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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 parks 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. Since January 2022 he served as Treasurer and since January 2024 as Vice Chair 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 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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Labrina Barmpetaki

President
Pharmaceutical
Companies Committee
American-Hellenic
Chamber of Commerce

Labrina Barmpetaki is the President and Managing Director of AbbVie Greece, Cyprus & Malta, a position she has since April 2023.

In May 2023, she was elected President of the Pharma Innovation Forum (PIF) and in August 2023 Chair of the Pharmaceutical Committee of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR). She recently joined the national “BrainReGain” initiative with a focus on the healthcare stream.

Labrina is an international executive, with extensive pharma, biotech and consulting experience. In her 15-year experience in AbbVie, Labrina has had roles of increasing responsibility extending to more than 20 countries and a proven track record of working in both strategy and in field operations across therapy areas in affiliate, regional and global roles. Prior to joining Abbott/AbbVie, Labrina worked in international projects of IQVIA and in Allianz Germany. She started her career in Apivita S.A. in Greece.

Labrina holds a BSc in Pharmacy from the University of Patras, an executive Master’s in Management from Athens School of Economics and Business and an MBA in Marketing from the University of Lancaster.



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Spyridon Gkikas

President
Medical Devices &
Diagnostics Companies
Committee
American-Hellenic
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Born in 1969, he graduated from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Democritus University of Thrace and obtained his M.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering in 1996 from the University of Patras and the National Technical University of Athens. In 2008, he completed an MBA Executive at the University of Piraeus.

He has worked at the University of Patras and the Institute of Biomedical Technology (INBIT) on European and national R&D projects in the healthcare sector, focusing on Clinical Engineering and Biomedical Technology Management. From 2001 to 2010, he served as Project Manager at Inso SpA, overseeing the development and management of turn-key hospital projects in Greece and abroad.

He joined GE HealthCare in 2011 and in 2012 was appointed Strategic Projects Sales Director for Eastern Europe, where he led the development of technology-enabled solutions and strategy for large-scale healthcare projects. Since May 2018, he has served as President of the Board and General Manager of GE HealthCare for Greece, Cyprus, and the Balkans.



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Maria Olson

Deputy Chief of Mission
U.S. Embassy Athens

Maria Olson is Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Maria joined the U.S. Department of State in 1998 and has served in Russia, Jordan, Syria, and Burundi.

She has also served in several assignments in Washington, D.C., including as director of the State Department's Office of Southern European Affairs with responsibility for Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, and Malta and as press spokesperson for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

She holds undergraduate degrees in French and journalism and a graduate degree in journalism.

She speaks French and some Arabic and Russian. She and her husband have four children.



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**Adonis
Georgiadis**

Minister
Ministry of Health

Adonis Georgiadis was born on November 6th, 1972, in Athens. He is married to Eugenia Manolidou and they have two children, Perseus and Alcaeus. 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 'GEORGIADIS-LIBRARY 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 July 9, 2019, Adonis Georgiadis was sworn in as Minister of Development and Investments in the Government of Kyriakos Mitsotakis, a position he held for 4 years.

In the elections of 21 May 2023, Adonis Georgiadis was re-elected Member of Parliament for the Northern Sector of Athens. On June the 27th was sworn as Minister of Labour and Social Welfare. On January the 4th, Adonis Georgiadis was sworn as Minister of Health.



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Elias Mossialos

Professor
of Health Policy
London School of
Economics and
Political Science

Elias Mossialos is Brian Abel-Smith Professor of Health Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Director of LSE Health and Co-Director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. His research interests concentrate on health systems and policy, addressing questions related to financing health care, health care access and quality, regulation, pharmaceutical policies, AMR, cancer care and policy.

In 2010 he was awarded the Andrija Stampar Medal by the Association of Schools of Public Health in Europe, for outstanding contributions to public health. He received the Choice award by the Association of US College and Research Libraries for Outstanding Academic Title of 2021, the 2002 and 2007 Baxter Awards from the European Health Management Association for the best book in health policy and management in Europe and the 2022 Helen Clark Award for Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice Research. In 2009, under his directorship, LSE Health was honoured with the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher Education in the UK. He has received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Athens, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, University of Crete, University of Thessaly, and University of West Attica.

Professor Mossialos is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh and Honorary NHS Consultant in Public Health. He has been profiled in both the Lancet and BMJ and chaired the Lancet Commission on the future of the UK NHS. In 2020-21 he was the Scientific Director of the Commission on Health and Sustainable Development, a group of leaders convened by the WHO, chaired by the former Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti, to rethink policy priorities in the light of pandemics. He has recently advised the World Health Organization on Covid-19 responses, the State Council in China on pharmaceutical policy reform, the Ministries of Health in Pakistan and Malaysia on expanding health coverage to poorer people, the Government of Sweden on AMR, and the Governments of Austria, Chile and Singapore on health care reform.



