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Nikolaos Bakatselos, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Nikolaos Bakatselos is the Managing Director of Pyramis Metallourgia A.E. and Pyramis Deutschland GmbH. He was Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy Managing Director of Northern Greece Publishing S.A. He has held the position of Managing Director of Imperium AEEA, and Member of the Board of Directors of Egnatia Bank Securities S.A. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Attica Bank from February 2014 until June 2016. He was a Member of the Steering Committee of the International Hellenic University from 2006 until January 2014 and Member of the Board and President of the Northern Greece Committee of EEDA. He is Member of the Committee Support CERTH, Trustee of Anatolia College, Member of the Board and Member of the Steering Committee of SVE and Honorary Consul of Belgium for Northern Greece. After being a Member of the Board of Directors of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for several years, in June 2010 he was elected Vice President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and President of the Northern Greece Committee, and since June 2019 he was elected President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. He is a founding member and member of the Board of the Council of Competitiveness of Greece. From October 2019 until February 2022, he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO. Nikolaos Bakatselos holds a B.A. in Sociology from University of Reading and a MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance from City University Business School.

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Maya Hennerkes, Director Green Financial Systems, EBRD

Maya Hennerkes is the Director for Green Financial Systems at the Climate Strategy and Delivery Department of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Prior to this, she led EBRD's ESG work with financial institutions and private equity funds. She promotes sustainable financial systems and the integration of climate, environmental and social matters in investment decisions and management. Maya is a sustainable finance and ESG expert with almost 20 years of experience, with previous positions at the Inter-American Development Bank Group in Washington DC and Bloomberg L.P. in London. She is a member of the Club of Rome's Think Tank 30 and serves on the Advisory Board of SustainableFinance.Live. Maya studied economics, political science and Latin America studies in Germany and Spain and holds an Executive Masters in Public Management from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.

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Stavros Ioannou, Deputy CEO, Group COO & International Activities, Eurobank

Stavros Ioannou is Deputy CEO and Executive Board Member of Eurobank. He is the Group Chief Operating Officer, responsible also for the International Activities and the Wealth Management services of the Group. He started his career in banking in 1988, at Barclays Bank PLC. In 2003 he was elected Executive Member of the BoD of Millennium Bank. In 2005 he was appointed Chief Executive Officer at Eurobank A.D. Beograd, which he was heading until 2008, since when he continues to be a non Executive Member of the BoD, now operating under the name Eurobank Direktna a.d. He has served as General Manager Retail Banking (2013–2014). He is currently a Member of the BoD at Eurobank Bulgaria AD since October 2015, Member of the BoD at Eurobank Cyprus Ltd since November 2015, and Chairman of the BoD at BE-Business Exchanges SA since January 2014. He is Member of the Executive Committee of the Hellenic Banking Association since 2013, where he is appointed as Chairman since 2020. He is also non-executive Member of the BoD of Grivalia Management Company S.A. He is Chairman of Eurobank's ESG Management Committee and the responsible BoD Member for the Women in Banking initiative. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the University of Piraeus and a Masters Degree in Banking & Finance from the University of Wales, United Kingdom.



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Olga Itsiou, Technical Director, Dimand

Olga Itsiou is the Director of the Technical Department of DIMAND S.A. She is responsible for all projects of the DIMAND Group, having played an essential role in the company's growth so far, and she goes on. She is distinguished for her ability to provide solutions in every problematic situation, manage teams that operate efficiently and consistently and implement and introduce new, innovative, and sustainable policies and technologies into the operations of DIMAND. She is an active member of the Association of Chief Executive Officers (EASE) in Greece. She is also a long-term member of the Urban Land Institute and the "GR Sustainability, ESG & Urban Regeneration Council" of ULI Greece and Cyprus, aiming to explore and resolve the challenges of real estate investors regarding Environmental Social Governance matters and sustainable urban planning. Olga previously worked as a Project Architect at the architectural practice HOK International Ltd in London, a Consultant and Design Manager at REDS S.A. of the ELLAKTOR Group, and a Design Manager at IntraDevelopment S.A. She is an Architect Engineer graduate of the University of Greenwich with a BA (Hons) in Architecture, Kingston University with a Postgraduate Diploma in Architecture, Kingston University with a Post-experience Certificate in the Professional Practice of Architecture (RIBA Part 3) and a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects in the United Kingdom (RIBA).



