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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, in the midst of 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.



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## Nikolaos Bakatselos

President

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Nikolaos Bakatselos is the President & CEO of Pyramis Metallourgia A.E. and Pyramis Deutschland GmbH. Nikolaos Bakatselos 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 AEEEX, 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. Nikolaos Bakatselos 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 EEDE. He is a Member of the Committee Support CERTH, Trustee of Anatolia College, Member of the Board of Directors of SVE, Member of the Board of Directors of IOBE 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 AmChamGR and President of the Northern Greece Committee and since June 2019 he is the President of AmChamGR. Nikolaos Bakatselos is Founding Member and Member of the Board of Council of Competitiveness of Greece. From October 2019 until February 2022, he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO. He 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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## Pascal Apostolides

President, Pharmaceutical Companies Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce  
Managing Director, AbbVie Pharmaceuticals S.A

Born in 1955 in Thessaloniki, Pascal holds a BSc degree in Chemistry, a BA in Economic Geography and a post graduate degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of Manitoba in Canada, while he concluded his studies by receiving a MSc in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. His professional career began in September 1986 in the diagnostics department of Abbott in Thessaloniki and after a short period in Athens he worked for 7 years in the German affiliate and 4 years at the Abbott Park in Chicago. In 2001 he returned to Greece as Managing Director of Abbott Laboratories Hellas and from January 2013 Pascal holds the position of the Managing Director of AbbVie, a new, independent, global biopharmaceutical company which retains in its portfolio innovative medicines for serious and chronic diseases, following Abbott's separation in two individual companies. From 2015 to 2018 he was President of the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SfEE) in which he is currently member of the Board of Directors. He is also member of the Board of Directors of the Pharma Innovation Forum (PIF), President of the Pharmaceutical Committee of Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham), member of the Board of Directors of Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) and member of the Executive Board of Trustees of the American Community School of Athens (ACS).



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## Theodore Liakopoulos

President, Medical Devices & Diagnostics Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce  
Managing Director, Johnson & Johnson Hellas Medical

Theodore Liakopoulos holds the position of Managing Director in Johnson & Johnson Hellas Medical as of 2008. He started his career in 1991 as Sales representative in Johnson & Johnson and progressed within the organization in different Business Units and positions up to the level of Division Director. In 1997 he moved to Bausch & Lomb as Regional Director for Greece, Cyprus and Balkan region and in 2003 in Danone Waters as Managing Director for Greece, Israel and Balkans. In 2005, he returned back to Johnson & Johnson as Division Director in the Cardiovascular Unit, then as Managing Director of DePuy Orthopaedics Unit and as of 2008 he holds the position of Managing Director of J&J in Greece. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering and Engineering Management and a MSc in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri, USA. He is a member of the Board of Directors in ACEO (Association of Chief Executive Officers), member of the Board of Directors in IPE (Greek Sales Institute) and President of the Medical Devices & Diagnostic Companies Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.



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## George Tsunis

U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

George James Tsunis presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic on May 10, 2022. He was nominated by President Biden and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 10, 2022. Ambassador Tsunis is the proud Greek-American son of immigrants to the United States, with deep roots in the village of Platanos in the beautiful mountainous region of Nafpaktia. Growing up, his parents instilled in him the Hellenic ideals of καλοσύνη (goodness), αγάπη (love), and above all, φιλότιμο (the love of honor). He learned Greek as his first language. Deeply engaged with the Greek-American community, Ambassador Tsunis was a founding trustee of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, and is a trustee of the Hellenic Initiative among other roles. Prior to his nomination, Ambassador Tsunis was the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Chartwell Hotels, LLC. He served as Chairman of Battery Park City Authority. He was also a Trustee for the New York City Convention Development Corporation and the New York City Convention Operating Corporation and helped manage a 1.5 million square foot expansion of the New York Convention Center, transforming it into one of the world's most modern and beautiful convention centers. Ambassador Tsunis served as the chairman of the Nassau University Medical Center, a large public safety net hospital with a focus on providing care to vulnerable communities. Previously, Ambassador Tsunis was a Counsel and Partner (Attorney of Law), at Rivkin Radler LLP, Uniondale, NY, and Legislative Attorney, New York City Council. He served as Counsel for Dix Hills Water District, Dix Hills, NY and Town of Huntington Committee on Open Space Preservation, Huntington, NY. Ambassador Tsunis earned a B.A. from the New York University, New York, NY and a J.D. from St John's University of Law, Queens, NY. He was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Order of Saint Andrew), the highest ecclesiastical honor that can be bestowed upon a layman by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and is the recipient of numerous awards including the Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award for Long Island Cares and the lifetime achievement award for civic engagement for Long Island Business News. Ambassador Tsunis is married and has three children.



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**Thanos Plevris**  
Minister  
Ministry of Health

I was born in Athens on 21 May 1977, I am an Orthodox Christian, married to Eleni Papatheologou Plevris and I have two children, Niki and Konstantinos. I am a resident of Athens, Greece. I fulfilled my term as a Marine Sergeant and I have also been a Marine and Commando Trainer. I am a Lawyer with a graduate degree from the Law School of the University of Athens and hold a postgraduate degree from the University of Heidelberg, Germany with a scholarship (2002) on "Patient consent according to Greek and German criminal law". In 2006 I received my doctorate from the Law School of the University of Athens, Greece with a dissertation on "Criminal Liability in Medical Practice. Research and Experimentation with humans as the object". From 2019 until today, I am a Member of the Hellenic Parliament for district A' Athens with New Democracy party and on August 31, 2021 I was sworn in as Minister of Health. As Member of Parliament I participated in the Special Parliamentary Committees to conduct a preliminary examination on the "Criminal Liability of Ministers", Mr N. Pappas and Mr D. Papagelopoulos, in the Standing Committee on Educational Affairs and in the Special Standing Committee on Parliamentary Ethics and Social Security. I also participated in the Standing Committee on Social Affairs and the Special Standing Committee for the Monitoring of the Social Security System. In 2018 I founded the urban non-profit company under the name "Surveillance of Infections in Health - Civil Non-Profit Company" (EPI.LOIS.Y).



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## Anna Diamantopoulou

President, To DIKTIO

Chair, European Commission's High-Level Group on the future of social protection and of the welfare state in the EU

Anna Diamantopoulou is Chair of the European Commission's High-Level Group on the future of social protection and of the welfare state in the EU and President of DIKTIO – Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, a leading non-partisan, Athens-based think tank. Formerly Greece's candidate for the post of OECD's Secretary General, Ms. Diamantopoulou served as the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, and has held several significant portfolios as a Minister in the Greek government as well. She was Minister of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping, and, prior to that, Minister of Education, Research and Technology, and Lifelong learning. Ms. Diamantopoulou is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Brussels-based think tank Friends of Europe, a Council Member of the European Council on foreign relations (ECFR), and a member of the Scientific Council of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and member of the Advisory Board of the Johannesburg-based BRENTHURST Foundation and of the Delphi Economic forum. Anna also sits on corporate boards, including the Board of Directors of Coca Cola HBC, an FTSE 100 company and the Global Advisory Board of KEKST CNC, a global strategic communications firm, member of Publicis Groupe.



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## Nathalie Moll

Director General

European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)

Nathalie Moll joined the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) as Director General in April 2017. EFPIA represents the pharmaceutical industry operating in Europe. Together with its direct membership 40 leading pharmaceutical companies, 33 national associations representing over 1,900 companies and in collaboration with health and research players, EFPIA's mission is to create an environment that enables our members to innovate, discover, develop and deliver new therapies and vaccines for people across Europe, as well as contribute to the European economy. EFPIA was named Best Business EU Trade Association in Brussels in 2022. Prior to joining EFPIA, between 2010 and 2017 Nathalie was the Secretary General of EuropaBio ranked as the most effective European Trade Association in Brussels in 2013. She spent over 20 years working for the biotech industry at EU and national level in associations and corporate positions and held the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the International Council of Biotech Associations (ICBA). In 2013, Nathalie won the Technovisionaries Women Innovation Award organised by Women & Technologies® while in 2009, Nathalie and the Green Biotech Team of EuropaBio were presented with the Leadership and Excellence in Advancing Ag-Biotech and Food Issues Award. Nathalie was also named one of the 15 leading women in biotech in Europe in 2017 and recognised as one of the "20 Women Who Shape Brussels" by POLITICO Europe in 2020. Nathalie holds an Honours Degree in Biochemistry and Biotechnology from St Andrews University, Scotland.



