

# INFORMATION CALENDAR

## PAST EVENTS

**05.11** → On the occasion of the professional holiday "**NOVEMBER 5th – METALLURGIST'S DAY**" a **congratulatory address** on behalf of the Chairman of BAMI's Board was sent to the management and teams of the member-companies. Due to the pandemic situation, for the first time since its announcement as a metallurgists' holiday, no national celebration was organized. Despite the crisis and in addition to the decreased consumption on European and world markets, the companies continue to work, observing all precautions, applying strict rules and control to protect employees' health.

**13.11** → BAMI sent a letter to the Ministry of Economy insisting on the extension of steel safeguard measures expiring at the end of June 2021. In recent years, the steel market has been severely disrupted, both by overcapacity and increased production worldwide, mainly in China, and also as a result of imposed restrictions on imports into the United States. The European market has come under strong pressure and production has been constantly declining. Additionally, the COVID crisis led to a reduction and shutdown of capacities, which also affected Bulgarian producers.

**13.11** → **Bulgaria's Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and the Minister of Economy Lachezar Borisov visited KCM 2000 Group.** They were acquainted with the new facilities for lead production; the company management was awarded a *Class A Investment Certificate* for the project **Technological Integration of KCM JSC**. The new investments amount to 260 million leva and will integrate at a higher technological level the production of lead, zinc and by-products, it will expand the raw material base and the processing of secondary raw materials, their fuller utilization and extraction of new metals.



**16.11** → First meeting (in person and online) of the Contact Group for preparation and signing of a **Branch Collective Labor Agreement** in the metallurgical sector was held. Working rules were discussed and decisions for updating were adopted, strictly observing all precaution measures imposed due to the COVID crisis. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16th (Wednesday) 2020, 11.00 o'clock in BAMI's offices - hall on the 2nd floor, 205 Al. Stamboliyski blvd, format of the meeting – attending the meeting in person or online.

**November** → The latest edition of **Energy Review magazine** published an interview with BAMI's Executive Director. It focused on **energy intensity in the steel sector** and possibilities for increasing energy efficiency. As a result of investments made and the prioritising environmental and energy challenges, good results have been achieved in the sector, but opportunities for significant reductions are technologically limited. The interview is available [here](#).

## EUROPEAN UNION

**12.11** → **The European Commission adopted a Regulation introducing a registration regime for imports of certain hot-rolled flat products** of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel originating in Turkey. The registration regime expires nine months after the date of entry into force of the regulation.

**28.11** → The EC Public Consultation on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) has ended. More than 600 responses to the consultation and more than 200 positions were received from various organizations, including Eurofer and Eurometaux. In their replies they point out specific characteristics and problems of the metallurgical sector in Europe, as well as their concerns regarding the design and effective implementation of the instrument guaranteeing a level playing field between importers and European producers.