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## KOSTAS ANDRIOSOPOULOS

Professor of Finance & Energy Economics, Audencia Business School  
Chair, Energy Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR)

Professor Dr. Kostas Andriosopoulos is the Executive Director of the Research Centre for Energy Transition & Sustainability Center at Audencia Business School where he holds the position of full Professor in Finance and Energy Economics.

Kostas holds a PhD in Finance (Cass Business School, City University London), where he has been the recipient of the prestigious Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation's scholarship. He also holds an MBA and MSc in Finance (Northeastern University, Boston, USA), and a bachelor's degree in Production Engineering and Management (Technical University of Crete, Greece).

Kostas is a member in various professional and academic associations.

- President of the Energy Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.
- President of the Decarbonization Fund of the Greek islands for the Hellenic Ministry of Environment & Energy.
- Founder and former Chairman of the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics
- Board member of the Global Gas Center - World Energy Council as a Gas and LNG markets expert.

Since August 2018 he is Country Manager of Akuo Energy in Greece, a multinational company based in France that develops RES projects in 17 countries around the world.

His work has been published in international finance and commodity-related Journals and has participated as speaker in recognized conferences world-wide.



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## NIKOLAOS BAKATSELOS

President

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR)

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 AEEX”, 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 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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## DR. ANDREAS BORGEAS

Chief Operational Officer  
GAP project

Andreas Borgeas, former California State Senator (USA) and a distinguished member of the Greek-American community has served in several public capacities, including as a prominent Republican member of the Senate (2018-2022) and as a federally appointed commissioner on the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. During his political career, he strongly advocated for Greek positions on key foreign policy issues. Andreas Borgeas Ph.D. was a Fulbright Scholar in Greece and completed graduate studies at Harvard University, Georgetown Law School, and Panteion University in Athens.

Dr. Andreas Borgeas has joined the Eunice Energy Group as CEO of Greece-Africa Power Interconnector (GAP), the transnational electricity interconnection project between Greece and Egypt. Borgeas leads efforts to advance the international consortium, working with leadership representatives from Greece, Egypt, and the European Union to accelerate the completion of the electrical interconnection project between the two continents, Europe, and Africa. The GAP consortium continues to expand its network of partnerships by admitting new members with significant experience in similar international-scale projects."





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## ALEXANDROS COSTOPOULOS

Founder & CEO, FORESIGHT Strategy & Communications

Secretary General, American- Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR)

Alexandros Costopoulos is a communications strategist, renowned speaker and seasoned contributor to leading international and Greek media on communications, credibility, soft skills and U.S. relations.

Founder and CEO of FORESIGHT, Alex has collaborated with distinguished individuals and prominent organizations from the political, academic and business spheres in the United States, Greece and the broader southeast European region, providing critical insight and developing bespoke results driven strategies and tactics related to public affairs, reputation management, public diplomacy, civil society engagement and American affairs.

He is the Secretary General, an elected member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Director for Greece of American Citizens Abroad and Co-Founder of the Institute for Regional Dialogue and Strategy.

He has written various social and political opinion editorials for top newspapers and magazines in Greece and has spoken extensively on the importance of cooperation and smart power, while he published two books, "Bridges of Cooperation-Marshall Plan and Greece" in 2008 and "Bridges of Liberty- American Philhellenism in the 18th and 19th Centuries" in 2009.

In December 2011 he founded RepowerGreece, an international grassroots public diplomacy initiative that seeks to empower a new way of thinking in facing emerging challenges and redefine Greece by investing in a renewed entrepreneurship and talentbased movement.



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## ATHANASIOS DAGOUMAS

President

Regulatory Authority for Waste, Energy & Water (RAWEW)

Dr. Athanasios Dagoumas is an Associate Professor in Energy and Resource Economics and Director of the Energy and Environmental Policy laboratory at the University of Piraeus. He holds a Diploma in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, where he elaborated his PhD in Energy Economics. He is Member of the Board of the Cambridge Trust for New Thinking in Economics. He has more than 15 years of work and research experience in energy related issues, including working as a Senior Researcher at the University of Cambridge and as a Senior Energy Analyst at the Transmission System Operator and at the Electricity Market Operator in Greece. Moreover he was enrolled as a Special Advisor to the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change in Greece. His extensive experience builds his capacity for an in-depth understanding of multidisciplinary aspects of the energy sector: economic, engineering, environmental and policy. He is keen on developing models for the energy system, the economic-energy-environment (E3) systems and the real energy markets. He has been President to the Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water since July 2020.



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## MINAS DIACAKIS, PhD

Senior Engineer, Global Ship Systems Centre  
American Bureau of Shipping

Minas Diacakis is a graduate of Southbank University, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and Cranfield University with a Masters Degree in Energy Systems & Thermal Process and a PhD in Performance and Diagnostics of Fuel Cells and Gas Turbine cycles. Before joining American Bureau of Shipping – ABS, he spent twenty years in a diverse number of positions of energy related projects as an engineer and sustainability consultant. Since December 2022 he has been a member of ABS's Global Ship System Centre as a Senior Engineer, involved in ammonia, hydrogen, wind and nuclear technology related projects with further engagement in risk analysis of novel technologies for the maritime industry.



