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MP Alberto Costa hosted APPG for Greece at the House of Commons, 1st November 2022

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Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis visits London, 27-29 November 2022

During his visit in London, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis met with King Charles, in Windsor, spoke at a Conference organized by the Athens Stock Exchange and Morgan Stanley and attended the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hellenic Observatory of the LSE.

In particular, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis was the keynote speaker at the Conference, organized by the Athens Stock Exchange and Morgan Stanley. More than 240 investors participated in the conference, while more than 300 meetings were scheduled to take place in a two-day period dedicated to Greece and the investment opportunities in the country. The PM held important meetings with investors and had the opportunity to highlight the strong performance of the Greek economy.

Last but not least, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis discussed with the Director of the Hellenic Observatory at London School of Economics, Kevin Featherstone, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hellenic Observatory at the LSE.

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PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis meets King Charles in Windsor



On Monday afternoon, November 28, PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis and his wife, Mareva Grabowski Mitsotaki were received by His Majesty King Charles III in audience, in Windsor Castle. The meeting was held in a warm atmosphere.

That was the second time that the PM meets with King Charles this year. Last April PM Mitsotakis visited Dumfries House in Scotland at the invitation of the then heir to the British throne and was given a tour of the historic building and estate. That meeting focused on the government's plans for the development of Tatoi, in which Charles had expressed a personal interest.



Greek Investment Conference by the Athens Stock Exchange and Morgan Stanley in London

PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis was keynote speaker at the Greek Investment Conference organized by the Athens Stock Exchange and Morgan Stanley in London, on Monday morning, November 28. During his discussion with the head of Morgan Stanley International, Franck Petitgas, the Prime Minister pointed out the particularly good performance of Greek economy, the fact that the country has turned into an investment destination, the geopolitical and energy advantages of Greece, the elections dilemma and the main political goals for the coming years. Introducing the Prime Minister, Mr. Petitgas acknowledged the economic course of Greece and its prospects, in this adverse international environment. Kyriakos Mitsotakis stressed that 2022 will be another record year for the Greek economy and he expects 2023 to be equally successful, with a new wave of investments anticipated after the elections. His priorities for the new four-year term will be the quality of growth, sustainability, as well as the digital and social aspect in all government policies. He also explained the government plan to wean itself off Russian gas as quickly as possible.

PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis on the 25th anniversary of the Hellenic Observatory London School of Economics



Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis discussed with the Professor of Contemporary Greek Studies and Director of the Hellenic Observatory at London School of Economics, Kevin Featherstone on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hellenic Observatory of the LSE.

Regarding the reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures, the PM said that there is a better sense of understanding that maybe a win-win solution can be found that will result in a reunification of the Parthenon sculptures in Greece, while at the same time also taking into consideration concerns that the British Museum may have.

Talking about foreign policy, he said that the EU is passing the test of unity in terms of supporting Ukraine, since member-states agreed on eight packages of sanctions against Russia. About the relationship between the European Union -not just Greece- and Turkey, he pointed out that it has become much more complicated over the past years. He also said that European & transatlantic allies understand that what is at stake is not just the sovereignty of Greece, but regional stability in the Eastern Mediterranean. Talking about the economy, he said that after the European debt crisis Greece has

learned the lesson that real ownership of meaningful reforms is needed. Also, that we need to leverage the collective strength, credibility and credit rating of the European Union to raise money at European level, so as to help weaker states, not just by loans but by offering grants and financing real investment in those areas which are critical for the wellbeing of the Union as a whole. He pointed out that the economy will grow at almost 6% this year.

During COVID, he mentioned, that Greece has spent a lot of money, but in a smart way. The emphasis was always to preserve jobs and to make sure that unemployment will not be up while businesses get support.

He also argued that Greece has made big steps towards social liberalism and the protection of citizenship rights. He also talked about migration, urging international media who look into the story to make sure that they check their facts and get it right, and the phone-tapping scandal, distinguishing between the legal wiretappings and the operation of illegal software. Lastly, he made it very clear that he would never contemplate an alliance with the extreme right and that he aims for an absolute majority in the second election, before answering to some questions from the audience.

Greek Diaspora: Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis met with members and executives of his party in a private event in London. The prime minister called the attendees to register on the platform in order to be able to vote from London. It is the first time that Greeks abroad are given the right to vote in a national election without having to travel to Greece.