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## Adonis Georgiadis

Minister  
Ministry of Development and Investments

Adonis Georgiadis was born on November 6th, 1972, in Athens. He graduated from the Faculty of History & Archaeology of the School of Philosophy of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. In 1993, he took over the management of publications 'GEORGIADISLIBRARY OF GREEK'. In 1994, he founded the Liberal Studies Center "GREEK EDUCATION". Elected MP in Athens B region in the elections of 2007 and 2009 with the LAOS political party. In February 2012, he joined the Nea Demokratia political party, having resigned from the parliamentary office. Elected with Nea Demokratia in Athens B in the national elections of 2012 and 2015. In 2011, he was Vice Minister of Shipping in the Government of Lucas Papademos and in 2013 he was appointed Minister of Health in the Government of Antonis Samaras. On January 18th, 2016, he was appointed one of the two VicePresidents of the Nea Demokratia by decision of Kyriakos Mitsotakis, the President of Nea Demokratia. On July 9th, Adonis Georgiadis was appointed as Minister of Development and Investments after the 2019 greek elections. He is married to Eugenia Manolidou and they have two children, Perseus and Alcaeus.



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## Remo Gujer

VP General Manager CEETII (Central Eastern Europe, Greece, Turkey, Israel, India)

Bristol Myers Squibb

Remo Gujer is VP General Manager (GM) of Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) of the CEETII Regional Cluster (Central Eastern Europe, Greece, Turkey, Israel, India). BMS is a global biopharmaceutical company whose mission is to discover, develop and deliver innovative medicines that help patients prevail over serious diseases. Remo has a profound knowledge of the European healthcare sector and access environments with multiple General Manager responsibilities for UK-Ireland, Central Northern European Region (A, CH, BE, NL, Nordics) and Eastern Europe over the last 13 years. Remo is a trained Pharmacist with a PhD in Molecular Biology and an MBA degree. He has a strong scientific background and a broad base of therapeutic area experience including Oncology, Haematology Cardiology, Dermatology, Rheumatology. He is an expert of the Swiss pharmaceutical sector, a Board Member of Interpharma (Association of Switzerland's research-based pharmaceutical industry) and member of the EFPIA Taskforce for Central Eastern Europe (CEE). Inspired by novel R&D technologies, healthcare data & AI, he considers the reimbursed access to the innovations of today as the key, to unlock the full potential of the ground-breaking therapies of tomorrow.



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## Christian Rodseth

Managing Director  
Janssen Greece, Poland and Romania

Christian has 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. He is a member of the Janssen family, Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson since 2006, successfully assuming positions with increasing responsibility. Since 2019, Christian had the position of Global Commercial Strategy Leader, Hepatitis and HIV Therapeutics. Prior to this role, he was Managing Director of Janssen Romania. During his tenure in Romania, he served as the President of the Association of Innovative Pharmaceutical (ARPIM) Companies, representing 29 highly innovative companies and leading strategy to improve patients' access to innovative medicines. Christian Rodseth holds a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) by the University of Witwatersrand Business School (WITS) South Africa, with international electives at Warwick Business School (UK), United Kingdom. With a strong leadership profile and diverse business background, as well as years of experience in developing commercial strategies, Christian is proud to be leading Janssen's strategic evolution, carrying on the company's commitment to bring innovative treatments to patients.



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## George Tousimis

Member, Pharmaceutical Companies Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce  
Country Director, Amgen Hellas & Cyprus

Country Director of Amgen Hellas & Cyprus and Vice President of PhRMA Innovation Forum (PIF). Mr. Tousimis brings in more than 20 years of working experience in the pharmaceutical industry, having assumed senior executive roles in major companies in various fields such as sales & marketing, supply chain, quality assurance and corporate compliance, with areas of responsibility Greece and abroad. He is a Chemical Engineer with a Master's Degree from the Technical University of Athens, a MBA from Athens Laboratory of Business Administration (ALBA) and a Diploma Thesis in Mechanical Engineering from the RWTH Aachen University, Germany.



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## Oliver Bisazza

Director General, Industrial Policies and External Affairs  
MedTech Europe

Oliver leads the Industrial Policies department, which supports members in their implementation of the new and changing EU regulatory requirements, including but not limited to: legislation linked to the European Green Deal, the HTA Cooperation Regulation, in vitro Diagnostics Regulation and the Medical Devices Regulation. His team strives to facilitate 'technical implementation' of regulations in place across the EU, and to communicate the positions of the MedTech Europe membership to the European Commission, the Member States, and other relevant authorities and stakeholders. He is also responsible for MedTech Europe's External Affairs department, which provides Government Affairs and Communications support to the association and its members. Oliver is a native speaker of English, and a dual national of Australia and Malta.



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## Panagiotis Liargovas

Professor of Economics, University of Peloponnese  
Chairman of the Board, Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE)  
f. Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office, Hellenic Parliament

Panagiotis Liargovas received his BA degree from the University of Athens and his MA and Ph.D degrees in Economics from Clark University, Worcester MA. He has been a Fulbright Scholar, a Bakalas Foundation Scholar, a Teaching Assistant Scholar (Clark University) and a European Commission trainee (Brussels). He has taught in many Universities including Clark University, Bologna University, and University of Strasbourg. He has served as economic advisor to the Greek Ministry of Finance, the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Municipality of Athens in many occasions. For the period 2013-18 he was the Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office at the Hellenic Parliament. He is currently Chairman of the Board of the Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) and of the National Productivity Board. He is also Professor of Economics at the University of Peloponnese. He specializes on International and European Economics, Regional Economics and Economic Development and Policy. He has made more than 100 publications in academic journals and has published more than 20 books. His latest book (Pataki publishers, in Greek) was published in 2020 and was entitled "Ten years of crisis, three memoranda and a pandemic: Greece in search for a way out".



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## Mina Gaga

Alternate Minister  
Ministry of Health

Dr. Mina Gaga MD, PhD specialized in Respiratory Medicine and then specialized further in Allergy and Clinical Immunology at Imperial College and the Royal Brompton Hospital, London. She has served as Assistant Professor at Athens University and Director of the 7th Respiratory Medicine Dept and Asthma Centre at Athens Chest Hospital as well as Medical Director of the Hospital with a dual clinical and educational role. She moreover has an important international role, has served as Secretary General and President of the European Respiratory Society, Secretary of the European Board of Accreditation in Pneumology (EBAP) and advisor to the WHO, has been actively involved as PI in multiple clinical trials and has been active internationally in guideline development for several asthma and lung cancer screening. She has published extensively in these research areas. She is currently Alternate Minister of Health.



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## Andreas Loverdos

f. Minister of Health  
Member of Parliament  
KIN.AL.

Andreas Loverdos is Parliamentary Candidate for the northern sector of the second Athens constituency, Member of the Hellenic Parliament 2000-2019, Parliamentary Spokesman KINIMA ALLAGIS-PASOK 2015-2019, Member of the National Council for Foreign Policy and Vice President of the Committee on Defense and Security of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He was born in Patras, Greece. He graduated from the law school of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 1978. From 1978 until 1980, he fulfilled his obligatory military service in the Hellenic Air Force. In 1982, he completed postgraduate studies in European law at the Université libre de Bruxelles. During his studies, he served as vice-president of the Thessaloniki law students' union as well as president of the Greek students' association of Belgium. In 1986, Andreas Loverdos completed his PhD at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with the thesis *Terrorism and Political Crime: Study from the Perspective of Law*. In 1991, he undertook research at the London School of Economics on the function of government and in 1996 he researched the function of democratic constitutions at Boston University. He was a Lecturer in 1986, an Assistant Professor in 1992 and an Associate Professor in Public Law, Panton University of Athens in 1997. He is an author of numerous articles in legal research journals. He was a leading cadre of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement and he was first elected to the Hellenic Parliament in the 2000 legislative election. From 23 January 2002 until 10 March 2004 he served as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs. In October 2009, he was appointed Minister for Labour and Social Security. In September 2010, he was appointed Minister for Health and Social Solidarity. He held this post until 17 May 2012, when the coalition government of Lucas Papademos was replaced by the caretaker government of Panagiotis Pikrammenos. On December 3 2012, he announced the launch of a new political movement, the Radical Movement of Social Democratic Alliance (RIKSSY), and was subsequently expelled from the PASOK parliamentary group. A new political party, the Agreement for the New Greece, was formed by Loverdos and other members of RIKSSY on 15 April 2013. Andreas Loverdos returned to the government as Minister for Education and Religious Affairs on 10 June 2014, and to the PASOK parliamentary group on 22 August 2014. He has several publications: *Proselytism*, Athens 1986, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub., *On terrorism and political crime*, Athens 1987, Interbooks Pub, *Deviations of political behavior and the Constitution*, Athens 1988, Exantas Pub, *Government: collective function and political responsibility*, Athens 1991, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub, *Penal responsibility of cabinet members and deputy ministers in a parliamentary polity*, Athens 1995, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub, *Forms of Democracy*, Athens 2000, Indiktos Pub, *Political History of Greece, 1828-1975*, Athens 2000, Ant. Sakkoulas Pub, *NEW TERRORISM* on the occasion of September 11, Athens 2002, Indiktos Pub, *The Constitution of Greece and its revision*, Athens 2006, To Pontiki Pub and *New Greek recovery scheme*, Athens 2012, Indiktos Pub. He is married and has a daughter and two sons.



