



AMERICAN HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MISSION STATEMENT

The American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce strives for continuous improvement of American-Hellenic commercial and financial relations, through increased membership and through organization of top-quality events, exhibitions, fora, seminars and networking events.

With a corporate membership today of some 1.000 companies operating in Greece, that includes American companies doing business in Greece and major Greek enterprises doing business in or with the U.S., the Chamber continues to encourage and facilitate trade, investment and professional partnerships from both sides of the Atlantic.

The Chamber is a fully accredited member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington D.C., and affiliated with the European Council of American Chambers of Commerce (ECACC).

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

Profile

The American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest and most active American chambers in Europe. It was established in 1932 to promote economic and business relations between the United States and Greece. It is a wholly autonomous, not-for-profit organization and receives no subsidy from any government body.

Objectives

The Chamber aims to:

- Promote the harmonious development in Greek-American relations in the economic and business field
- Aid the increase in trade and development between the two countries and acquaint and inform the American business community in Greece with the economic environment and business practices of the host country
- Assist Greek businesspeople who wish to create business partnerships with American companies
- Represent the American business community vis-a-vis government departments and agencies
- Aid and assist importers and investors in their respective countries

Provide a forum for an exchange of views on matters of mutual business and commercial interests.

Chamber Committees

Chamber Committees serve as dedicated instruments that coordinate activities, study policies and develop positions and recommendations in their area of expertise. Each Committee is responsible for creating an agenda that furthers the interests of Chamber members. Committee members serve as advisors to the Chamber regarding activities, policies and strategies.

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Institute of Economic Policy and Public Governance

The Institute is dedicated to advancing excellence in public governance, public administration, and economic policy in Greece. The Institute is part of Vision 2020 of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, a vision to help transform Greece into a regional leader with economic power, political leadership, and effective social policies.

Chamber Services

The Chamber organizes:

- Major conferences addressed by Greek and foreign dignitaries, government leaders, policy experts, businesspeople, and thought leaders. The Chamber's major conferences include the "Hour of the Greek Economy", "Healthworld" "Corporate Social Responsibility", "Taxation" and "Innovation & Entrepreneurship Forum".
- U.S. Pavilions at major international exhibitions including "Defendory International Defense Exhibition" and "Thessaloniki International Fair."
- Networking events such as luncheons, dinners, breakfast meetings and receptions to honor Greek business and political leaders and distinguished international guests.
- Business delegations to and from the United States and countries of the wider region of Southeast Europe.
- Successful Business and Trade missions in US and in other countries in the South-East Europe.
- Executive Seminars. The Chamber has organized, in collaboration with prominent business schools, executive seminars for its members with great success.

Chamber events draw the participation of the Prime Minister of Greece, leaders of the opposition, Prime Ministers and Ministers from throughout the region, and major personalities from the world of business, politics, and finance.

The Chamber serves as:

- A spokesperson to governments and their agencies in order to obtain effective results in policy matters affecting Greek-American economic relations, and as a liaison between the government and the private sector regarding general and specific points of concern.
- A liaison between Greek and American businesses and government offices and agencies for the development of mutually beneficial policies

Information Services:

- In the Athens head office and the Thessaloniki branch office, the Chamber maintains up-to-date business reference libraries, including documentation on U.S. and Greek economic concerns
- Conducts, in cooperation with a local university, a comprehensive business and investment survey on the Greek economy every 2 to 3 years
- Can conduct financial studies and business searches on behalf of Greek or American companies

Publications

The Chamber publishes Business Partners, a bi-monthly magazine, an annual Business and Members' Directory, and brochures, studies, and position papers related to Chamber events and committees.

The Chamber is governed by an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and a BOARD OF DIRECTORS.