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Kyriakos Souliotis

Professor of Health Policy
Dean, School of Social &
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 for Social and Regional Development (2016-2017). He is currently President of the Scientific Committee of the Greek Patient Association and member of the Steering Committee of PACT (The Patient Access Partnership on Equity of Access to Quality Healthcare - Brussels). 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 Organization 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 an Associate Director at the Medical Technology Research Group of the LSE Enterprise. He has extensive research experience in Greece and abroad and he has published 32 books and more than 350 chapters in books and papers in peer reviewed journals on health policy and economics, health reforms, organization and administration of health services, health inequalities, patient empowerment etc.



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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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Oliver Bisazza

CEO
MedTech Europe

Oliver Bisazza joined MedTech Europe in 2017, originally heading the department which supports members in implementing new and changing EU regulatory requirements affecting the medical technology industry. In January 2023, Oliver assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer, responsible for the association's overall management and strategy and reporting to the Board of Directors.

Oliver's passion is to see the value of medical technology innovation fully recognized as a source of solutions to the many challenges facing healthcare systems, economies and societies, both in Europe and around the world. Prior to joining MedTech Europe, he worked at Medtronic as Director of Regulatory Policy for EMEA.

In addition to this company experience, Oliver had various trade association roles in Brussels, at COCIR (the European association for the radiological, electromedical and healthcare IT industries) and at EDANA (the industry association for the nonwovens and related industries). Oliver is a native speaker of English, and a dual national of Australia and Malta. When not working, he enjoys travel, spending time with his family, and rock-climbing.



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Pavlina Karasiotou

Secretary General
for Fiscal Policy
Ministry of Economy and
Finance

Pavlina Karasiotou is Secretary General for Fiscal Policy at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, since July 2023. Furthermore, she is the President of the Board of Directors of the Public Debt Management Agency.

During 2019-2023 she served as Secretary General for Social Security at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, with active involvement in reforms carried out in pension and social security framework, with most emblematic the reform in auxiliary pension for youth (L. 4826/2021), while appointed also President of the Temporary Management Committee of the Hellenic Auxiliary Pensions Defined Contributions Fund. In addition, she is actively involved in reforms in the field of disability assessment and certification, in particular with the re-engineering, simplification and digitalization of the procedures in KEPA (Law 4961/2022) and the modernization of the Unified Table for Determining Disability Rate, serving also as President of the Special Scientific Committee.

She is an Economist, graduate of the Department of International and European Economic Studies of the Athens University of Economics and Business. She has also completed her postgraduate studies in Economics (MSc in Economics) at the University College London and holds a PhD in Economics from the Universite Catholique de Louvain.

She is a public sector executive since 2005, and she serves in the Ministry of Finance at the General Accounting Office since 2009. During the period 2012-2015, she has served as an Advisor to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance (2012-2014) and Director of the Office of the Secretary General for Economic Policy (2014-2015). She has also worked in the European Commission (CEDEFOP).



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Theano Karpodini

Head & Chairman
of the BoD
EOPYY

Theano Karpodini studied Business Administration with major in accounting and finance at the Athens University of Economics and Business and holds a master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels.

She has many years of managerial experience both in the private sector as a high-ranking business executive, and more than ten years of experience in Public Administration as a special advisor to the General Accounting Office of the Ministry of Finance. From 2019 to 2020, she was Vice-President of the National Organization for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY) and of the Board of Directors with responsibilities for Financial Management, as well as monitoring the implementation of the structural measures for the rationalization of the budget, with a view to equal access to every necessary health services. From 2020 until today, she is the Head of the National Organization for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY) and President of the Board of Directors.

She supervises all operational business units and sets in collaboration with Ministry of Health, the strategic objectives of the Organization with a view to providing better quality services to the citizen and ensuring access of all insured persons of the Organization to any necessary news and innovative health service.

In this context, the main goal to achieve is the Digital Transformation of the EOPYY aims to modernize the audit mechanisms and implement the Strategic Planning for the benefit of the citizens with an emphasis on immediate access to every necessary and innovative treatment, ensuring at the same time a strict quality of the services provided to the citizens.



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Aris Apostolou

President
National Centralized
Health Procurement
Authority

Aris Apostolou has graduated from Athens College. He holds a degree from the Department of Industrial Management and Technology of University of Piraeus and a master's degree in Business Administration - Total Quality Management (TQM) from the same University.

