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## **Coface UK Country Risk Conference on 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Following the UK Chancellor's warning that the UK will not be immune from rising global economic risk<sup>1</sup>, it's timely that credit insurer Coface announces the date of its annual UK conference to assess the trading conditions, hazards and opportunities for businesses.**

Addressing CEOs, FDs and Coface business partners, the Country Risk Conference will be held on **Thursday 9 June 2016** in London. The agenda will focus on the UK economy, emerging markets, cyber-security and geopolitical risk, with both presentations from experts and subsequent round tables. For the first time, Coface is providing a video link to venues in Dublin and Manchester so that more people will be able to join the conversation. Further details, including the speaker line-up will be announced in the New Year.

Frédéric Bourgeois, Managing Director of Coface UK and Ireland said: "For many UK exporters, 2015 has been a roller-coaster year in which China's growth has slowed and many promising emerging markets have struggled. As George Osborne recognised at the recent IMF meeting, Britain will certainly be affected by economic and geopolitical upheavals in 2016. However, Coface believes British companies can still trade securely and profitably, provided they are well-informed about the nature and extent of the risk.

"This is the rationale behind our Country Risk Conference which is intended to give attendees a useful and straightforward summary of current trading risk. 2015's event was fully booked which was testament to the quality of the line-up and the determination of attendees not to let uncertainty hamper their business. In extending the event to Manchester and Dublin, we hope that more companies will be able to benefit from the latest expert analysis and opinion."

### **Reference**

<sup>1</sup> Osborne sees global risks rising, but sanguine on China, Reuters, 9 October 2015



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<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/09/uk-imf-britain-idUKKCN0S31P720151009>

Each year, Coface UK & Ireland holds a Country Risk Conference to help businesses understand global economic trends and assess trading conditions in established and emerging markets. If you want to be better informed about UK and overseas trading risk, Coface's Country Risk Conference takes place in London on Thursday 9th June. To register your interest please email [crc\\_uk@coface.com](mailto:crc_uk@coface.com)

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