

INFORMATION CALENDAR

PAST EVENTS

10.04 → **BAMI and BFIEC sent a letter to Mr. Tomislav Donchev** - Deputy Prime-Minister, calling for compensation of indirect CO2 costs in electricity prices and inclusion of the draft law adoption in the government anti-crisis measures. BIA sent the letter to the National Council for Trilateral Cooperation which now has the task to update and propose new measures for supporting business in overcoming the consequences of COVID 19. We expect support also from the trade union organizations and CEIB.

21.04 → In relation with the critical situation of the EU steel sector, the impact of COVID 19 and plant closures of steel consuming sectors (automotive and construction), as well as the high level of import at the EU market, a **group of MEPs sent a letter to the EU Commissioner for Trade insisting on need for urgent safeguard measures** for EU producers and limiting import from third countries. BAMI informed Bulgarian MEPs about the letter and asked for their support. The letter is available [HERE](#)

24.04 → **Bulgarian Industrial Association marked its 40th anniversary.** This is the first non-government organization of business in Bulgaria which adopts the principles of market economy despite planned economy in the socialist country. It was founded by large Bulgarian companies, its first name was Bulgarian Industrial Business Association and was later renamed to Bulgarian Industrial Association.

EUROPEAN UNION

10.04 → **EC is finalizing the new Guidelines on certain State aid measures in the context of the EU ETS.** The Commission launched a consultation on the draft. **BAMI took part in it**, submitting comments on some main points. We also sent the position the responsible competent authorities – Environmental Ministry, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economy, asking for their support in forthcoming discussions and adoption by the respective EC structures.

17.04 → DG Trade published an **analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on world and European trade.** A comparison of the GDP forecasts before and after the burst of the pandemic. The analysis is published on the EC website: https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2020/april/tradoc_158713.pdf

27.04 → **Axel Eggert, Director General of Eurofer, sent a letter to Olivier Guersent - Director General of DG Competition of the EC**, together with related documents, elaborating on key state aid rules for the steel industry, and in particular the recently adopted temporary framework in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The letter can be found [HERE](#)