He has a 20-year working experience in private and public sector. During these years he held managerial positions in supply chain management as well as in finance. In private sector, he worked for the companies ANEK LINES, IKEA, Grigoris micro-gevmata. From 2019 to 2021, he served as an Executive Manager to the Board of Directors of ELLINIKO SA, until the transferring of the shares and the initiation of the project from LAMDA Development SA. In the past he was placed as a senior advisor to Ministers of Health, and he was mainly responsible for reducing the arrears of both the Hospitals and the National Organization of Health Services. Also, he was preoccupied with the reorganization of the supply chain and more. Furthermore, he was appointed as a Deputy Governor of the 1st Health Region and a member of the Board of Directors of IDIKA SA representing the Ministry of Health.

Since May 2022, he is the President of the National Centralized Health Procurement Authority.



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Elizabeth Prodromou

General Manager
Bristol Myers
Squibb Greece

Elizabeth Prodromou has been serving Bristol Myers Squibb Greece as General Manager for six years, having followed a long journey in diverse positions since 2008 at the company, such as Regulatory, Market Access and Business Unit Director in Oncology and Hematology, by undertaking assignments that have allowed her to grow her understanding and experience in different aspects and areas of pharma business. She is driven by the vision to create the foundation for an external environment that supports universal access, quality services and equity for patients in Greece.

Lisa is a graduate of the Chemistry Department of the University of Athens, holds a specialization in Strategic Leadership and Business Administration from Columbia Business School and the Global Executive Education Club and started her career in pharmaceutical sector working for Pharmathen, Unipharma and Abbott.



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**Miltos
Papadopoulos**

CSEE Cluster
Market Access Head
Alcon

Miltos Papadopoulos is born in Athens. He is an alumnus of the American College of Greece, holder of a BSc in Mathematics and Finance of the University of Essex, a MSc in Financial and Business Economics of the University of Essex, an MBA of the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), an Executive MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Management of the London School of Economics (LSE). He was also a Fellow Certified Charter Accountant (ACCA).

Miltos is the Market Access Head in Central Southeast Europe cluster in Alcon, assuming also sales responsibility of an area in Alcon Greece. He has served for several years as Managing Director of Alcon Greece. He has experience in consulting, FMG, services, pharmaceutical and medical device sectors.



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Kostas Athanasakis

Assistant Professor
University of West Attica

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. He is the country lead of the Greek PHSSR study.

Kostas is a Member of the the Board Committee of the Central Health Council (KESY), a Member of the National Vaccinations Committee of Greece, and a Member of the Committee of Experts on Public Health. He has also 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).

Kostas 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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John Halamka

President
Dwight and Dian Diercks
Mayo Clinic Platform

John D. Halamka, M.D., M.S., is president of the Mayo Clinic Platform, a digital initiative that brings together solution developers, data partners and healthcare service providers to transform healthcare. Mayo Clinic Platform tools and solutions reached 45 million people in 2023.

Trained in emergency medicine and medical informatics, Dr. Halamka has been developing and implementing healthcare information strategy and policy for more than 40 years. Prior to his appointment at Mayo Clinic, he was chief information officer at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he served governments, academia and industry throughout the world. As the International Healthcare Innovation Professor at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Halamka helped the George W. Bush administration, the Obama administration and governments worldwide plan their healthcare information strategies.

Dr. Halamka completed his undergraduate studies at Stanford University, earned his medical degree at the University of California, San Francisco, and pursued graduate work in bioengineering at the University of California, Berkeley. He completed his residency at Harbor — UCLA Medical Center in the Department of Emergency Medicine. He continues to practice emergency medicine and is Professor of Emergency Medicine and the Michael D. Brennan, M.D., President's Strategic Initiative Professor at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science.

Dr. Halamka has written 15 books and hundreds of articles. He was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2020. He and his wife run Unity Farm Sanctuary in Sherborn, Massachusetts, dedicated to the lifetime care of ill, disabled, senior, orphaned and surrendered farm animals.



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Achilleas Gravanis

Professor of
Pharmacology
Medical School
University of Crete

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 spinoffs Bionature and ReNeuroCell Therapeutics. Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, 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 micro scaffold bioengineering and neural stem cell technologies to develop neuroimplants for spinal cord injury and brain trauma and neurobiosensors for drug discovery.



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Maria Gazouli

Professor of Biology,
Genetics, Nanomedicine
National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens

Maria Gazouli performed her 1st PhD training at the Department of Biology, School of Science of NKUA in partnership with the Hellenic Pasteur Institute, her 2nd PhD training at the Department of Microbiology, School of Medicine of NKUA, and her postdoctoral in the USA at Cell Biology and Pharmacology Department, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington DC. In 2007 she joined the NKUA Medical School as Lecturer of Biology, in 2012 she was promoted to Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology and in 2016 she promoted to Associate Professor of Molecular Biology. In 2020 she promoted to Professor of Biology- Genetics – Nanomedicine.