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## JÖRN FLECK

Senior Director, Europe Center  
Atlantic Council

Jörn Fleck serves as senior director with the Europe Center at the Atlantic Council with primary responsibility for the center's European Union (EU) efforts, programming related to Western Europe, Brexit, and US-EU trade relations. Jörn also leads outreach to US and European legislators as well as the Council's Transatlantic Digital Project which seeks to promote closer US-EU cooperation on digital policy matters.

Jörn previously was director at the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) and helped to launch TPN's annual signature event Transatlantic Week which has become a major event in the transatlantic calendar. He continues to support TPN programming and promotes cooperation between both organizations.

Prior to joining TPN, Jörn was chief of staff for a British member of the European Parliament (MEP). In this role, he worked extensively on US-EU relations, trade policy, and EU foreign and security policy. Jörn further served as the staff lead for the MEP's rapporteurship for the 2007 EU general budget.

Jörn holds an MA in international commerce and policy from the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University and a BA in politics and international relations with first class honors from the University of Kent at Canterbury in the United Kingdom. Jörn is a German national.





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## MARIA RITA GALLI

CEO

Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator (DESFA), Greece

Maria Rita Galli is the CEO of DESFA (Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator). Until recently she held the position of the Executive Vice President Business Development & Asset Management at Snam S.p.A, a leading global energy infrastructure company and was the Chairman of the SENFLUGA Energy Holdings S.A., a consortium controlling 66% of DESFA's share capital.

Ms. Galli started her career at Eni in 1997, as a graduate in nuclear engineering from the Milan Polytechnic University. At Eni, she went through various roles within the International Business Development Department, joined relevant international projects and was involved in M&A activities. As a member of Eni's Board of Directors, she also oversaw the operations of some of the Group's companies abroad (Galp, Distrigas, eni Gas&Power Trading BV, eni Gas&Power France, GVS GmbH, etc.)

Since 2006, she has been in charge of the International Business Development unit and, from January 2010, she has been in charge of the International Business Development and Assets Management department.

In October 2016, she joined Snam as the Head of Business Development and International Asset Management.



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## TEODORA GEORGIEVA

Executive Officer & BoD Member  
ICGB AD, Bulgaria

Teodora Georgieva has more than 20 years of experience as a strategic manager, leading significant projects in various economic sectors. Currently, Ms. Georgieva is the Executive Officer of the Bulgarian side of ICGB AD and is also a member of its Board of Directors. ICGB is responsible for the overall management and development of the gas pipeline between Greece and Bulgaria and is Bulgaria's second independent transmission system operator.

From 2012 to 2014 Teodora Georgieva was Managing Director of Nabucco Bulgaria, and before that she worked at OMV Bulgaria for 13 years, 8 of which she was Managing Director of the company holding cluster positions for Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia. Georgieva was the coordinator for Bulgaria of the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) in 2009 and was among the top 10 Bulgarian managers for 2 consecutive years.

She graduated from the University of National and World Economy and has a master's degree in Finance. Married, with two children.



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## JOHN KARYDAS

CEO, Renewables & Energy Storage  
Copelouzos Group

John Karydas is the Chief Executive Officer of the Renewables and Battery Storage Business Unit of Copelouzos Group.

Copelouzos Group was founded in 1973 and today has evolved to a fully integrated business development organization, servicing key industrial and technological sectors in Greece and abroad. One important business sector of the Group is energy with the core businesses within this sector being the marketing of natural gas, electricity production and trading, renewable energy sources and energy storage. Copelouzos Group has been a pioneer in the RES with an extensive portfolio of renewable energy assets and the first who has received Production licenses for the operation of battery energy storage systems in the country. The Group has also been developing the pioneer project of the electrical interconnection between Greece and Egypt for the transfer of green energy.

John Karydas has been Member of the Board of Directors of Athens International Airport from June 2009 until November 2012, Member of the Supervisory Board of Pulkovo Airport, St. Petersburg from February 2010 until August 2011. From 2005 until 2011 he also held the position of the Chief Operating Officer of Copelouzos Group. He is the Managing Director or an Executive Member of the Board of major companies of the Group developing and operating RES, energy storage and electrical interconnection projects.

He received an M.B.A. degree from Bath University in the UK, an M.Sc. in Computing Science from Oxford University and a B.Sc. (with First Class Honors) in Computer Science with Mathematics from London University. He is a graduate of Athens College.

Prior to joining Copelouzos Group 21 years ago, he held senior and commercial positions in Greek and multinational companies.



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## OLGA KHAKOVA

Deputy Director, European Energy Security, Global Energy Center, Transform Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council

Olga Khakova is the deputy director for European energy security at the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center (GEC). She leads GEC's portfolio on synchronizing climate and energy security efforts through transatlantic cooperation. Khakova addresses these issues through in-depth reports and high-level convenings, such as the Central and Eastern European Energy Security Conference in Washington, DC. She conceptualized and launched GEC's Innovation Stream, as well as the Model COP26 competition.

