

World trade and protectionism in the post-COVID era



With ominous predictions of global output following the unprecedented pandemic, international trade remains crucial in supporting economic recovery. Nevertheless, trade protectionism threatens global supply chains with disruption. The need to safeguard open trade, seems more important than ever before.

The webinar will attempt to respond to the following:

- Are trade promotion organizations resilient enough to address such trade challenges?
- Are there ways to boost confidence in trade and global markets?
- Is the impact felt similarly across nations and markets? Are developing and developed countries able to moderate the shock?

AGENDA

12:00 – 12:15 Technical testing

12:15 – 12:30 Opening

Gregory DIMITRIADIS, Chairman of the Board of Enterprise Greece and Secretary General for International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Anna-Michelle ASIMAKOPOULOU, MEP, Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Vice-Chair of the Committee on International Trade (INTA)

12:30 – 13:15 Panel discussion moderated by **Giorgos FILIOPOULOS**, CEO, Enterprise Greece

- **Rajesh AGGARWAL**, Chief, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business Division of Market Development, International Trade Center (ITC)
- **Mariya HAKE**, IFC Regional economist for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank Group
- **Kristin SCHREIBER**, Director, DG GROW, European Commission

13:15 – 13:30 Q&A with the audience

13:30 – 14:15 Panel discussion moderated by **Betty ALEXANDROPOULOU**, Executive Director, Member of the Board, Enterprise Greece

- **Sofia BOURNOU**, Senior Adviser, BusinessEurope
- **Antonia DIAKANTONI**, Counsellor, Trade Monitoring Section, Trade Policies Review Division, WTO
- **Thomas LE VAILLANT**, Deputy Head of Unit, Industry, Goods, Energy, Customs and Origin, European Commission

14:15 – 14:30 Q&A with the audience