Dr Gazouli work refers mainly to molecular basis of diseases mainly autoimmune diseases and cancer, to molecular detection of pathogens and the investigation of the pathogenesis of the diseases they cause to humans. Recently Dr Gazouli was involved in the incorporation of nanotechnology to targeted cancer detection, imaging and drug delivery. She honored with Fulbright Scholarship for the Development of Nanotechnology-based Biosensor Arrays for the Detection of Circulating Colorectal Cancer Cells at University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA. Dr Gazouli work is reflected in >300 publications that have received >16000 citations and h-index=65 (Google scholar). She owns 1 granted International Patent and 3 European Patents. She has given more than 80 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 national and international research Funds. She has been the scientific coordinator of European Commission-funded collaborative research programs, 1 European Joint Action on Rare Cancers involving more than 20 research teams across Europe. Currently she is National Representative at the Committee of Advanced Therapies (CAT) of the European Medicine Association.



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Theodosios Bisdas

Head
Clinic of Vascular Surgery
Athens Medical Center

Prof. Bisdas is the Chief of Vascular Surgery at Athens Medical Center and Associate Professor for Vascular Surgery in the University Clinic of Muenster. He earned his medical degree from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and began his cardiovascular surgery training at Hannover Medical School. Following a research scholarship at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, he completed his residency in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and received the title of Associate Professor at the University Clinic of Muenster.

In 2019, he returned to Greece and established the Clinic of Advanced Endovascular Services at Athens Medical Center, home to one of Europe's most technologically advanced hybrid surgical rooms covering the whole spectrum of common and rare vascular diseases.

Prof. Bisdas has authored over 160 publications in peer-reviewed journals and serves on the editorial board of multiple scientific journals. He has received several international awards, including the Vascular Career Advancement Award in Las Vegas in 2015. Prof. Bisdas also sits on advisory boards for several medical companies and is the founder of the e-learning platform Vascupedia, with more than 20,000 users involved. He is a pioneer in the field of complex aortic and venous repair and diabetic foot syndrome.



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Eleftherios Thireos

General Practitioner
Greek NHS Director
President
Athens Medical Society

General Practitioner, Greek NHS Director, Vari Health Centre.

PhD Medical School University of Crete, Postgraduate Education in Public Health at the National School of Public Health and in the European Mental Health Promotion Educational Programs (University of Athens / King's College / ETHICS).

Head of General Directorate, National Agency for Quality Assurance in Health S.A.

Member of “National Committee for the monitoring of pharmaceutical expenditure, implementation of Diagnostic Therapeutic Prescription Protocols and develop patient registries” and Member of Scientific Working Groups for the development of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Prescribing Protocols and National Registers of the Ministry of Health.

Research Fellow, Department of Public Health Policy, School of Public Health, University of West Attica.

President of the Athens Medical Society and Coordinator of the Clinical Studies Academy.

Board Member of HL7 Hellas & of Hellenic Society for the Management of Health Services.

Member of International / European Scientific Medical Societies & Networks.



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Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos

Secretary General
Ministry of
Digital Governance

Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos is a Professor of Information Systems and Simulation in the Department of Informatics and Telematics at Harokopio University of Athens.

He served as a Rector of the same University, during 2011-2016 and as a Dean of the School of Digital Technology.

He is a visiting Professor at Sussex University, UK, and an Associate Editor of Requirements Engineering (Springer). He served as National Representative of Greece for ICT in EU Horizon 2020 (2014-2015).

He held the position of Secretary General for Information Systems of the Greek Ministry of Finance and Economics (2004 - 2009). During his service, he contributed to the development of the following Information systems: Real Estate Data Base and ETAK systems, ELENXIS, new TAXISnet, ICISnet and M-TAXIS (mobile TAXIS).

During 2019-2023, he served as Secretary General for Information Systems of Public Administration of the Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance, responsible - among other projects that contributed to the country's rapid digital transformation development - for Interoperability across the Public Sector and Government Cloud.



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Michail Bletsas

Director of Computing
MIT Media Lab

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 network security, disinformation operations, wireless networks and building efficient high performance machine learning computing infrastructures.

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 been appointed as the first Governor of the National Cybersecurity Authority of Greece in April 2024.

He has implemented broadband access networks using cutting-edge technologies including one of the earliest ADSL testbeds and various wireless technologies. Michail 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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Niki Tsouma

CEO
IDIKA

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. From October 2020 to April 2024, she served as the Chairman of BOD & CEO of IDIKA SA. Since then, she serves as CEO of IDIKA SA.



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**Sanziana Negreanu
Arboreanu**

Director
J&J MedTech

Sanziana Negreanu Arboreanu is Director Regulatory Affairs Digital Capabilities and Outreach EMEA at J&J MedTech, focusing on implementing and impacting EMEA Digital, Data and AI legislations and developing RA capabilities for digital solutions.

