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Third High-Level Conference of Customs Directors General of the Western Balkans and EU Member States

**Bridging Markets, Aligning Standards: Green Lanes as a Pillar of Enhanced
Integration into the EU Single Market**

Athens, 11 June 2026

Venue: Athens Marriott Hotel

10 June

19:30 Welcome dinner – hosted by the Independent Authority for Public Revenue of Greece

11 June

09:30 – 10:15

Registration of Participants & Networking coffee

10:15 – 11:00

Opening Remarks

- Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism, TBC
- Mr. George Pitsilis, Governor of the Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR) of the Hellenic Republic
- Representative of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union
- Mr. Gert Jan Koopman, the Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enlargement and Eastern Neighbourhood, TBC
- Ms. Pranvera Kastrati, Director, CEFTA Secretariat
- Mr. Matej Zakonjssek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat

11:00 – 11:15

Family Photo



11:15 – 12:15

Panel 1: Green Lanes as an Instrument of Gradual Integration into the EU Single Market: How Green Lanes Strengthen Customs Resilience and Regional Integration

This panel will frame Green Lanes as a strategic enlargement tool — moving beyond facilitation toward structural integration. The session will explore how Green Lanes can evolve into a functional EU–CEFTA priority corridor framework, reinforcing trust, predictability, and seamless movement of goods as part of a progressively integrated trade space.

12:15 – 12:30

Business perspective

12:30 – 13:30

Panel 2: Customs as a Strategic Lever for Enlargement: Advancing AEO Partnerships and Risk Management Alignment for Secure and Predictable Trade

This session will frame the enhanced customs cooperation between EU and Western Balkans/CEFTA Parties as a strategic instrument for gradual integration into the EU Single Market, in line with the EU customs acquis and the ongoing reform of the Union Customs Code. The discussion will focus on AEO cooperation, risk management convergence and regulatory alignment, highlighting the role of customs administrations as key institutional pillars of the EU enlargement process and as drivers of market confidence and secure trade.

13:30 – 13:45

Concluding remarks and Endorsement of Conclusions

13:45 – 14:45

Lunch

14:45 – 15:45

Session of the Green Lanes Steering Committee

Social event - hosted by the Independent Authority for Public Revenue of Greece