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## Tassos Giannitsis

Professor Emeritus  
National Kapodistrian University of Athens

Professor emeritus of Economics at the Kapodistrian University of Athens. He studied Law, Economics & Political Sciences in Athens and obtained his PhD in economics at the Free University of Berlin. He served at the Department of Economics from 1975 to 2011. Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (2000-2001), Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2001-2004) and Minister of Interior (2011-2012); Member of the Board of Trustees at CREF, Cyprus (2010-); Chairman of the Board (Hellenic Petroleum, 2009-2011, and Lamda Development, 2015-); He has published many books and articles on economic, social and political issues. Recent publications: 'The pension system, growth and the macroeconomy: the nexus' (2020), 'Crisis management in Greece. The shaping of new economic and social balances' (Hans Boeckler Stiftung, with St. Zografakis, 2018), 'The pension system and the crisis' (2016), "Greece in Crisis" (2013). Recent articles: Reflections on Banking Union (2016), Fiskalkonsolidierung und Einkommensverteilung (2016), 'Industrial Policy in Times of Crisis: The Case of Greece' (with I. Kastelli, 2014). Fields of research: Development Economics, International Economics, European Integration, Economics of Technology and Technology policy, Industrial Development and industrial Policy.



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## Kyriakos Souliotis

Professor of Health Policy, Dean, School of Social and Political Sciences  
University of Peloponnese

Kyriakos Souliotis is Professor of Health Policy and Dean at the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Peloponnese. He was Vice Rector of Social and Regional Development (2016-2017). He also teaches courses on health policy, health economics and health care management at the Medical School of the University of Athens and the Medical School of the University of Crete. He is currently President of the Scientific Board of the Hellenic Association of Political Scientists and President of the Scientific Committee of the Greek Patient Association. He is also serving as a member of the Steering Committee of PACT (The Patient Access Partnership on Equity of Access to Quality Healthcare - Brussels) and as a member of the Scientific Committee of the OIS (Osservatorio Internazionale della Salute - Rome). He is the founder, chair and scientific director of the Health Policy Institute. He has acted as Scientific Advisor to the Social Insurance Institute (IKA) and the Ministry of Health and Welfare (2002 -2004), Member of the Board of Directors of the A' Health Care Trust of Attica (2002 - 2004), Head of Human Resources Management at the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center (2002-2006), Administrative Director at MITERA (Hygeia Group, 2006-2007) and Managing Director of Planning and Development and Chief Planning Officer at the Mutual Health Fund of the National Bank of Greece Personnel (2007-2010). From May 2010 to December 2011, he served as President of OPAD (Health Care Organization for Public Servants), and from May 2011 to September 2012, as Vice President of EOPYY (National Organisation for Health Care Services Provision). From June 2010 to August 2013, he was a member of the National Ethics Committee for Clinical Trials and the Steering Committee for Rare Diseases. He has acted as a country expert on cancer at the OECD and Senior Associate Director at the Medical Technology Research Group of the LSE Enterprise. He has extensive research experience in Greece and abroad and he has acted as the Scientific Lead / Project Manager in 40 research projects. He has published 29 books and more than 300 chapters in books and papers in peer reviewed journals on health policy and economics, organization and administration of health services, economic inequalities, etc. He has participated as speaker in over 450 scientific conferences and he is acting as reviewer for international journals. He is Associate Editor at "BMC Public Health" (BioMed Central) and "Risk Management and Healthcare Policy" (Taylor & Francis) and has been Associate Editor at "Health Expectations" (Wiley).



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Chief, Human Retrovirus Section, Vaccine Branch, Center for Cancer Research  
National Cancer Institute, USA

Dr. Pavlakis received his M.D. from the University of Athens, Greece, and his Ph.D. from Syracuse University, New York. He moved to the National Cancer Institute in 1980 and is currently Chief of the Human Retrovirus Section. He has directed both basic research and clinical development projects based on his pioneering research achievements. Dr. Pavlakis has extensive research and development experience in molecular biology, virology, and immunology. He is credited with the first production of mature human hormones in mammalian cells by recombinant DNA technologies. This methodology is still in commercial production (human Growth Hormone). He continues this work by the development of new production methods and clinical application of heterodimeric IL-15 (hetIL-15), a cytokine presently in clinical trials for cancer immunotherapy. Dr. Pavlakis co-developed codon/RNA optimization methods that have found wide applications in biotechnology, gene therapy protocols and DNA vaccines. He developed DNA vaccines for HIV and showed they provide strong and long-lasting immunity. He developed strong fluorescent GFP mutants that are in wide use in biology. He studied the molecular biology, genetic organization and expression strategy of HIV and discovered important functions of its regulatory factors Tat and Rev. He described the first transcriptional activator on oncoretroviruses, the Tax protein of HTLV-I and the first posttranscriptional regulatory factor controlling mRNA export from the nucleus, the Rev protein of HIV-1. His studies have provided new insights on the biology of several viruses; and have aided the development of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. His work has also led to the development of innovative biotechnology drugs and gene therapy procedures. Dr. Pavlakis is member of several professional societies, including the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the American Association of Physicians. He is a highly cited researcher, has authored more than 250 publications and is inventor of more than 70 US and International patents licensed to more than 30 pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, including Novartis, Wyeth, Merck, Pfizer, Sigma. Due to his patented technologies and innovations, he has been elected Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

Introduction of Dr. George N. Pavlakis

- MD, University of Athens Medical School, 1976
- PhD, Syracuse University 1980
- Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors
- Member, American Society for Clinical Investigation and American Association of Physicians
- Chief, Human Retrovirus Section, National Cancer Institute

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## Vassilis Kontozamanis

Special Advisor to the Prime Minister

f. Alternate Minister of Health

Vassilis Kontozamanis, former Alternate Minister of Health, is the Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece for health affairs. He represents Greece at the Management Board of the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA). He embraces a profound record in the fields of international healthcare environment, policy and management, human resources, economics, strategic planning, financing and outcomes measurement. From July 2019 until September 2021, with the oversight of the health care system as Deputy and Alternate Minister, he played a catalytic role in successfully managing the pandemic crisis in the country. He led the way in the design and implementation of structural reforms, while addressing the challenges of a modern and resilient healthcare system. Vassilis has managed the pharmaceutical sector as Executive Vice President and President of the National Medicines Organization (EOF) and as member of the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Also, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the 1st Regional Health Authority (Attica) and as Secretary General of the Ministry of Health.



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## Zachary Ragousis

Member, Pharmaceutical Companies Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce  
President & Managing Director, Pfizer Greece, Cyprus & Malta

Zachary Ragousis is President & Managing Director of Pfizer of Greece, Cyprus & Malta. He has been working in the pharmaceutical market for 33 years and has gained experience serving the industry from various positions. He is Vice President of the Reimbursement & HTA committee of SFEE. He is also member of the BoD at the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Zachary holds a Degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is married and has a child. He joined Pfizer Hellas in 2003 following a merger with Pharmacia. He started his career as a sales Rep, and moved to positions of Product Manager, Marketing Manager, Sales Manager & BU Manager in the areas of CNS, Antibiotics, Dermatology, Cardiology, Oncology, Ophthalmology & Hormones. He has also assumed responsibilities in Trade, BIT & other functional roles. He is a member of the local board of directors of Pfizer Hellas since 2012 & President since 2017.