Khakova frequently appears on BBC, Bloomberg, CNN, Deutsche Welle, NPR, and Times Radio as a guest commentator, and her work has been published in Barron's, The Economist, Foreign Policy, the New York Times, National Journal, Politico, and The Washington Post.

Before joining the Atlantic Council, Khakova was a senior program coordinator for the US Energy Association's Energy Technology and Governance Program. She helped start and manage the Western Balkans' Electricity Market Initiative working group.

Khakova's experience also includes serving as program director for The Climate + Energy Project (CEP), a clean energy nonprofit in the Midwest. While at CEP, she co-led the conception and development of the Clean Energy Business Council and facilitated statewide stakeholder engagement on energy issues, such as education and outreach on rate design dockets at the Kansas Corporation Commission. During her time at Bombardier Aerospace, Khakova organized aviation safety programming focused on human factors called Safety Standdown, which took place in Brazil, Canada, China, and the United States.

Khakova is on the Board of Directors Women's Council on Energy and the Environment. She has a professional science masters in environmental assessment from the University of Kansas.





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## GIORGIOS KOPANAKIS

Technical Director

Gastrade, Greece

Experienced in Project Management & Execution with a demonstrated history of working in the Energy Industry. Skilled in Negotiation, Contract Management & Execution, Equipment Procurement, Project Development with a master's degree focusing on Natural Gas Energy Projects Development/Construction.

My value to the business is my commercial acumen, my ability to deliver cost-effective solutions and on budget, develop efficient procurement strategies and my fluency to connect with suppliers, stakeholders, and sub-contractors by being affluent, efficient, and effective.

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

01/03/2022-Current: Gastrade S.A., Athens, Greece ([www.gastrade.gr](http://www.gastrade.gr)) Technical Director of INGS Alexandroupolis LNG (FSRU) Construction Budget 460 mil. €

- Supervise the PMC and coordinate the technical activities
- Supervise & implement the terms of the FSRU SPA-Conversion of LNGC Gaslog Chelsea at Keppel Shipyard
- Supervise and implement the terms of the Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Installation contract for the offshore & onshore pipeline
- Supervise and implement the terms of the Mooring contract
- Manage the contract with DESFA for the construction of the Metering and Regulation Station
- Manage the System Operations Interface
- Plan, coordinate and control the Commissioning/Trial operation
- Manage and complete the Commissioning on a quality assurance and timely base
- Work closely with all departments across the organization



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Technical Director

Gastrade, Greece

01/2020- 28/02/2022: Copelouzos Group, Athens, Greece ([www.copelouzos.gr](http://www.copelouzos.gr)) - Project Manager-Energy Projects.

08/2017- 12/2019: Paralos Energy, Athens, Greece ([www.paralosenergy.gr](http://www.paralosenergy.gr)) - Contract/Procurement Manager- Wind Farm EPC-BoP.

05/2014-08/2017: Proteus Bio Power, Athens, Greece ([www.proteus-power.gr](http://www.proteus-power.gr)) - Procurement/Contract Manager-Wind Farm BoP.

04/2013-04/2014: EDF Energies Nouvelles, Athens([www.eenhellas.gr](http://www.eenhellas.gr)) - Wind Farm O&M Asset Management.

11/2010-08/2011: Greek Army - Fulfilling Military Obligations

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

03/2012- 03/2013: Cranfield University, Bedfordshire, UK - MSc in Thermal Power-Aerospace Engineering 1:1 – (Course Director Prize- Distinction 3rd Place)

09/2004- 09/2010: National Technical University of Athens, Greece/IFK Stuttgart, Germany - BSc (3 years) in Mechanical Engineering2:1 - MSc (2 years) in Energy Production 2:1

09/2001- 06/2004: 2nd High School of Peuki, Athens, Greece - Grade 18.1 in the scale of 20

COMPUTING SKILLS: Operating Systems: Windows XP/8, MS Office, OS X, Autocad, MS Project

LANGUAGES: English (FLUENT) Cambridge Proficiency in English-Grade A, Greek (NATIVE), French (DEL F 1), Mandarin (Studying for HSK Level 1)

Member of TEE



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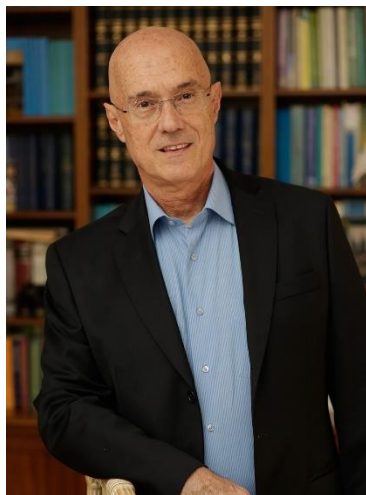
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## GEORGE KREMLIS

Honorary Director, European Commission

Chair, Circular Economy Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR)

He is a member of the Board of the European Public Law Organisation. He is also a member of the environmental and social advisory council of the EBRD and also currently the Chair of the Bureau of the Espoo Convention and the SEA Protocol, Chair of the MOPs in 2019, elected Chair for the MOPs in December 2020 and re-elected Chair for the period 2021-2023. George Kremlis is Honorary Director of the European Commission (EC) and was in this capacity Active Senior responsible for circular economy in the islands.