Prior to this, she was Associate Director Regulatory Affairs Policy focusing on future EU Digital legislation and Manager RA EU Strategy, leading the development of EU regulatory strategies and plans for Digital Surgery, Robotics and Digital Solutions.

Sanziana has been part of J&J since 2013, mostly working on shaping and implementing the EU Medical Devices Regulation. Since 2019, she is focused on bringing J&J digital products and digital solutions to the EU market.

She joined Johnson & Johnson in 2013 as part of the Government Affairs & Policy EMEA team, then joined Regulatory Affairs where she has been involved in shaping, interpreting and implementing the EU Medical Devices Regulation for J&J MedTech.

Prior to joining J&J, she worked in the European Public Affairs department of GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare in the fields of self-care, non-prescription medicines, oral health and medical devices and performed a traineeship in the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union, the professional association representing community pharmacists. Sanziana holds a M.Sc. in Pharmacy, obtained her EU Regulatory Affairs Certification (RAC) in June 2016 and speaks English, German, French and her mother tongue, Romanian.



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Nikolaos Lambrogeorgos

Client Executive
Public Sector
Cisco Hellas S.A.

Nikolaos Lambrogeorgos, was born in January 1969. He has received a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree (1990) and Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree (1993), in Computer Science, from the University of Crete.

In November 1999, he accepted the Systems Engineer's position at Cisco Systems Hellas S.A., being responsible for providing pre-sales support to Cisco customers and partners, designing network solutions, providing updates in new technologies and products and publishing articles related to Networking Technology. In October 2002, he moved to the Sales Department of Cisco Systems, as Account Manager. In April 2015 he took the responsibility to cover Cyprus Public Sector. In December 2015 he has promoted to Senior Account Manager. In June 2020 he has been appointed as Director of the Digital Transformation and Skills Center at Thessaloniki. In August 2021 he promoted to Client Executive, responsible for Cisco Greece Public Sector team, assuming responsibility for the implementation and support of the Country Digital Acceleration (CDA) program for Greece.

He has worked successfully on specific important Network Architecture projects' planning, design and development, like the Sizefxis, Sizefxis II, TAXISnet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs' NetVIS, Healthcare projects, local government projects – Smart Cities, at Education area (Universities), as well as the Data Network of the Athens 2004, the Athens International Airport, for Fraport, for Utilities (DEH, ADMIE, DESFA, EDA Thess, EYDAP) and many more.

His latest focusing relates to the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF 2021-2027) and Recovery and Resilience Facilities (RRF) initiatives, promoting Cisco solutions for Public sector and Local government authorities, for Utilities and Transportation etc.

In June 2020 Cisco established the Digital Transformation and Skills Center at Thessaloniki under Nikos' supervision, taking the position as Director of the center. Main activities are Digital Transformation, Innovation and promoting Digital Skills to SouthEastern Europe.

Before Cisco, he has worked in IBM and in Vassilakis Group (Technocar).



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Alexandros Costopoulos

Secretary General
American-Hellenic
Chamber of Commerce

Alexandros Costopoulos is a communications strategist, renowned speaker and seasoned contributor to leading Intl' 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 private and public 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 and American affairs.

He is the Secretary General and 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 transatlantic 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 2011 he founded RepowerGreece in the United States, 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 talent based movement.

He has been repeatedly invited to participate as mentor our judge in leading entrepreneurship empowerment programs and as a speaker in esteemed academic institutions including Harvard, NYU, Georgetown, the Athens Economic University, the Metsovio National Technical University of Athens and the American College of Greece.

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Thanasis Kontogeorgis

Deputy Minister
to the Prime Minister

Thanasis Kontogeorgis is the Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister, since June 2023. His main areas of responsibility cover the monitoring and coordination of the government's work with emphasis on the reform program, the implementation of the National Resilience and Recovery Plan "Greece 2.0", the local and regional development strategies, etc.

He is responsible for the design and preparation of the Consolidated Government Plan with the contribution of the General Secretariat for the Coordination and leads the Special Secretariat of Foresight.

He served for four years as Secretary General for the Coordination of the Government. His portfolio included the planning and coordination activities for the implementation of key governmental policies, the European Enhanced Surveillance Program and the National Resilience and Recovery Plan. He has been particularly involved with crisis management plans, institutional and operational reinforcement of the coordination structures with emphasis on strengthening intra-governmental collaboration. During the economic adjustment programmes, until 2014, he served as Advisor to the Greek Government, providing support on legal, public policy and strategy issues, while he actively participated in the negotiations between the government and the European Commission, IMF and ECB.

He is a lawyer at the Supreme Court and the Council of State. He graduated from Athens College and the Law School of the University of Athens and holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University (Master in Public Policy-Harvard Kennedy School of Government).