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## Achilleas Gravanis

Professor of Pharmacology Medical School, University of Crete  
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Achilleas Gravanis, Professor of Pharmacology Medical School University of Crete and Researcher at the Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology-FORTH. He served as member of the Biomedical Research Program Committee of the European Commission, as member of the Hellenic Council of the Higher Education Quality Assurance Authority (ADIP) and President of the Sectional Committee of Life Sciences Hellenic National Research & Technology Council. He was also member of the Scientific Council of the Hellenic Research & Innovation Foundation (ELIDEK), responsible for Life Sciences. Affiliated Research Professor at the Center for Drug Development, Northeastern University, Boston. Co-founder of biotechnology spinoff Bionature. Chair of the International Scientific Advisory Board, Athens LifeTech Park. Venture partner at BigPi Ventures. His research group is developing synthetic compounds, agonists of neurotrophin receptors, with neuroprotective and neurogenic properties and potential applications in therapeutics of neurodegenerative diseases. Additionally, his group is focusing on 3D microsccaffold bioengineering and neural stem cell technologies to develop neuroimplants for spinal cord injury and brain trauma and neurobiosensors for drug discovery. He published 157 papers, cited in PubMed.



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## Stelios Papadopoulos

Chairman of the Board

Biogen, Inc.

Dr. Stelios Papadopoulos is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Biogen, Inc., Exelixis, Inc., Regulus Therapeutics, Inc., and Eucrates Biomedical Acquisition Corp. He is a co-founder of Exelixis and Eucrates, as well as co-founder and former Chairman of Anadys Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (acquired by Hoffman - La Roche in 2011) and Cellzome, Inc. (acquired by GlaxoSmithKline in 2012). In the not-for-profit sector, Dr. Papadopoulos is a member of the Board of Visitors of Duke Medicine, a member of the Global Advisory Board of the Duke Institute for Health Innovation, and co-founder and Chairman of Fondation Santé ([www.fondationsante.org](http://www.fondationsante.org)), a foundation providing research support and mentorship to biomedical scientists in Greece and Cyprus. Dr. Stelios Papadopoulos spent six years (2000-06) at Cowen & Co., LLC, most recently as Vice Chairman, where as an investment banker he focused on the biotech and pharma sectors. Prior to joining Cowen, he spent 13 years as an investment banker at PaineWebber, Incorporated where he was most recently Chairman of PaineWebber Development Corp., a PaineWebber subsidiary focusing on biotechnology. He joined PaineWebber in 1987 from Drexel Burnham Lambert where he was an analyst in the Equity Research Department covering the biotechnology industry. Prior to Drexel, he was the biotechnology analyst of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Dr. Papadopoulos has received multiple honors and awards for his work in the biopharma industry as a company founder, adviser, and financier. Before coming to Wall Street, Dr. Papadopoulos was on the faculty of the Department of Cell Biology at New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Papadopoulos holds an M.S. in physics, a Ph.D. in biophysics and an M.B.A. in finance, all from New York University.



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## Alexis Papachelas

Journalist, Executive Editor  
KATHIMERINI newspaper

Alexis Papachelas was born in Athens in 1961. He has a BA in History and Economics from Bard College and a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University. He has interviewed many important global personalities from Presidents Obama, Clinton, Erdogan, Assad, to Bill Gates and others. Mr. Papachelas is an author of two books on the U.S. involvement in Greece and the producer and presenter of several television documentaries. He is currently the Executive Editor of KATHIMERINI newspaper.



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## Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos

Secretary General for Information Systems of Public Administration  
Ministry of Digital Governance

Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos is a Professor in the Department of Informatics and Telematics in the area of Information Systems and Simulation. From August 2019, he serves as Secretary General for Information Systems of Public Administration of the Ministry of Digital Governance. He served as a Rector of Harokopio University (9/2011 - 1/2016). Since 1/2016 he is elected as a Dean of Faculty of Digital Technology. He was elected Co-Chair of the Greek Rectors' Conference (2013-2014). He was representative of the Greek Rectors' Conference in the joint committee with the German Rectors' Conference (GRK). He is a visiting Professor at Sussex University, UK. He is an Associate Editor of Requirements Engineering (Springer). He served as the National Representative of Greece for ICT in Horizon 2020 (2014-2015). He has also served as Secretary General for Information Systems of the Greek Ministry of Finance and Economics (2004 - 2009). During his service, the following Information systems were developed: Real Estate Data Base and ETAK systems, ELENXIS, new TAXISnet, ICISnet, State General Laboratory Information System, Pensioners' E-Services system and M-TAXIS (mobile TAXIS). From 2008 to 2009, he was member of the Board of Directors of Athens Water Supply and Sewage Company (EYDAP SA). His research interests include eGovernment, Information Systems, Semantic Web and Web Services, Modelling and Simulation Methodologies and Applications (networks, transportation systems) and Business Process Modelling.



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## Niki Tsouma

President of BOD and Managing Director  
IDIKA S.A

Top Executive of the Public Administration in the Sector of Informatics. A graduate of the Department of Mathematics of the University of Athens, with specialization in Programming and Systems Analysis and a graduate of the National School of Public Administration with highest distinction. She is a lecturer at the National School of Public Administration on ITS Project Management and E-Government issues. She is an external expert in EU committees for the evaluation of innovative proposals in software technologies and cloud computing of the H2020 Program. She has participated in the design, analysis, development, implementation and installation of large, complex and critical IT projects of the Public Administration, serving as a member of Project Management Teams and as a Project Manager for 25 years in General Secretariat of Information Systems of the Ministry of Finance and the Information Society S.A. From 2010 to 2014 she was a Consultant in reengineering and change management issues and in the project and risk management cases as well as co-financed projects of the General Secretaries of Information Systems of the Ministry of Finance. From 2015 to 2017 she served as a Director and General Manager of Projects in the Information Society SA. From June 2018 to August 2019, she was the Director of Informatics and Technical Operation of EKOME SA. From August 2019 to October 2020, she served as the Managing Director of IDIKA SA. Since then, she serves as the Chairman of BOD & Managing Director of IDIKA SA.



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Contract Director

National Organization for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY)

Nikos Kikilias is Contract Director at National Organization for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY). He obtains a Master's Degree in Health Care Management, Hellenic Open University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Governance, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He began his career as a banker and he has vast experience in healthcare services. He is an active member of Negotiation Committee EOPYY. He participates as member at Public Health Expert Committee (Ministry of Health) and he cooperates for implementing public health actions with the finding of Recovery and Resilience Facility, which is the key instrument at the heart of NextGenerationEU. Member of Medical and Dental Services Costing Committee, Ministry of Health.



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## Charalambos Gogos

Professor, University of Patras

Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Director of the Infectious Diseases Unit, Athens Metropolitan General Hospital

Charalambos A Gogos was born in Patras, he is Professor of Medicine and currently chairs the department of Medicine – Infectious Diseases of Metropolitan General Hospital in Athens, where he also directs the Infection Control Committee and joins the Scientific Committee of the Hospital. He has been Chairman of the Dpt of Medicine and Infectious Diseases section of Patras University Medical School, Dean of of Patras University Medical School, Deputy President of the Board of Directors in Patras University and he is currently President of the Hellenic Society for the study of Sepsis, Vice President of the Hellenic Society of Internal Medicine, Vice President of the Hellenic Society for the Study of AIDS and Member of the Board of the Hellenic Society for Infectious Diseases and the Hellenic Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy. He is primary investigator in a great number of clinical trials concerning antimicrobial agents, HIV and sepsis and his research activities are focused on immunology of sepsis, HIV and COVID-19. He has more than 200 publications in PubMed and 11.500 citations in google scholar with an h-index of 50. He is Member of the Hellenic National Committee for Covid-19 and consultant for the Hellenic Agency for Quality Assurance in Health S.A.



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## Flora Bacopoulou

Associate Professor of Pediatrics-Adolescent Medicine, UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care, First Department of Pediatrics, Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens  
Head, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Committee, Hellenic Ministry of Health

Dr. Flora Bacopoulou is Associate Professor of Pediatrics-Adolescent Medicine and head of the Center for Adolescent Medicine, First Department of Pediatrics, Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. Since 2010, the "Center for Adolescent Medicine" hosts the UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care. Since January 2020, Dr. Bacopoulou heads the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Committee of the Greek Ministry of Health. She holds a Pharmacy Degree (1992), a Medical Degree (1998) and a PhD degree in Biopharmaceutics/Pharmacokinetics (2009), awarded by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She specialized in Pediatrics (2001-2004) in the United Kingdom and further subspecialized for 5 years in Adolescent Medicine in USA (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development - NIH, Michigan State University, Children's National Medical Center - Washington DC) and in Greece. She has published 160 research papers in international peer-reviewed journals, has co-authored 14 chapters and has participated in the editing of 3 books and in conferences/meetings with 165 presentations. She has participated in 8 funded research programs. She is member of many National/International scientific societies and she is the Greek delegate within the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) Multidisciplinary Joint Committee for Adolescent Medicine.