Minister of Education & Religious Affairs, Ms Niki Kerameus, visits London, 21-22 November 2022

Minister of Education, Ms Niki Kerameus, paid an official visit to London, on the 21st and 22nd of November 2022, accompanied by the Rectors of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Mr Dimopoulos, National Technical University of Athens, Mr Boudouvis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Mr Papaioannou, and University of Western Macedonia, Mr Theodoulidis.

During her visit in London, Ms Kerameus met with the British Education Secretary, Mrs Gillian Keegan, discussing the opportunities of promoting the two countries' collaboration in higher education, she attended a roundtable meeting with representatives of British universities and she presented at the Hellenic Residence the Greece - UK Strategic Partnership in Education. Worth mentioning that Ms Kerameus met with Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Thyateira & Great Britain Nikitas, discussing issues on Greek diaspora, while she visited the Greek secondary school of London, where she had a really interesting conversation with the professors and the students.

Ms Niki Kerameus, presents Greece's internationalisation strategy for Greek Universities



The roundtable meeting with representatives of British universities, on UK-Greek collaboration in science and higher education, included universities such as LSE, King's College London, Queen Mary, Nottingham, York, Southampton and Liverpool. Ms Kerameus shared the country's education strategy and the four rectors of Greek universities shared their insights about their internationalisation ambitions and the desired engagement objectives.

Ms Niki Kerameus, presents at Greek Academic Diaspora the Greece - UK Strategic Partnership in Education programme



In an event taking place at the Hellenic Residence, Ms Kerameus presented the Greece - UK Strategic Partnership in Education programme between the Greek Ministry of Education, British Council of Greece and the British Embassy in Athens with the support of UUKi. During the event, hosted by the Greek Ambassador in UK, Mr Ioannis Raptakis and targeted to the Greek academic community in the UK, Ms Niki Kerameus showcased the reforms initiated in terms of internationalization of higher education, highlighted the opportunities for involvement with Greek Universities and explained the way Greek Academic Diaspora can be engaged.

During the event, the Rectors of the four universities accompanying Ms Kerameus, introduced the priorities of their institutions for establishing or strengthening links with UK universities.

Following, the Director of British Council in Greece, Ms Anastasia Andritsou also presented some folds of the Programme, whereas British Ambassador in Greece, Mr Matthew Lodge, revised the objectives of this partnership and called the Greek academics to seize the opportunity and support the initiative for a constructive cooperation.



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Memorandum of Cooperation between the University of Thessaly and the University of Edinburgh

A Memorandum of Cooperation between University of Thessaly and the University of Edinburgh was signed on Thursday, October 27, 2022, in Larissa, aiming to promote joint actions, such as high-quality research, promotion of interregional and international cooperation and mutual exploitation of knowledge, experience and expertise.

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Delegation of 15 American Universities at the Hellenic Mediterranean University

An official delegation of 15 American Universities visited Hellenic Mediterranean University (HMU), on Wednesday 8th November, in the framework of the initiative "Pharos Summit 2022", which was organized by U.S. Department of State, the Greek Government and the Institute of International Education. During this international event academic and administrative staff of 30 American Universities, visited 24 Greek Universities exploring new partnerships and strengthening already existing ties with local institutions.

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Reception of All- Party Parliamentary Group for Greece at the House of Commons

The President of the All - Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Greece, MP Alberto Costa, hosted a reception at the House of Commons for promoting the bilateral relationship between Greece and UK, emphasizing on politics, economy, and civil society. Among the 150 people that attended the event, the presence of British government members as well as members of parliament and British Foreign Affairs officials stands out, while the attendance of distinguished members of the Greek business and professional community should not be ignored.

Alberto Costa, who organized the event together with the Greek Embassy in London, described the actions and the scope of APPG for Greece, a group tasked with fostering and furthering the good relations between UK and Greece, talked about and the importance of increasing the members joining the group, while he underlined the role of Greek Embassy towards this direction.

Greek Ambassador in UK, Mr Ioannis Raptakis, also praised the strong ties and the long-term friendship between our countries and peoples, underlining the importance of the strategic framework of cooperation between Greece and UK as well the various options our country offers as an investing and tourist destination.