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Aris Angelis

Secretary General
for Strategic Planning
Ministry of Health

Before taking on the new General Secretariat for Strategic Planning, Dr Aris Angelis was Assistant Professor of Health Economics in the Department of Health Services Research and Policy at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). The responsibilities of his position among others included the development of a research program aiming at evaluating new oncology products at an early stage using pharmacoeconomic and decision analysis techniques, with the support of the English Health Technology Assessment (HTA) organization, National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

Before joining LSHTM, Dr Angelis was a Research Fellow and a Guest Teacher at the Department of Health Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), where he remains a Visiting Fellow. While at LSE, most recently he had participated in the EU funded project IMPACT-HTA, co-leading the research activities of a Work Package on Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis methods in the context of medicines evaluation, in collaboration with different HTA bodies. He was also leading the research activities of a project initiative with the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), towards the development of an ESMO value framework for cancer medicines.

Dr Angelis received his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Policy and Economics from the LSE. He also holds an MSc in International Health Policy from the LSE, an MSc in Biopharmacy from King's College London and a BSc in Biochemistry from Imperial College London

In the past, Dr Angelis has undertaken contracted research, training and advisory work for the European Commission, the World Health Organization, and national Ministries of Health, including the UK Department of Health and Social Care. He has published numerous research papers and studies in leading academic peer reviewed journals.



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Elena Chouliara

Vice President
Hellenic Association of
Pharmaceutical
Companies
SFEE

Elena Chouliara was born in Athens. She holds a degree in Law from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, as well as a Master in Business Administration (MBA) from the ALBA Graduate School.

Her career in the pharmaceutical industry spans more than 20 years and started at Novo Nordisk where she held positions of increasing responsibility, at regional and global level. She joined AstraZeneca Greece Senior Leadership team in 2011 and held senior commercial positions with responsibility in the strategic therapeutic areas of Cardiology, Diabetes, Respiratory and Oncology. She was appointed President and Managing Director of AstraZeneca Greece & Cyprus in December 2016. Through her role, she participated in the national effort of dealing with the pandemic in Greece and supporting the national vaccination program.

She is Vice-President of the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies in Greece, responsible for Reimbursement, HTA, Negotiation and Pharmaceutical Expenditure and Member of the Board of Directors of PhARMA Innovation Forum Greece, supporting innovation, development and Greek patients' access to effective medicines, creating value for both the Greek economy and the Greek society.

Elena is married and has two children.



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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 an MBA from City University of London Business School.

In 1992 he joined Elpen Pharmaceutical Co. and presently is the Vice President and co CEO of ELPEN Group. In 2023, ELPEN Group had a turnover of 400,000,000€. Since 2023, in addition to the three productions units at Pikermi, Attikis, ELPEN also operates a new 12,000 m2 Development and Manufacturing facility in Keratea, Attikis. Currently the Group is occupying more than 1.600 employees in Greece and abroad. ELPEN holds a leading position in the pharmaceutical market, exporting to over 90 countries and has the largest Research, Training and Experimental Center of the Greek Pharmaceutical Industry.

Since 2014, Theodore Tryfon has been elected as President of the Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF), an association which represents 49 companies with 45 production sites throughout Greece. In 2019 he became a Member of the Board of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) as well as a Member of the Board of Directors of Medicines for Europe, the European Association representing the European Generic and Value Added Medicines Industry.



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Dimitris Nikas

President
Association of Health
Research & Biotechnology
Industry (SEIV)

Dimitris Nikas 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 23 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 2023 he was reelected President of the Association of Health- Research & Biotechnology Industry (SEIV).



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Pantelis Messaropoulos

President of the Board
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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**Evangelos
Kalamakis**

Managing Director
Sofmedica

Evangelos Kalamakis is the Managing Director, SOFMEDICA and an inspiring leader with proven experience in corporate and investment banking in Greece and Southeastern Europe.

He has an impressive academic background, holding degrees from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Over the last 28 years, he has accumulated a unique, integrated experience in project finance, investment banking, and real estate management, having a broad understanding of the Southeastern European market.

Additionally, Evangelos Kalamakis has acquired substantial experience in the corporate governance of regulated entities, where he has held various board positions. He adds a multidisciplinary approach to leading anchored on first principles, coaching, and effective teamwork.



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Anastasios Katsarkas

Commercial Director
St. Luke's Hospital
Thessaloniki

Tassos was born in 1969 in Thessaloniki, Greece. He graduated from High School in 1987 and until 1990, he served his military duty in the Hellenic Armed Forces, at the 11th Medium Armored Tanks Division at Orestiada, on the Greco-Turkish border, and completed 2 years of junior college studies at ACT (American College of Thessaloniki), with a major in Business Administration. In 1991, after 1 year of pre-medical studies and successful entry exams, he enrolled in the Medical School of the University of Debrecen in Hungary, finally completing his 6 years of medical studies in 1998, at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

In 1998 he set up "PHOENIX Medical Equipment S.A.", a medical equipment and disposables manufacturing and distribution company, holding a majority stake and serving as CEO, until today. From 1999 to 2008, he was Special Advisor to the CEO of St. Luke's Hospital, preparing and concluding the first major expansion of the hospital that tripled its size. In 2013 he set up "HELLENIC Inland Shrimp Farms S.A.", a novel aquaculture company dealing with intensive shrimp farming in recirculating, indoor, inland facilities, holding a majority stake and serving as CEO, until 2023.