He started his career in the EC in 1981. He was a Legal advisor (from January 1981) in the European Commission's Legal Service, with an interruption of three years (1990-1993) in Greece where he exercised the functions of Advisor to the Greek Minister of National Economy (1990), National Co-ordinator for the EEC internal market (1990-1992), Head of the EEC Committee under the Greek Prime Minister (1993), and Secretary General for European Affairs in the Ministry of National Economy (1993). During this period, he was also a Member of the Greek Competition authority.

In 1995 he joined DGENV. From 1995 to 2004 he served as Head of the Legal Unit, responsible for all legal issues in the DG. From 2004 to 2005 he was the Head of the "Legal affairs and Governance" Unit, and from June 2005 to May 2013 Head of the Unit "Cohesion Policy and Environmental Impact assessments".



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Chair, Circular Economy Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR)

From June 2013 till 30 March 2018 he has served as Head of the "Mainstreaming and Environmental Assessments" Unit (former "Enforcement, Cohesion Policy & European Semester, Cluster 1" Unit); in-between, from March to August 2011, he served as Acting Director of the Directorate "Legal Affairs and Cohesion" and from June 2013 to January 2014 as Director ad interim of the Directorate "Implementation, Governance and Semester".

In his last position he was also the Chairman of the ENEA-MA (European Network of Environmental and Managing Authorities), and the EIA/SEA (Environmental Impact Assessment / Strategic Environmental Assessment) Experts Groups.

He has also served as a member of the Board of the National Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development in Greece, and as a member of the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE). He is Founding and Honorary President of the Hellenic Environmental Law Association.

He was a lawyer of the Greek Supreme Court and at the beginning of his career he has been a Research fellow at the Centre of International Economic and European Law (1979-80), in Thessaloniki.

Visiting Professor in a number of universities, in Greece and abroad, especially on post-graduate studies. He is the co-author of a four volumes Commentary, Article by Article, of the EU Treaties (in Greek). He is also the author of a very large number of various publications, in English, French and Greek, including books and articles, on EU Policy and Law, in particular institutional law, business law, private international law, environmental law, and comparative law.





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## ANASTASIJA KUPRIJANOVA

Director of Maritime Business Development  
Amogy

In her role as the Director of Maritime Business Development at Amogy, Anastasiya Kuprijanova is leading efforts to drive the widespread adoption of ammonia as a revolutionary fuel alternative in the maritime industry. Leveraging Amogy's cutting-edge ammonia cracking technology, she is transforming the maritime sector towards greener solutions.

Previously, as the Director of Business Development for Hornblower Group, Anastasiya played a pivotal role in successfully launching NYC Ferry. Her contributions to the marine transportation sector were marked by the introduction of innovative solutions. A graduate of the California Maritime Academy, Anastasiya brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her role in driving sustainable practices and advancements in the maritime industry.



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## VLADIMIR MALINOV

CEO

Bulgartransgaz, Bulgaria

Vladimir Malinov is the Executive Director of the Bulgarian gas transmission system operator Bulgartransgaz since 2018.

Mr. Malinov joined Bulgartransgaz as Head of Legal Division in 2010. He was responsible for regulatory affairs and was deeply involved in relations with EU institutions, the company's TSO certification and unbundling and the implementation of NCs.

In 2019 Mr. Malinov was appointed as Member of the Board of Balkan Gas Hub and in January 2021 – as a Member of the Board of Gastrade S.A. - the project company developing the Alexandroupolis LNG Terminal.

In December 2021 Mr. Malinov was elected Member of the Board of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG).



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## KONSTANTINOS MAVROS

CEO  
PPC Renewables

Konstantinos Mavros has significant and diversified experience in the broader energy sector and the fields of corporate finance and technology. He has worked in the past in the Renewable Energy Sector, and has been leading companies in the technological field. He has also co-founded a Venture Capital fund supported by the European Investment Fund. He is an active member and holds key positions in several international professional and academic associations and has been a visiting lecturer at the Athens University International MBA program. Mr Mavros holds a Masters' degree in Finance from Imperial College London and has completed high level executive education programs at Harvard Business School.



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## GETOAR MJEKU

Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Economy, Kosovo

Getoar Mjeku is a commercial and international lawyer and current deputy minister of economy of Kosovo. Educated and licensed in the United States, he has practiced law on both sides of the Atlantic, published in international journals and edited volumes, and represented plaintiffs in strategic litigation against abuses in state-owned enterprises, environmental protection and the energy sector. He previously served as deputy minister of industry, entrepreneurship and trade, working on legal reforms, investment promotion and trade issues. In his current role, he oversees state-owned companies and is helping set up the Kosovo Sovereign Fund.





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## KONSTANTINOS NIKOLAOU

Vice President  
Energean Oil & Gas Greece

Dr Nikolaou joined Energean as Technical Advisor in 2009. Effective April the 1st 2020, Dr Nikolaou was appointed Vice President of the Board of Directors (BoD) of Energean Oil & Gas SA, assuming responsibility for technical coordination of projects and assets in Greece including Prinos, Western Greece exploration acreage, the Katakolo and UGS projects as well as Government affairs.