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John Yfantopoulos is Emeritus Professor of Health Economics at the University of Athens, and Ex. President of the Board for Public Health in Greece. Former President of the National Centre for Social Research and keynote Speaker in the European Commission. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Health Economics from the University of York, UK. Professor Yfantopoulos has extensive teaching and research experience in Health Economics, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Health Inequalities in Europe and the USA. He collaborated with several Universities in Europe and USA. He has been working and advising the Statistical Office of the European Commission (Eurostat) on health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion as well as other International Organizations like, the World Health Organization, the International Labor Office, and the World Bank. He was the elected Rapporteur of the 23rd WHO Regional Office for Europe meeting and the elected Chair of the 11th European Congress of the International Society of Pharmaco-economics and Outcome Research (ISPOR). He participated in the Social Protection Committee (SPC) of the European Commission. He was a member of the Core Standing Committee for Social Science in the European Science Foundation (ESF) and he has conducted comparative research based on large European multicultural studies for poverty, health inequalities, and quality of life. He has extensive experience with the Eurostat data sources (HBS, LFS, ECHP, SILC, EHIS) as well as with the EU Research Projects like SHARE and the (European Social Survey, (ESS)). He was the scientific director of the DG-SANCO and a Member of the Expert Committee on Health Inequalities in the European Commission. In Greece he was an elected Member of the Senate of the University of Athens, Director of the Red Cross Hospital, Vice President of the National Organization for Social Care, Board Member of the National Medicines Agency (EMA-SFEE), the Organization Against Drugs (OKANA) and a Member of the Research Committee for drafting the legislation on Research. In 2005 in the evaluation of the Greek research centres from an international peer review committee, he received the highest grade (excellent 5) for his scientific work, commitment to international collaboration and research networking. Among his recent books include: "Health Economics Theory and Policy" "The Economics of Health Reforms" (2007), "Health Economics Management and Policy" "Health Inequalities: from Mortality to Quality of Life indicators (EQ-5D) "Tackling Social Inequalities in Health" "The EQ-5D Plenary Meeting in Athens" "Access to New Pharmaceutical Therapies" His work has been translated in English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Romanian, Turkish and Azeric. Currently is Principal Co-editor of the ISPOR CEE Network Newsletter and regular reviewer for a number of Health Policy and Health Economics journals.



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## Kostas Athanasakis

Assistant Professor of Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment, Department of Public Health Policy  
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Kostas Athanasakis, an Economist by training (NKUA), is Assistant Professor in Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment at the Department of Public Health Policy of the University of West Attica (Greece) and a Member of the Laboratory for Health Technology Assessment (LabHTA). His research and teaching efforts mainly focus on Health Technology Assessment, Economic Evaluation of Healthcare Interventions, the Economics of Pharmaceutical Markets, and Pharmaceutical Policy. Other areas of interest include Health Systems Financing, Sustainability and Resilience, the Economic Analysis of Healthcare Markets, and Public Finance. Kostas has authored/co-authored over 250 full text papers and abstracts as well as 14 books, in the field of health services research, economics and policy, during the last years. Kostas has served as Chairman of the 17th and the 18th Annual European Congress of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) and as Advisor to the World Bank and the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC) and currently holds the position of Associate Editor of the International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care (IJTAHC) (Cambridge University Press).



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## Elpida Pavi

Professor, Department of Public Health Policy, Dean School of Public Health  
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Elpida Pavi, born in Athens, Greece, studied Dentistry at the University of Athens. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Economics, University of York, England, a Master of Public Health and a PhD both pursued at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. Her PhD concerned social inequalities in health and health care within the wider fields of Epidemiology and Health Services Research. She has worked at the University of Glasgow and the University of Dundee in Scotland, and, in Greece, at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, the Hellenic Ministry of Health, and, from 2003, at the National School of Public Health until 2019 when the School was merged with the University of West Attica as the Department of Public Health Policy. She has been teaching, carrying out research and has published in the fields of social inequalities and health economics. Currently, she holds the post of Professor in health economics with emphasis on social inequalities in public health and is the Dean of the School of Public Health, University of West Attica.



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## Ioannis Kotsiopoulos

General Secretary of Health Services  
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Dr Ioannis Kotsiopoulos was born in Athens and studied Mathematics at the University of Athens. He continued his postgraduate studies in Manchester where he graduated with an MSc in Decision Technologies. He continued his research in decision support systems, optimisation techniques and data science problems, participated in several UK and EU funded research projects and published several papers in esteemed international conferences and academic journals. His PhD discusses semantic interoperability challenges in large scale data integration problems in the healthcare sector. Ioannis has worked in senior management roles both in Greece and the UK and has led many digital transformation initiatives. He was a founding member of the Greek DRG Institute, Deputy Chief Executive of Nea Ionia Hospital, Chief Information Officer in Dorset County Hospital, member of the NHS Digital Academy and most recently Secretary General for Health Services in Greece. Ioannis has coordinated the response of the Greek Healthcare System against the pandemic and at the same time he designed an ambitious eHealth Programme which will be funded by the Recovery and Resilience Fund. Ioannis is particularly interested in healthcare quality and learning health systems and he played a key role in the establishment of the new Organisation for Healthcare Quality in Greece (ODIPY) and the Regional Office for Healthcare Quality of the World Health Organisation in Athens.



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## Angeliki Angeli

Chief Portfolio Officer  
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Angeliki Angeli holds a B.Sc. in Pharmacy from the University of King's College London. She completed her postgraduate studies in Health Policy and Economics at the London School of Economics. She has more than 20 years of work experience in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors, having held senior international management positions of responsibility in large multinational companies in London and in Greece, with a broad and diverse range of knowledge in the fields of Market Access, Government Affairs, Public Affairs, Corporate Affairs, Marketing and Scientific Affairs. In particular, Angeliki has successfully led large teams as Director and Head of Department in companies such as Aventis, Sanofi, AstraZeneca and Philip Morris International. Since September 2020 she holds the post of Chief Portfolio Officer at Roche Hellas having the responsibility of Sales, Marketing and Market Access departments. This is an expanded role, which requires her to coordinate and align in a holistic manner the company's strategy, from the preparation for the introduction of a treatment in the Greek market, to its reimbursement by the healthcare system and its distribution to healthcare professionals, and by extension to patients, with the aim of improving patients' lives. She is a long standing, active member of the Association of Pharmaceutical Companies of Greece (SFEE), the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmCham Greece) and the PhRMA Innovation Forum (PIF). She is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Scientific Society of Pharmacoeconomics (EEEF). Angeliki is married and is the mother of two girls, Katerina and Elena.



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## George Mitropoulos

Healthcare & Life Sciences Sector Leader  
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George is the Health Sciences Sector Leader for EY Greece, and also the Head of Business Development, for EY in Southeastern Europe. He started his career in UK, 25 years ago; he has since undertaken roles ranging from technology implementation to business consulting and market development in several geographies and industry sectors. George has been involved in several engagements in the Health Sciences sector, with key projects on patient/customer experience, analytics, as well as on technology as a transformation enabler for the sector. He is also an active member of global EY networks of healthcare professionals, aiming to share global practices and leverage those for better helping key health sciences actors. George is enjoying giving back to the community and he is an active startup mentor and judge. He is also a believer in continuous education - his education background includes 2 bachelor's and 2 master's degrees, around life sciences, business and technology, as well as countless instances of professional training.

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## Professor Leonidas Platanius

Director, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University  
Associate Vice President for Cancer Programs, Northwestern University

Dr. Platanius leads the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University in Chicago, a founding member of National Comprehensive Cancer Centers Network (NCCN). He is the Jesse, Sara, Andrew, Abigail, Benjamin and Elizabeth Lurie Professor of Oncology and Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics. Since Dr. Platanius became director in 2014, the Lurie Cancer Center (LCC) has experienced dramatic growth, with doubling of its NCI funding and the recruitment of over 160 new faculty members. Under his leadership, LCC received the highest rating in its history, an overall exceptional and a near-perfect score on the last CCSG renewal and is ranked number 6 in the USA in the last US News World Report rankings. Dr. Platanius was born and raised in Athens, Greece. He earned his medical degree and doctorate from the University of Patras Medical School, in Patras, Greece. He subsequently moved to the US and began his research career at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, as a Fogarty research fellow studying the immune mechanisms of bone marrow failure syndromes. He subsequently moved to New York City where he completed his residency in Internal Medicine and eventually to Chicago where he completed his fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at the University of Chicago. He joined Northwestern in 2002, initially as Deputy Director and eventually as Director of the Lurie Cancer Center in 2014. Prior to joining Northwestern, he was Professor and Chief of the Division of Hematology Oncology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Platanius is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, with clinical expertise in leukemia. Dr. Platanius' research work focuses on cytokine signaling pathways in malignant cells, with translational applications in leukemia and brain tumors. He has published more than 350 papers and his research has been continuously funded by the NCI for nearly 30 years. In addition to being the principal investigator of the largest institutional grant for cancer (CCSG) at Northwestern, he is currently the principal investigator of 4 NIH R01 grants and an I01 Merit Review. He has made significant contributions in the interferon and cytokine signaling field for 3 decades. His early work on interferon signaling, along with the work of others, led to discoveries that helped define the modern cancer immunotherapy field and resulted in clinical applications for the treatment of malignancies. He has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Seymour and Vivian Milstein Award for outstanding contributions in cytokine research and the UHVA Award for the Most Distinguished Greek American in the Field of Medicine. Dr. Platanius previously served as President of the International Cytokine and Interferon Society. He serves as Editor for several oncology and immunology journals and has been a chair or member of several study sections and site visit teams for the NIH, including more recently the NCI Subcommittee A for Cancer Centers. He has also served as chair or member of several grant panels for the US Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.