In 2017, at the age of 48, he enrolled in the Executive MBA program of the University of Sheffield, European Campus, earning in 2020, his MBA in Healthcare Management, with Merit. Since 2015 he is back at St. Luke's Hospital fulltime, as Commercial Director and Director of Operations.



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Nikolaos Polyzos

Professor
Democritus University
of Thrace

Nikolaos Polyzos is Professor of Health Service Management at Department of Medicine of Democritus University of Health Science School of Thrace (DUTH). He is also President of the Nursing Department. He teaches undergraduate courses on Social Service Management, Health Policy, Health Service Management, Economic Evaluation of social programs based in health and postgraduate courses on Health Service Management and Health Policy in the joint MSc with Medical Department of Aristotelian University.

Health Service Management, Health Policy and Health Economics are among the fields of his research interests. For his contribution to the field, he was awarded from Health Care Business Awards, in 2018.

He has participated in important scientific projects indicatively in the organization and financing of National Unified Sickness Fund (EOPYY), PHC, Drugs' Evaluation, Human Resources in Health, Hospitals' Planning and Efficiency Measurement, etc. He finalized research on hospitals' medicines and the e-prescription out hospital drugs the recent decade.

He worked in health services for 25 years (among them as CEO of Hospitals) concluding his carrier as Secretary General of Greek Ministry of Health and CEO of the Organization of State Health Services of Cyprus.

He has been scientific advisor to WHO and EU Committee and Parliament, as well as reviewer to international journals (recently BMC Health Journals). Also, he is currently a member of Greek National Committee of Public Health.

He studied Political Sciences and Public Administration at National Kapodistrian University of Athens (NCUA), MSc in Health Planning and Financing at LSE, and he received a PhD on Management and Economics (Hospitals' Efficiency) from NCUA.



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Fofo Kalyva

Secretary General
of Public Health
Ministry of Health

Fofo Kalyva is a Pediatrician and Public Health Physician, specialized in Public Health and Social Medicine.

She studied Medicine at the Università degli Studi di Bologna and she continued with postgraduate studies at the National School of Public Health.

She worked in the 1st Regional Health Authority and in the Central Department of the Ministry of Health, where she served also as Head of Department and Deputy Head of the Public Health Directorate.

She has participated in many committees and working groups at national and European level, dealing with Public Health. In addition, she is member of the European Public Health Association, and she was member of the Board of Directors of the Panhellenic Association of Public Health Physicians of the NHS.

In July 2023 she was appointed Secretary General of Public Health.

She is married and she has two children.



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Vasiliki-Rafaela Vakouftsi is the President of the Hellenic Society of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis patients and President of the Greek Patients' Association.

In addition, in 2021 she became a Fellow of the Crohn's and Colitis Young Adults Network (CCYAN) and is registered in the European Medicines Agency (EMA) expert base.

She has completed the EFCCA Academy – Training Certified Patient Experts: training on ClinicalTrials, EFCCA YOUTH Academy: Leaders for Tomorrow and in October 2023 she graduated from the European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation (EUPATI).

During her years of involvement with patients' associations she has participated in numerous conferences at national, European and international level, in several of them as a speaker, while as a patient representative she actively participates in numerous committees and working groups in national and European bodies concerning health policy making, patients' rights, drug shortages, clinical trials, etc.

Finally, articles in which she has participated as an author have been published in reputable scientific journals and have been presented at conferences.



Vasiliki-Rafaela Vakouftsi

President
Greek Patients
Association



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Olga Balaoura

Chief Executive Officer
1st Health Region
of Attica

Olga Balaoura is the Chief Executive Officer of the 1st Health Region of Greece. She has also served the healthcare system as Saint Savvas's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President of the Board for five years. She is an experienced Healthcare Specialist and her background concerns hospital and health care industry transformation. Olga is also designated by the Minister of Health as the country's representative for Comprehensive Cancer Centers in supranational or international organizations and collective bodies.

She has more than 15 years of experience in the public health care sector. In the past (2010-2014) she was CEO and President of the Board at Konstantopouleio General Hospital. She has been doing systematic consulting since 2014 at the subject which concerns National Health Care System Transformation.

She worked as an expert consultant of the World Health Organization and Giz (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) concerning the Reform and Support Programme for the National Health System of Greece.

