, Association of the Banking & Financial Executives of Hellenic Shipping | Founder & Managing Director, XRTC Business Consultants

Q&A

14.30-15.15: Lunch Break

15.15-16.00: Session 4 – Fragmented Europe: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts and Divides

- ✓ **Professor Angelos Syrigos**, Member of Greek Parliament | Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy at the Department of International and European Studies at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.
- ✓ **Moderator: Mr. George Koumoutsakos**, Permanent Delegate of Greece to UNESCO