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## Michail Bletsas

Research Scientist, Director of Computing  
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Michail Bletsas is a Research Scientist and the Director of Computing at MIT's Media Lab where he has been working since 1996. He is responsible for all the infrastructure that the lab uses to produce, store, transport and consume its bits. He was a member of the core technical and design team for the "One Laptop Per Child" initiative which created OLPC's pioneering, award-winning "XO" laptop. His current research interests include building efficient high performance machine learning computing infrastructures, network security, wireless networks and disinformation operations. Over the years, he has advised governments around technology policy issues and provided expert opinion in technical matters to top-level officials. He has cofounded two companies, has been a director and consulted for many others in a variety of capacities. He has implemented broadband access networks using cutting-edge technologies including one of the earliest ADSL testbeds and various wireless technologies. Mr. Bletsas has been a frequent keynote speaker in international conferences and has been engaged in many civic activities. He holds an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and an MSc degree in Computer Engineering from Boston University.



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## Thomas Hellebrand

Manager for Digital Transformation Policy  
DIGITALEUROPE

Prior to joining DIGITALEUROPE, he finished a traineeship in European Affairs at the Brussels office of VNO-NCW and MKB-Nederland. There, he worked on a wide range of digital policy areas, including the Digital Services Act, for corporate members and sectoral federations from the Netherlands. He holds a B.A. in European Studies from the University of Amsterdam and a M.Sc. in Public Administration at the University of Leiden. A Dutch national, Thomas comes from Sint Maarten, in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom.



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## Dimitris Primpas

Manager  
IBM Consulting, Greece & Cyprus

Dimitris Primpas joined IBM in 2008 and since 2018 is leading the IBM Consulting business unit for Greece & Cyprus. He has extensive experience providing consulting services and has led several Transformation Programs in the Greek and Cypriot market (mainly in Financial Services and Energy & Utilities sectors). Prior to this role, he was working in various roles in the Technology Services division of IBM for Greece and Cyprus. Dimitris holds a PhD in Computer Science from University of Patras (Computer Engineering & Informatics Department).



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## Maria Gazouli

Professor of Biology/Genetics- Nanomedicine, Laboratory of Biology, School of Medicine  
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Maria Gazouli, Biologist, is Professor of Biology/Genetics - Nanomedicine at the Laboratory of Biology at National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), School of Medicine. She performed her postdoctoral work in the USA at Cell Biology and Pharmacology Department, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington DC. She was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for Development of nanotechnology-based biosensor arrays for detection of Circulating Cancer Cells at the University of Maryland, CollegePark, MD, USA. Prof Gazouli work refers mainly to genetic and molecular basis of diseases mainly autoimmune diseases and cancer. Additionally Prof Gazouli involved in the incorporation of nanotechnology to targeted cancer detection, imaging and drug delivery. Prof Gazouli work is reflected in >250 publications that have received >13400 citations and h-index=59. She owns 1 granted International Patent and 3 European Patents. She has given more than 50 invited lectures at international/national conferences, and universities and has trained several junior scientists. She has served as ad hoc reviewer for various scientific journals and as an expert evaluator for the National and International Research Grant Funding Agencies. Prof Gazouli teaches Biology, Genetics and Nanomedicine to undergraduate and post graduate medical students in NKUA, and other national and international universities. She is coordinator of National and International Research grants (ie Joint Actions, Horizon etc). Currently she is National Representative at the Committee of Advanced Therapies (CAT) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA).



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## Pantelis Messaropoulos

President  
Hellenic DRG Institute

Dr. Messaropoulos graduated from “École Franco-Hellénique du Pirée Saint Paul”, he studied Medicine at the University of Rome, “Universita di Tor Vergata” where he graduated with honors. He majored in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the General Hospital "TZANIO". He has a Master's Degree in Pregnancy Pathology and is a PhD candidate at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He was a Research Fellow at the 2nd University Clinic of Gynecology, Private Obstetrics clinics and Hospitals, Scientific Director at private Polyclinic, as well as an Academic Fellow at the 3rd University Clinic of "Attikon" Hospital. He is a lecturer in the Postgraduate Program "Pathology of Pregnancy" of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and has a constant presence in Scientific Conferences and has published numerous articles in Scientific journals. Furthermore Dr. Messaropoulos has been in charge of Medical Information and Drug Safety at the Pharmacovigilance Department of the Greek Pharmaceutical Industry with significant experience in Risk Management Plans preparation and Periodic Safety Reports. He has a rich voluntary activity with several speeches collaborating with the Volunteers Organization against Cancer "AgkaliaZo" as well as the program "Health for all". As a Scientific Advisor for “Venizelos Foundation for Welfare and Education”, he dealt with issues such as Health and Wellbeing of Island Habitats and Patients Airtransport.



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## Vassilis Balanis

Chief Executive Officer

National Organization for Quality Assurance in Health (ODIPY S.A.)

Vassilis is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Organization for Quality Assurance in Health (ODIPY S.A.) and lecturer of Quality Improvement, Healthcare & Pharmaceutical Policy at SDA Bocconi in Milan. Prior to joining ODIPY, Vassilis was the Healthcare & Life Sciences Strategy Consulting Lead for Deloitte in Greece. Vassilis served in senior roles in the UK's NHS (in London and across England) for several years where he designed and led hospital acquisitions and large-scale operational transformations. Vassilis holds 3 Masters Degrees: (a) International Healthcare Management, Economics and Policy, (b) Master in Business (c) Telemedicine & E-Health Systems.



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## Konstantinos Champidis

Chief of Staff to the Minister  
Ministry of Digital Governance

Konstantinos Champidis graduated from NTUA with a Naval Mechanical Engineer degree and has worked in shipping for more than a decade. In 2017 he was appointed Chief Digital Officer of the City of Athens tasked with leading digital policy for the city. Since July 2019 he serves as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Digital Governance.



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## Nikos Dedes

President, Greek Patient Association

President and founder, Greek Patient Association of people living with HIV "Positive Voice"

Nikos Dedes is the President and founder of the Greek Patient Association of people living with HIV "Positive Voice" and the President of the Greek Patient Association. Nikos also serves as a Board member of the European Network of Clinical Trials for HIV, along with also being a core member of the European AIDS Clinical Society team working on the HIV infection guidelines development. Nikos has also served as President of the «European AIDS Treatment Group», as a member of the Board of Directors of the European Medicines Agency and as a member of the HIV Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee at the World Health Organization.



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## Yannis Tountas

Professor Emeritus of Social and Preventive Medicine, Medical School, University of Athens  
Director, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM)

Yannis Tountas is Emeritus Professor of Social & Preventive Medicine in the Medical School, University of Athens. He has studied Biology (Bachelor) and Public Health (Master) in Harvard University, as well as Medicine in University of Athens. He is the Director of Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM), President of the Hellenic Society for Health Promotion and Education, Chairman of the Scientific Committees of the National Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services and of the Hellenic Healthy Cities Network. He is publisher of the journal «New Health» and author of fifteen books and more than 200 publications in scientific journals. He has served as Director of the Center for Health Services Research, Department of Hygiene, Epidemiology & Statistical Medicine, Medical School, University of Athens, Chair of the Governance Board of the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services, National Representative in the OECD Health Committee, President of First Regional Health Care and Welfare System of the major Athens Area, and President of the National Organisation for Medicines (EOF).