For almost half a century, Dr. Nikolaou has been embracing leadership positions in several exploration and production projects in Greece, Libya, Egypt, Albania, Montenegro and the East Mediterranean.

He started his career in 1976, working for the Public Petroleum Corporation of Greece (DEP SA), in the sector of Hydrocarbons Exploration and Production. In 1984 he was appointed as Exploration Manager of Western Greece.

In 1998, DEP Group of Companies merged to Hellenic Petroleum SA. In 2004 Dr. Nikolaou addressed to the Exploration & Production Division as Technical Director.

From 2004 to 2006, he was simultaneously holding the role of the Managing Director for the Gas Distribution Company of Attiki, member of Hellenic Petroleum Group of Companies.

During his long career, he served as special advisor to several Ministers of Energy, Environment and Development; (1991-1994), (2004-2006).

In 2014, the Republic of Cyprus appointed Dr Nikolaou member of the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Cyprus Hydrocarbons Company (CHC) (2014-2019) He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum.



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## SPIROS PAPAETHIMIOU

President, HAEE

Professor of Sustainable Energy Technologies, Technical University of Crete

Affiliate Professor, ESCP Europe Business School

Spiros is the Director of the Industrial, Energy and Environmental Systems Lab and he is specialized in renewables, energy efficiency issues and energy saving applications. His research interests include various aspects of renewables (assessment and implementation of technologies and especially photovoltaics and solar thermal systems, implementation of national policies related to renewables and financial and social incentive schemes, renewable energy heating and cooling applications, renewable energy auctions and market exchange, Life Cycle Assessment and environmental impacts analysis from largescale deployment of renewable energy technologies); Sustainability in the energy sector; Energy saving devices; Technologies of "smart" materials for energy related applications; Energy characterization of building structural elements. As part of his academic work, he has published more than 60 papers in international peer-reviewed journals and has been cited more than 2800 times, with a current h-index of 30; additionally, he has actively participated in more than 50 research projects. He has presented papers to numerous international energy related conferences and acted as referee for international journals in the area of Renewables, Energy efficiency and Energy policy, while on the same time he has served as member in various professional and academic associations such as the International Association for Energy Economics and the International Solar Energy Society. Additionally, he has provided lectures and supervised MSc theses in various academic institutions including ESCP London, EADA Spain and Montpellier Business School. Spiros is the President of the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics. Spiros is member of the top 2% of the world's top scientists for 2022 in the field of Energy, according to the "World's Top 2% Scientists" ranking published by Stanford University.



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## CONSTANTINOS PAPALUCAS

Founder & President  
East Med Energy Hub

Constantinos Papalucas is an Energy Expert, working directly with governments and world class energy corporations. He served as a Senior advisor to the Greek Minister of Environment and Energy and led the Greek National Hydrogen Committee. He also coordinated the Greek participation in the Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs) on Hydrogen putting the first Greek hydrogen projects in the pipeline. Furthermore, he led the joint task force between the Greek Ministry and the U.S. Department of Energy that jointly developed a regional CCUS concept in Greece. During his tenure he landed several world class major energy corporations to assess various upstream and midstream opportunities in Greece and invest in green technology ventures.

In the past he served as an Associate at Harvard's Belfer Center and at the U.S. Congress Energy & Commerce Committee. Upon his return from the United States, Constantinos founded EastMed Energy Hub Ltd to nurture joint infrastructure and investments in the Eastern Mediterranean and also help its partners grow in the SE Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. EastMed Energy Hub is a proud member of the United Nations Group of Gas Experts (UNECE), SEV's Clean/Climate Tech Working Group and an advisory Board Member of Nord H2ub.

Constantinos has written several Policy Papers and has been a member of the authoring team of the Greek National Energy and Climate Plan (2019). His work has been hosted/featured in mainstream journals and magazines such as the Washington Times, S&P Global Platts, NAPE — Magazine for Dealmakers, Times of Israel, Egypt Oil & Gas and others. Constantinos is a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



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## HARILAOS PETRAKAKOS

Director & Senior Surveyor  
P&P Marine Consultants

He is a graduate of MIT with an M.Sc., in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and one in Shipping and Shipbuilding Management.

He has been and is advising many Greek and Foreign based shipping firms in their choices of energy efficiency and acts as external auditor for owners and private equity funds to assess the assets (ships and crew) condition.

He presented in 2012, 2013 and 2014, 2016 and 2018 in Shanghai Finance on Shipbuilding Contracts and alternative means of propulsion in shipping. He is a presenter in maritime fora, in a number of subjects related to ship efficiency.

He is a member of SNAME (Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers) since time immemorial.

He is the Secretary/Treasurer of SNAME (Greek Section) and its Chairman of the Fundraising and Scholarships committee.

In SNAME Global, he holds the Chair of the Panel M-48 "Atomic Power in Commercial Ships"

Member of The Propeller Club of Piraeus, Member of The Piraeus Association for Maritime Arbitration and of the MIT Alumni Club of Greece.

He is one of the founders and a member of the board of MIT Enterprise Forum in Greece now rebranded START SMART member of MIT and JWEL.

He is also a member of AHEPA.