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Korina Lazari, Director of Company Communications, P&G South East Europe

Korina Lazari studied at the Economic University of Athens. She continued with postgraduate studies and holds a Master of Science in International Marketing from Strathclyde University of Glasgow. In 2006, she started her professional career in Procter & Gamble Hellas where she held the position of Brand PR for several product categories like Beauty, Baby and Fabric Care and continued her career in Company Communications for Greece in 2014. In 2017 she undertook the role of Company Communication for South-East Europe, leading the design and execution of corporate plans for Romania, Greece, Serbia, and Bulgaria, with citizenship initiatives being a big part of her responsibilities. She is married and has two children.

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Constantinos Machairas, Country Coordinator EU Climate Pact & Board Member, Organization Earth

Constantinos is the Country Coordinator for Greece on behalf of the European Climate Pact, a European Commission initiative launched in 2020, inviting people, communities, and organizations to participate in climate action and to build a greener Europe. He serves as President of the Hellenic Platform for Development the umbrella-organization of Greek NGOs, General Secretary for the Mediterranean Region at the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements (IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo) and member of the Steering Committee of SDG Watch Europe a cross-sectoral Civil Society alliance working at EU-level to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs). He is also a member at the Board of Directors for ActionAid Hellas, for UN Global Compact Greece and for Organization Earth where he held the position of the Executive Director between 2015 and 2021.

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Eleni Myrivili, Chief Heat Officer, City of Athens

Eleni Myrivili has advocated for an environmental, nature-positive, and climate-neutral agenda for more than two decades. She is currently a Senior Consultant for Heat Resilience for the Arsht-Rock Resilience Center (Atlantic Council) and the City of Athens. She was appointed Athens Deputy Mayor for Urban Nature and Climate Resilience as well as Chief Resilience Officer, after her election to Athens Government in 2014. Since 2021, under the new role of Chief Heat Officer - Europe's first - she is raising awareness of the dangers of extreme heat and co-creating a greener and cooler future for all. She co-chairs the Steering Committee of the global Resilient Cities Network (R-Cities) and has recently completed a year as a Loeb Fellow of Advanced Environmental Studies 2020, at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. A tenured Assistant Professor at the University of the Aegean, Greece, until 2021, Eleni Myrivili received her Ph.D. from Columbia University (N.Y., N.Y.) in Cultural Anthropology.

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Pakis Papademetriou, Head, ESG Division, Eurobank

Pakis Papademetriou has been serving sustainability and quality since 1994. He received a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Master's degree in Industrial Engineering, both from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is certified in Business Sustainability Management from the University of Cambridge (CISL). Since September 2021, he heads the ESG Division of Eurobank S.A. From 1999-2021, he joined Athens International and was engaged in the development and application of diverse management systems focusing on quality, sustainability, and corporate administration, and held the position of Manager, Corporate Quality reporting to the CFO. He is Chair of the Corporate Responsibility Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and member of the Steering Committee of the UN Global Compact Network Hellas.

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George Sachinis, Director of Strategy and Innovation, EYDAP

George Sachinis is a civil engineer with a Master's Degree from University of California at Berkeley and a Bachelor's Degree from Duke University. He is the director of Strategy and Innovation at EYDAP, the Athens Water Company. He coordinates the monitoring and development of the company's strategy. He manages the R&D and the new ventures of the company including activities related to energy and sustainable water-resource management. He just stepped down from serving UN-Habitat GWOPA, the Global Water Operators Partnership Alliance for sustainable development as a member of the Steering Committee.

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Elias Spirtounias, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

After graduating from the School of Mathematics of the University of Athens, Elias Spirtounias completed his graduate studies at the School of Electrical Engineering (M.Sc. degree and pre-Ph.D. studies) at Boston University. During his residence in the United States, he participated as a Research Engineer in several research programs in co-operation with other organizations and companies such as NASA, MIT, UNH in the fields of analog and digital electronics, circuits design and applications. He returned to Greece in 1992 and after completing his military service in 1994, he held the position of Technical Director for the subsidiary of the Italian company Citec SpA., a company specialized in the design, production and application of voice and image processing systems. From 1997 until February 2009, he worked for the Foundation of the Hellenic World, a major Greek private non-profit cultural organization, starting as a Construction Supervisor and continuing as a Managing Director of the brand new then Cultural Center, Hellenic Cosmos an innovative, based on new technologies, theme park. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the expansion, development and operation of the Center and its establishment as one of the most known technology-driven cultural theme park in Greece and abroad. From March 2009, he holds the position of Executive Director of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Along with his colleagues and in cooperation with the Board have managed, during the economic crisis, to increase significantly the number of activities, undertake important initiatives, retain in high level the memberships, foster the advocacy level, expand further the presence of the Chamber in US and contribute to the evolution of the Chamber into one of the leading dynamic and reliable business organization in Greece. He serves as Treasurer of the American Chambers in Europe (ACE) Executive Committee.