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## Theodoros Skylakakis

Alternate Minister of Finance, for Fiscal Policy  
Ministry of Finance

He is an economist born in Athens 1959. He is a former MEP (2009-2014), member of the Committees on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, on Budgetary Control and also of the Special Committee on Organized Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering. Substitute member of the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy, on Economic and Monetary Affairs as well as of the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis. 2006-2009 he was appointed General Secretary of International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2003 to 2006 he was Deputy of the Athens Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Finance and responsible for the preparation of Athens for the Olympic Games 2004. He also served as Chairman of the Organization of Tourism and Economic Development Company in 2005-2006. From 1990 to 1993 he served as Advisor to the Prime Minister Constantinos Mitsotakis and Head of the Office of Planning and Communication of the Prime Minister. He was also President and General Director of the Research Center E21 (1994-2001). From 2014 he is elected President of Drassi Party which has suspended operations in order to support New Democracy. He has worked in advertising and communication since 1985 and has founded and managed four companies in the fields of communication (1994-1999), crisis management (2000-2006), agriculture and processing (2014-2019). He has studied economics at the University of Athens and Management (MBA Degree) at the City University of London. He holds a Diploma from the British Market Research Society in Marketing Research as well as a PhD from the Dept of History and Philosophy of Science of the University of Athens on the matter of social tolerance to corruption. He is married to the lawyer Helen Papapanou and they have two daughters, Marianna and Irene.



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## Olympios Papadimitriou

President, SFEE  
General Manager, Novo Nordisk Hellas

Olympios Papadimitriou is in the position of General Manager at Novo Nordisk Hellas LTD for the last 16 years. He started his career in the pharmaceutical sector in 1990, working as a sales representative for Wyeth, based in Thessaloniki. A couple of months later he joined Schering AG Berlin, nowadays absorbed by Bayer, where he had various responsibilities initially as sales representative, and at a later stage as regulatory affairs responsible and product manager. For that reason he moved to Athens. For personal reasons he moved back to Thessaloniki in 1994 where he joined Novo Nordisk Hellas LTD as a sales representative. 6 years later he became a member of the diabetes marketing department in Novo Nordisk Hellas, based in Athens. His tenure at Novo Nordisk exceeds 24 years. He has served as a BoD member in the last two boards of the Association. Olympios Papadimitriou is a graduate of the German School of Thessaloniki and he also holds a Diploma in Chemistry from Aristotelion University of Thessaloniki. He has followed the Young Manager's Programme at INSEAD and speaks fluently English and German.



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## Agata Jakoncic

President, PhRMA Innovation Forum (PIF)  
Managing Director Greece, Cyprus and Malta, MSD

During her presence at MSD Greece, Agata has strengthened performance and inspired employees in a modern and innovative way of thinking, which places society, patients and people at the center of business operation. Agata has built a high – performing, viable and effective organization and has paved the way for successful digital transformation. Under her guidance and positive enhancement, MSD embraced a new innovative organizational culture, applied new Agile Ways of Working, leveraged new technologies and launched new customer experiences to meet the needs of the external environment. Agata mobilizes people and cultivates leadership qualities to employees so that they experiment with new processes, tools and innovate on their own way. Team work, clear values, mission and vision are at the heart of MSD's roadmap and Agata focuses to maintain alignment of all employees around it. MSD has been recognized with awards from the Best Place to Work, awarded as one of the Most Sustainable Companies in Greece for its Corporate Responsibility efforts, won multiple awards for its digital presence and its products have been distinguished for their innovation from Prix Galien Greece. Agata has been very active in shaping policy in Greece and is also the President of Pharma Innovation Forum which represents 25 R & D leading international companies. From this role, Agata aims to place innovation at the center of the health dialogue and supports the provision of the most advanced treatment to patients. A Slovenian native, she started her career at MSD/Merck & Co and ever since has been a leader in roles of increasing responsibility, in commercial, marketing, supply optimization. In her last role Agata was the Country Lead for Lithuania, Romania and Balkan countries



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## Theodore Tryfon

President

Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF)

Theodore E. Tryfon was born in Mytilini – Lesvos. He graduated from Athens College of Greece and earned his BSc in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Southampton in UK. He continued his studies by earning his MBA from the City University of London Business School. In 1990 he joined Henkel Hellas, Tryfon – Kastrinis S.A., a family owned business, which was sold to Henkel Germany in 1992. Mr. Theodore Tryfon joined in 1992 Elpen Co. Inc. one of the leading Pharmaceutical Industries in Greece and currently is Co/CEO of the Elpen Group. Elpen Group also has a subsidiary in Germany, Elpen GmbH, and includes WinMedica and Aenorasis. He has played a key role in the growth of the Elpen Group with a turnover of 250.000.000€ in 2020 and more than 1100 employees in Greece and abroad, and exports in more than 40 countries. He is currently the President of the Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF) since 2014, an association which represents 45 companies with 28 production sites throughout Greece. Since April 2019 he is a Member of the Board of Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV). In 2019 he became a member of the Board of Directors of Medicines for Europe, the European Association, which represents the European generic and value added medicines industry as a whole.



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## Dimitris Nikas

President, Association of Health- Research & Biotechnology Industry (SEIV)  
Managing Director, Medtronic Hellas

He studied Production and Management Engineering at the Technical University of Crete (BA, 1990) and Business Administration at the IAE - Grenoble II University (DEA, 1991). He was a postgraduate researcher in Financial Management at the IAE of the University of Grenoble II (1991-1994), 1991-1992 and worked on the same subject as assistant professor at Pierre Mendes France, Grenoble II. At the beginning of his career, 1993-1994 he worked as a consultant in the penetration and promotion of Greek consumer products in the French market. Then, 1996-1998, he worked in the Textile sector as a Financial Analyst, focusing on analyzing production costs and evaluating investment projects. Beginning of 1998 to Sept 2000 he switched to the car spare parts industry as Financial Controller (Magnetti Marelli, Fiat Group) and later as CFO. For the last 22 years he has been working with Medtronic Hellas, medical equipment and implants. He began his career as Financial and Administrative Director, then assumed the post of Deputy General Manager and Sales Director at the Cardiac & Vascular Group and since August 1, 2017, he has taken over the General Management of the company. In December 2020 he was elected president of the Association of Health- Research & Biotechnology Industry (SEIV).



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## Aggelos Tsakanikas

Associate Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, NTUA  
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Aggelos Tsakanikas is an Associate Professor in the field of Economic Evaluation of Systems of Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Director at the Laboratory of Industrial and Energy Economics (LIEE), National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). He is also heading the Entrepreneurship Observatory, at the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (FEIR/IOBE), the leading private think tank for economic research in Greece. He teaches Economics, Investment Decision and Business Administration, Statistics for Engineers, Technology - Innovation - Entrepreneurship at the Chemical Engineering department and Industrial Policies and International Competitiveness (Athens MBA course). In the context of his research activity has been involved with numerous sectoral studies, studies on entrepreneurship and competitiveness, studies on ICTs adoption and diffusion, and economic performance at the macro, meso (sectoral) and micro level of analysis. In the academic field, his main research interests and most of his published work lie in technology strategy, business strategy, innovation economics, entrepreneurship, and related public policies. He has also participated in various European projects in innovation studies, socioeconomic research and information society. He has also served as Vice chairman of the Hellenic Industrial Property organization (Greek Patent Office) from 2017 to 2019. He is also a member of the Greek team that participates in the World Competitiveness Yearbook published by the International Management Development. He is also heading the NTUA Technology Transfer Office.



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## Athanasios Kyriazis

General Secretary for Research and Innovation  
Ministry of Development & Investments

Athanasios Kyriazis is a Professor at the Department of Statistics and Insurance Sciences at the University of Piraeus in the field of Applied Mathematics and New Technologies. He has graduated from the Department of Mathematics of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and holds a PhD degree from the same Department. He has been a visiting researcher in Universities and Research Centers in the U.S.A. and Europe. He has taught a significant number of courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as in training programs. He has supervised Doctoral Dissertations and Master's theses and has participated in several research programs as the Project Leader. His academic work includes four monographs, eight university textbooks and a great number of scientific publications and papers in international and Greek journals and in conference proceedings. He is an active participant in International and National Conferences and Seminars while he has been the national representative in a significant number of European and international institutions and working groups. In addition, he has participated in Ministerial Councils, meetings, official visits and international collaborations. He has served for several years as the General Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs as well as the Special Secretary for Higher Education at the same Ministry. Finally, he has been a consultant in companies and Institutions in relation to educational and training subjects.



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## Fay Christodoulou

Co-founder & Chief Scientific Officer  
Miroculus, Inc.