Member of the BoD of Ursus Maritime Capital an advocate of Green Financing and the Poseidon Principle.





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### **IVA PETROVA**

**Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Energy, Bulgaria**

In the period 2000-2009 Ms. Iva Petrova worked at the Ministry of Energy, where in 2008 she became Director of Energy Markets and Restructuring Directorate. She was responsible for managing and monitoring energy projects financed under bilateral and multilateral programs, as well as for activities in the field of the establishment of efficient energy markets. Then, since February 2009 until the end of June 2010, she took the position of Director of Projects and Investment in the Bulgarian Energy Holding. Petrova has also worked as an independent evaluator of project proposals.

She is also a part-time assistant at the Faculty of Economics of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". Petrova graduated with Master's degree in "Economics and Management" from the University of Sofia. She also graduated from the University of Birmingham, the United Kingdom. She has completed a number of specialized trainings in Japan, Belgium and Britain. She has been a partner in 3B Advisory Ltd., a company focused on management consulting in the energy sector.

Fluent in English, has good knowledge of Italian language.



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## GEOFFREY R. PYATT

Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, a career member of the Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, was sworn in as Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources on September 19, 2022.

Ambassador Pyatt served as U.S. Ambassador to Greece from 2016 to 2022 and U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from 2013 to 2016. Among other recognitions, he received the State Department's Robert Frasure Memorial Award in recognition of his leadership of the U.S. response to Russia's invasion of Crimea and eastern Ukraine in 2014.

Previously, Ambassador Pyatt was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs from 2010-2013. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria from 2007 to 2010. He also served three times at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India, as Deputy Chief of Mission from 2006 to 2007, Political Counselor from 2002 to 2006, and Political Officer from 1992 to 1994. Ambassador Pyatt was Economic Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong from 1999 to 2002 and Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Lahore, Pakistan from 1997 to 1999. Since joining the Foreign Service in 1989, he has also served on the National Security Council staff, on the staff of Deputy Secretary Strobe Talbott and at the U.S. Embassy in Honduras.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he worked with The Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based think tank that brings together leading citizens of the Americas.

Ambassador Pyatt grew up in La Jolla, California and holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Yale and B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine.



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## ANGELOS ROUPAS-PANTALEON

Founder  
Second Wind & Partners

Angelos is the founder of Second Wind & Partners.

Prior to starting his own company, Angelos built extensive experience in the maritime finance / banking sector through his well over than 25 years cooperation with Barclays Bank, DVB and Deutsche Schiffsbank/ Commerzbank. Angelos has built up extensive experience in restructuring and evaluating shipping portfolios along with sourcing finance and equity for shipping companies. In parallel, Angelos is involved in sourcing funding towards green energy projects.

Additionally, he is the Manager of the Greek Representative Office of European Mar, which is the exclusive service provider of The International Flag of Portugal / Homeport Madeira, which is currently the fastest growing white listed EU flag, and one of the fastest growing flags worldwide.



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## GEORGE SATLAS

Executive Officer & BoD Member  
ICGB AD, Bulgaria

George Satlas is an accomplished professional with a diverse background and extensive expertise in various industries. Currently serving as the Executive Officer and Board Member of ICGB AD, he plays a crucial role in overseeing the operations of the IGB gas pipeline, as the independent transmission system operator. Additionally, Mr. Satlas holds the esteemed position of Vice Chairman of the Hellenic Business Council in Bulgaria, further highlighting his influential presence in the business community.

With a strong educational foundation, George Satlas holds a Mechanical Engineering degree and has complemented his technical expertise with an MBA degree. This unique combination of qualifications allows him to excel in both technical and managerial aspects of his career. His wealth of managerial experience in the financial sector has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of investment principles and real estate management, gained through his involvement in a wide array of projects.

Prior to his current roles, Mr. Satlas has held high-ranking executive positions in notable organizations, including the Greek sovereign wealth fund and subsidiaries of all four systemic Greek banks. These esteemed positions have provided him with valuable insights into the intricacies of the financial industry and further honed his leadership abilities.

Overall, George Satlas stands as a highly accomplished professional, leveraging his extensive knowledge and expertise to drive success in the energy sector and contribute to the growth of business relations between Greece and Bulgaria.





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## STYLIANOS SBYRAKIS

Principal, Global Investment & Innovation Incentives  
Deloitte

Stelios Sbyrakis is leading the Global Investment & Innovation Incentives (GI3) service line in Greece since 2014. He is an Electrical & Electronics Engineer, specialized in Microelectronics & Telecommunications. Since 1991 he is a member of the Greek Technical Chamber. He has 30 years of experience in managerial and consulting positions in the Technology and Telecommunications industries, mainly related to the development and delivery of technology solutions and innovation. Stelios has significant experience in Greek (>15 years) and EU state aid incentives, having led large telecom infrastructure projects and technology research projects, which were co-funded by the Greek state and the EU. During his tenure in Deloitte Greece, Stelios has been leading numerous successful projects with clients claiming tax & grants incentives across the economic sectors, while he has assisted in the design of state aid instruments and provided state aid advisory to the Greek government.