The presence of extinguished guests such as Penny Mordaunt (Leader of the House of Commons), Mark Spencer (Minister of State for Food, Farming and Fisheries), Lord Parkinson (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Arts and Heritage), Alicia Kearns (Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee) and Stephen Doughty (Welsh Labour and Co-operative Party politician) reaffirmed the importance of Greece in the framework of British parliament, an argument that all speakers emphasized on, together with the historic ties of two countries, the special bond between our peoples and the need for reinforcing these bonds after Brexit era.



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Alexios Gennaris

Minister of Tourism, Mr Vassilis Kikilias at Word Travel Market in London

On the occasion of Greek National Tourism Office's participation in the international tourism exhibition World Travel Market, between 7-8 November 2022, the Minister of Tourism, Mr Vassilis Kikilias visited London, in order to announce Greece's priorities, new partnerships and initiatives for 2023, as expecting to be one more important and dynamic year for our country.

In the framework of the exhibition, the Minister held a series of business meetings, with the heads of the TUI Group. During the meeting it was announced the increase of available air seats to Greece for 2023 and the opening to new markets with more destinations.

Mr Kikilias participated also in many events, organized on the sidelines of the exhibition, including, the Greek Travel Awards 2022, aiming to promote different destinations in Greece to specific target groups in British media. Mr Kikilias held, also, a press conference on "Sustainability, The future of Tourism" and addressed an event inside the Greek pavilion on sustainability and good practices of Astypalaia, Chalki and Naxos, while he signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the British company, Common Seas, for the reduction of single-use plastics in hotels and accommodation in Greece.

Greek National Tourism Office shared the pavilion with 70 co-exhibitors, including Regions, Municipalities, institutional tourism agencies and businesses. The organizers estimated that approximately 35.000 professionals visited the exhibition, while more than 3,000 businesses and tourism agencies from all over the world participated in the exhibition.



Minister of Tourism, Mr Kikilias @Sky News



During his interview, on Monday 7th of November, at Sky News, «Breakfast show with Kay Burley», Minister of Tourism Mr Vassilis Kikilias talked about sustainable tourism development, the actions and initiatives that our country has undertaken in this direction, the relationship of British tourists with Greece, as well as the overall experience that our country offers as a special tourist destination.

Mr Kikilias, talked about, in particular, the Greek campaign for 2023 on sustainable tourism model with low carbon emissions and environmental – friendly choices, as well as the Greek 'eco islands', i.e. Symi, Halki and Astypalaia. Mr Kikilias pointed out that in the future 1 out of 2 travellers will travel according to the principle of sustainability that is why Greece has taken steps towards this direction. Regarding 'eco islands', Minister of Tourism stressed that it is not easy to turn an island into a sustainable destination, but Greece succeeded to do so, with Astypalaia, that was successfully turned into an eco-friendly destination, proving to the world that it can be done.

Mr Kikilias emphasized on the 3 million British tourists visiting Greece this year, the special bond between Greece and UK, the extension of flights of Jet2 and Easy Jet which will continue to fly in November and then March and April, offering more options for British tourists to see also Greece in a season other than the summer.

Honorary Consuls meeting



To further enhance the coordination between the Honorary Consulates of Greece in the UK and the Greek Embassy in London, a meeting was held on the 3rd of November, in Greek Embassy in London. During the meeting, constructive discussions were held between the Honorary Consuls and the staff of the Consular Office, to the end of better serving Greek citizens in the UK. The Honorary Consuls of Greece attending the meeting were Mrs. Melpomeni Papaioannou-Plevri (Edinburgh), Mr. Joey Imossi (Gibraltar), Mrs. Eleftheria Gkortzi-Giannoudi (Leeds), Mr. Georgios Argyropoulos (Belfast) and Mr. Nikolaos Batis (Birmingham). The meeting, confirmed the excellent level of cooperation between the Greek Consular authorities.

EU27 Ambassadors in UK united...



EU27 Ambassadors to the UK stand united in showing their solidarity with the victims and survivors of violence against women.

Opening of Greek Library in Edinburgh



Opening of the Greek section of the McDonald Road Library in Edinburgh upon the initiative of The Hellenic Community of Edinburgh! A total of 132 books in Greek have been registered and are available for lending from the Edinburgh Council Library website. There are at least 130 more titles in process of being archived and added soon



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