Dr. Christodoulou is the Co-Founder & Chief Scientific Officer of Miroculus Inc. Dr. Christodoulou completed her PhD degree at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany. Her work on RNA biology and evolutionary developmental biology has been published in Nature, Cell and Science. She was awarded the 1st prize of SFEE innovation project for her scientific contribution and has been recognized as 9th in the list of Top 25 Women Leaders in Biotechnology by Healthcare Technology Review. Dr. Christodoulou was selected to join the Endeavor global network of high - impact entrepreneurs, thus becoming Endeavor Greece's 3rd female Entrepreneur. In 2022 she was included in Fortune Greece list of 40 under 40.



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## Constantinos Mavrantonis

Founder & Chairman, NODE Institute - Network of Doctors Education  
Surgeon, Director, 6th Surgical Department, Hygeia Hospital

Constantinos Mavrantonis MD, PhD, is a colorectal surgeon. He is the Director of the 6th Department of Surgery - Hygeia Hospital and Member of the Hospital's Scientific Board. He is Founder and Chairman of the NoDE Institute (Network of Doctors' Education <http://www.nodeinstitute.org>) a Not-for-profit Organization for easy access to specialized postgraduate tutoring and proctorship for doctors in Greece. He has been an invited speaker in numerous meetings in Europe and the United States. He has authored 19 scientific papers in Medical Journals with over 2600 citations. He teaches laparoscopic colorectal surgery through the Colorectal Laparoscopic Surgical Skills (C.L.A.S.S.) Courses which he initiated in 2008.



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## Nico Gariboldi

Sr Director, Site Lead  
Pfizer Center for Digital Innovation (CDI)

Nico started his career in Pfizer Italy 16 years ago, serving as Brand Manager of peri-LOE products, Commercial Effectiveness Manager, Business Intelligence Advisor, Supply Policy Specialist, and Junior Analyst. He has since then held roles of increasing local, regional and global responsibility. Most recently, Nico was Global Capability Lead for the healthcare provider portal experience within the Customer Experience team and prior was Senior Director, Global Lead for Customer Engagement and Content Strategy for Pfizer Essential Health. In that role, he managed the team responsible for creating enterprise customer engagement strategies (digital and face-to-face) that supported commercial, scientific and business goals, based on an omni-channel approach and content marketing strategy. Nico earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from La Sapienza University in Rome.



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## Katerina Pramataris

Associate Professor of the Department of Management Science and Technology, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), Scientific Coordinator of ACEin, the Athens Center of Entrepreneurship and innovation at AUEB, Partner, Uni.Fund

Katerina Pramataris is founding Partner at Uni.Fund, a Greek VC fund of €30M in the tech-transfer and innovation window of Equifund that invests in start-ups and spin-offs at pre-seed and seed stage, supporting the growth of new ventures and leveraging the hidden potential that exists in the Greek Universities, R&D and Tech Space. Katerina has extensive entrepreneurial experience and has been the founder of two technology start-ups. She also serves as Associate Professor at the Department of Management Science and Technology of the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and is among the top European experts/academics in the fields of Internet-of-Things (IoT), retail and business analytics. She is a key founder of ACEin, a leading University accelerator that has been awarded for bridging the corporate world with University start-ups. Over the last years she has supported hundreds of teams in the setup of their own ventures and has been among the initiators and supporters of various activities fostering youth entrepreneurship.



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## Marios Themistocleous

General Secretary of the Primary Health Care  
Ministry of Health

Marios Themistocleous is the General Secretary of the Primary Health Care at the Ministry of Health, responsible for the coordination and management of the National vaccination programme in Greece. He graduated from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, has a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Medical school of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and a Master of Science in Health Management and Health Economics. He has served as a Consultant Neurosurgeon at the Neurosurgery Department of “Agia Sofia” Childrens’ Hospital of Athens. Marios was the President of the National Central Health Procurement Authority, member of the Coordinating and Management Committee of the Government policy for the COVID-19 pandemic, Coordinator of the Special Advisory Committee of the Health Initiative Stavros Niarchos Foundation on behalf of the Presidency of the Government. He has also been President of the Chief Committee of Health Sector Insurance Fund (TSAY) and Vice President on the Board of Directors of ETAA (Unified Fund of the Self Employed).



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## Dr João Breda, MPH PhD MBA

Head of the Athens Quality of Care Office & Special Adviser for the Regional Director, WHO

Dr João Breda is the Head of the new Athens Quality of Care Office and Special Adviser of WHO Regional Director for the establishment of Sub-Regional Offices. Before moving to Greece João has been posted in WHO Senior Positions in Copenhagen (Denmark) for seven years and Moscow (Russian Federation) for four years. The newly established Athens Centre of Excellence aims to improve quality of care and patient safety at country level and focusing on reducing inequalities while promoting health innovation and leadership. João Breda is known for his teamwork, leadership skills (including great team player and high EQ and diversity promoter) and fund-raising ability which led to attract significant number of resources from major international donors. Until 2021 he Headed the WHO European Office for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD Office), which is an integral part of the WHO Regional Office for Europe. Launched in Moscow in 2014, the NCD Office marked an important milestone in the commitment made to combatting NCDs in the WHO European Region. Led by Dr Breda, the NCD Office provided support to 53 Member States in the WHO European Region based on population-level, targeted approaches to ensure a reduction in NCD risk, an overall decline in premature mortality. In 2019, the team he was leading was given an Award of Excellence announced by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, which acknowledges the exceptional contribution to the Organization, tangible gains, and achievements. For eleven years Dr João Breda was Programme Manager for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity at the WHO Regional Office for Europe, responsible for the development and implementation and evaluation of the European Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015-2020 and the Physical Activity Strategy for the WHO European Region 2016-2025. Dr. Breda was also the recipient of the Gold Medal for outstanding services in the field of Health granted by the Portuguese Ministry of Health in 2018. He also received more than 20 scientific and academic awards and/or distinctions notably the Honorary Professorship by the Medical Academy of Kazakhstan 2018, the Gerlev Award 2016 (Denmark) and gold medals for his work in obesity particularly in children by the Polish Institute of Maternal and Child Health (2021) and the Nutritionists Professional Order 2021 (Portugal). João Breda has published more than 250 original academic articles and reports, as well as more than 20 original books (including the best seller on infant nutrition in Portugal) and has more than 10000 citations. He is also considered to be among the top 1% researchers on obesity, globally. Before joining WHO, Dr Breda was the Portuguese focal point to WHO/Europe for alcohol, nutrition, and physical activity, and to the High-Level Group on Nutrition & Physical Activity and the European Platform on Diet, Nutrition and Physical Activity of the European Union. He was the first coordinator of the national platform against obesity under the Portuguese Ministry of Health. He worked as a public health official at the general Health Directorate of Health for many years. He was the Head of the Nutrition Department at Atlantic University in Lisbon as well as lecturer and researcher at the Agriculture University of Coimbra (ESAC), the University of the Algarve and the School of Hospitality and Culinary Arts in Coimbra. Dr João Breda is a PhD in Food Consumption & Nutritional Sciences by Porto University, a Master of Business Administration by the EU Business School in Barcelona, a Master's in public health and initially graduated in Nutritional Sciences. He is proficient in English, Spanish and Portuguese (mother tongue), intermediate knowledge of French and basic Russian.



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## Anargyros Mariolis

President, Hellenic Academy of General Practice / Family Medicine & PHC  
General Practitioner, Director of the Areopolis Health Center, Mani

Dr. Anargyros Mariolis was born in Athens in 1972. He is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Athens and holds a Doctoral Thesis at the Medical School of the University of Athens. He is head of the Initiative for the reconstruction of Primary Health Care and General / Family medicine. Founder and Scientific Coordinator of the 1st Center of Urban Health in Greece in Vyronas, Attica (2003-2010). Since November 2010 he is Director at the Areopoli Health Center.



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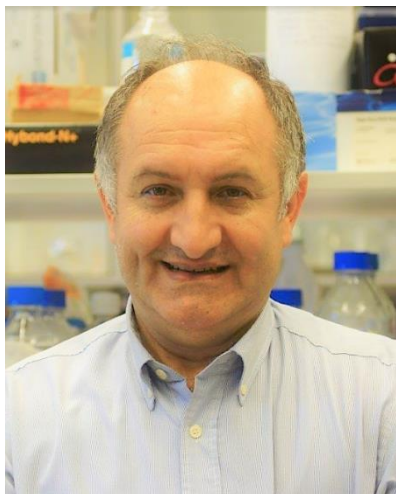
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