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## THEODORE SKYLAKAKIS

Minister

Ministry of Environment & Energy, Greece

He was born in 1959 in Athens. He is an economist. Member of Parliament for New Democracy (2022-2023). Minister of Environment and Energy from June 2023. Alternate Minister of Finance, responsible for Fiscal Policy and responsible for preparing and coordinating the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan "Greece 2.0" (2020-2023). Deputy Minister of Fiscal Policy (2019-2020), Member of the European Parliament (2009-2014), Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation (2006-2009), Municipal Councilor, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Athens (2003-2006), responsible for preparing for the 2004 Olympic Games. From 1990 to 1993 he served as Advisor to Prime Minister Konstantinos Mitsotakis and Head of the Prime Minister's Planning and Communication Office.

He also served as President and Director General of the E21 Research Centre (1994-2001). He was the last President of Drasi (2014-2019), which suspended its activity to support New Democracy.

He has worked in advertising and communication since 1985 and he has founded four companies in the fields of communication (1994-1999), crisis management (2000-2006) and agricultural production & processing (2014-2019).

He studied economics in Greece (University of Athens) and business administration (MBA) in England (City University, London) and received a master's degree from the British Market Research Society in Market Research. He has received a PhD from the Department of History and Philosophy of Science of the University of Athens, entitled: "Social tolerance to corruption".

He is married to Eleni Papapanou, has two daughters, Marianna and Irene and four granddaughters.



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## KATERINA SOKOU

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Europe Center, Atlantic Council  
Washington DC Correspondent, Kathimerini

Katerina Sokou is a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Europe Center and the Washington DC correspondent for Greek daily newspaper *KATHIMERINI*, where she is also a columnist, focusing on transatlantic relations, foreign policy and financial diplomacy since 2013. She has covered extensively the Greek financial crisis, interviewing economists and policy-makers and providing commentary and reporting for news media in the US and Europe. As a visiting scholar at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs (2017-2018), she researched the US role in the Greek debt crisis and its impact on bilateral relations, presenting her research in universities across the US and Greece. Before that, she was a member of the editorial board and a contributor at the Washington-based European Institute (2016-2017). Sokou received a BA in History with First Class Honors from the University of Ioannina, Greece. She holds an MA in International Studies from the University of Warwick and an MA in Journalism from Columbia University, where she was a Knight-Bagehot Fellow in Economics and Business Journalism (2012-2013). She was also a non-degree student at the American College of Greece, where she studied Economics, and an Erasmus scholar at King's College London, where she took classes in the Fall of Yugoslavia, Modern Greek History and audited a class on European Politics at the London School of Economics. Sokou started her career as a financial reporter at *To Vima* Athens newspaper, covering Greece and the Eurozone since the introduction of the Euro, and was International Financial News editor at *KATHIMERINI* during the global financial crisis. At the course of her reporting, she corresponded from Brussels and Strasburg on EU policies, from China on Chinese investments in Europe, from Lithuania and Slovenia on EU enlargement, from Denmark on Europe's social model, from the UK on Brexit, from Egypt on EU's neighborhood initiatives and from Italy, Switzerland and Germany on European business. She speaks Greek, English, French and some German.



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## ELIAS SPIRTOUNIAS

Executive Director  
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR)

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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## ARISTOFANIS STEFATOS

CEO

Hellenic Hydrocarbons & Energy Resources Management Company (HEREMA SA)

Aristofanis (Aris) Stefatos, CEO of the Hellenic Hydrocarbons and Energy Resources Management Company (HEREMA SA) holds a PhD in geology & geophysics, a master's degree in Environmental Oceanography and a bachelors in Geology.

For the last 15 years he has held senior and top management positions in private E&P companies in Norway and has been a founding partner of five Norwegian companies within the broader E&P sector, including companies developing innovative environmental and digitalization solutions. Through his 24 years of work experience, Mr. Stefatos has also worked with the technical maturation of exploration prospects and drilling. He has worked in geological basins in Europe, North America, Indian ocean, West Coast of Africa, and South East Asia.

He has a proven track record of five oil and gas discoveries in the Norwegian and the Barents Sea.



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## DENALD GEORGE TAFANI

Executive Director

PPC Albania

Denald George Tafani is the Executive Director of PPC Albania Sh.A. since February 2022. He joined the company in 2017 and has been able to progress through various leadership roles in the legal and administrative management of the company.

Mr. Tafani has a notable track record of managing multiple energy projects in Albania and the Western Balkans. His expertise extends to energy projects, wholesale electrical energy trading, market monitoring and foreign trade policy. He is well-versed in current energy and sustainable development trends.

Furthermore, with several years of experience at the Economic and Commercial Affairs of the Embassy of Greece in Tirana, he has been adept in evaluating foreign economy-based agreements, collaborating with key stakeholders and fostering strong partnerships.

As of November 2022, Mr. Tafani was elected the President of the Hellenic Business Association of Albania, a testament to his unwavering dedication and expertise in fostering cross-border relations and strengthening international connections. His election to this prominent role not only underscores his commitment to bridging economic ties between Greece and Albania but also highlights his capability to lead and navigate the intricate landscape of cross-border business, solidifying his position in the realm of international commerce.

Mr. Tafani is a member of the Albanian Bar Association since 2018 and is fluent in Greek, Albanian and English. He holds a Master of Science degree in Law from Tirana, Albania.



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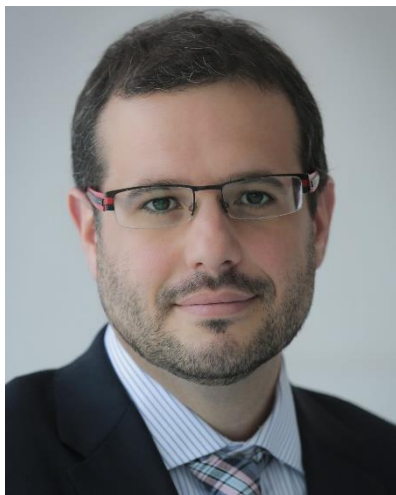
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## NIKOS TSAFOS

Chief Energy Adviser  
Office of the Prime Minister, Greece

Nikos Tsafos serves as the chief energy adviser to the Prime Minister of Greece. A leading authority on energy, Nikos has worked with companies, banks and governments in over 30 countries on some of the world's most complex energy projects. Most recently, he held the Schlesinger Chair for Energy and Geopolitics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and served on the Climate Advisory Committee of the Export Import Bank of the United States (EXIM). From 2016 to 2019, he was a lecturer at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Nikos has testified before Congress, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, the Canadian House of Commons, and the Alaska State Legislature. He has written extensively on energy, including for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, EURACTIV, the National Interest, and others. Nikos is also a regular commentator on current affairs: he has been quoted in The New York Times, The Financial Times, The Economist, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and Bloomberg, and he has appeared on CNN, NBC, the BBC, NPR, Al Jazeera, and other leading media outlets.

He holds a B.A. in international relations and economics from Boston University, and an M.A. in international relations from Johns Hopkins SAIS.



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## GEORGE J. TSUNIS

Ambassador  
U.S. Embassy to Greece

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.





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## GEORGE J. TSUNIS

Ambassador

U.S. Embassy to Greece

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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## TASSOS VLASSOPOULOS

CEO

HELLENiQ UPSTREAM S.A. | HELLENiQ ENERGY

Tassos Vlassopoulos is the CEO of HELLENiQ Upstream SA (HELLENiQ Energy's Upstream Business Unit), managing six hydrocarbon licenses as well as leading HELLENiQ's efforts in CCS. Prior to this role, he has held senior international management positions at GE, driving market strategy in Oil & Gas (globally) and Power Generation (in Europe). He has also led M&A and BD with major Oil & Gas companies in the North Sea and the Caspian, and Global Oil & Gas Research at BCG, working with senior European clients. Furthermore, Tassos Vlassopoulos has also served as a non – Executive Board Member at PPC. In total, he has 33 years of experience in the Energy sector. Following the downturn in Oil & Gas ten years ago, Tassos Vlassopoulos published an influential SPE paper on "Standardisation - Learnings from Industrial Sectors", addressing key actions to reduce costs, and used it to advocate with major Oil & Gas companies and UK industry stakeholders. At the beginning of his career, he worked as a Research Officer at the London Business School, where he co-authored of a book and several academic articles on industrial and business strategy. He holds a MSc in Operations Research from the London School of Economics and a 1 st class BSc (Hons) in Economics from the University of Piraeus.



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## JESSIE VOUMVAKI

Deputy Chief Economist  
National Bank of Greece

Jessie Voumvaki is the Deputy Chief Economist at National Bank of Greece. With over 25 years of experience in research, she is a leading expert in the Greek economy and entrepreneurship, having published extensively on topics ranging from sectoral prospects and structural reforms to regional growth potential. She is also a frequent speaker and commentator on economic issues, providing insights to policymakers, businesses, and the public.



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## IVANA ZUZUL

Senior Director, Europe  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Ivana Zuzul joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as Senior Director for Europe in August 2022. Her portfolio includes energy and sustainability, financial services, and trade. She also coordinates the work on the Chamber's Ukraine Business Initiative, focusing on reconstruction and redevelopment of Ukraine. Prior to joining the Chamber, Dr. Zuzul worked in international consulting in various capacities for over a decade, focusing on international government consulting and foreign private investment. She led Four Corners Global Consulting, a boutique strategic consultancy that provided companies, principally in energy and defense, with strategic, outreach, and advisory support in Central and Southeast Europe. Previously, she worked as a Senior Advisor for International Trade at Baker Hostetler LLP, looking at inter-state relationships and foreign policy, and worked with Monitor Group. Dr. Zuzul was part of a small team that founded the first private University in Croatia under the auspices of the United Nations Alliance for Civilizations (UNESCO). She managed and oversaw the daily operations of the University for 5 years as Vice President. Dr. Zuzul graduated from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She holds a Ph.D. in International Law and Economics from Bocconi University Faculty of Law and SDA School of Management. Her doctoral dissertation examined drivers of growth in transitional economies. She was born in Zagreb, Croatia, and has lived in Croatia, Switzerland, Italy, and Costa Rica. She speaks French and Croatian.