Olga is a PhD candidate at Democritus University of Thrace and she has 2 Masters Degrees. The first master concerns National and European Administration from Panteion University and the second one concerns Health Economics, Policy and Management from London School of Economics with a Scholarship from the Onassis Foundation.



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**Ioannis
Kotsiopoulos**

General Manager
PhARMA Innovation Forum

Dr Ioannis Kotsiopoulos was born in Athens, studied Mathematics at the University of Athens, and has an MSc in Decision Technologies and a PhD in Informatics from the University of Manchester. Since 2015 Ioannis worked for the NHS in the UK in roles like that of the Chief Information Officer and is a member of the NHS Digital Academy. He was a founding member of the Greek DRG Institute, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Konstantopouleio Hospital , Chief Information Officer in Dorset County Hospital and has led many digital transformation initiatives. He has worked in the UK on research and technology projects and has published a large number of research papers and articles in international conferences and journals.

His research interests are located in information systems and the digital transformation of health services as well as quality assurance issues in health. Most recently he served as General Secretary of Health Services of the Greek Ministry of Health from July 2019 to July 2023.



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Emmanouil Tripodianos

President & CEO
Becton Dickinson Hellas

Emmanouil Tripodianos was born in Crete in 1976. He holds a degree in Medical Device Technology Engineer, and a postgraduate degree in Business Administration.

He started his professional career 23 years ago, and specifically in 1999 in the company AMVIS HELLAS SA. as a product specialist.

In 2003 he went to the company ALCON LABORATORIES HELLAS SA, as sales representative and in the period until 2015 he was active in the positions of product specialist, product manager, and for the last year and a half as Surgical Product Manager & Brand Manager.

In 2015, in the company BARD HELLAS he took the position of Sales Manager Surgery, Access & WH, while from 2019 until today he holds the position of President & CEO of Becton Dickinson Hellas S.A.

From December 2023 and after the elections for a new Board of Directors, he holds the position of Vice President of S.E.I.V.



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Elpida Pavi

Professor
Health Economics
Dean, School of
Public Health
University of West Attica

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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Takis Theodorikakos

Minister
Ministry of Development

Panagiotis (Takis) Dimitriou Theodorikakos is Minister of Development and Member of Hellenic Parliament of Athens B3 Constituency (South). He was elected in the 2023 national elections with 47.300 votes and was ranked second.

He was Strategy and Communication Advisor to the President of ND since October 2015 and Coordinator of Strategic Planning and Communication of the party, from October 2016 until the victorious election contests of May and July 2019 when he was elected as Member of State of the ND.

In July 2019, he was appointed by the Prime Minister Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis as Minister of the Interior.

In August 2021 he was appointed by the Prime Minister Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis as Minister of Citizen Protection.

In June 2024 he was appointed by the Prime Minister Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis as Minister of Development.

He has a long professional career as Political researcher and analyst and Strategy Advisor.

PhD in Public Policies at the University of Peloponnese where he taught at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences till June 2019.

He was a scientific partner and president of the company GPO SA, from 2000 to 2016. He has presented important social and political research in Greece and abroad at scientific conferences, workshop and mass media.

Graduated from the Pedagogical Department of EKPA. He completed his Master's studies at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of EKPA in political science and sociology specializing in electoral sociology.



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Nikos Vettas

General Director
IOBE

Professor
Athens University of
Economics and Business

Nikos Vettas is the General Director of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research - IOBE since 2013 and Professor of Economics at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) since 2003, where he has also served as the Chairman of the Economics Department and a member of the University Council. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, USA, and has been an Associate Professor at Duke University, USA, and a visiting Professor at INSEAD in France and Singapore.

He serves as Associate Editor of the International Journal of Industrial Organization, a Research Fellow at CEPR, UK, and a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics. He has served as an Associate Editor of the Journal of the European Economic Association and the Journal of Industrial Economics, a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission and the Economic Advisory Group for Competition Policy at the European Commission. He is a co-organizer of the annual Conference for Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, since 2002. His research has been published in leading journals such as the International Economic Review, European Economic Review, Rand Journal of Economics, and the Review of Economic Studies. Co-editor of *Beyond Austerity: Reforming the Greek Economy* (MIT Press, 2017). Vice-Chairman of the Growth Plan Committee of the Hellenic Republic for the Greek Economy, 2020.



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Yiannis Valvis

Head of Strategy & IR
Hellenic Healthcare Group

Yiannis Valvis joined Hellenic Healthcare Group as Head of Strategy & IR. In his current role, Yiannis works with the senior Management of the Group on developing the Group's vision and strategy, as well as on designing and implementing strategic initiatives on M&A, strategic transformation, partnerships, operational efficiency, innovation, digitalization. Yiannis represents the Group as a member of the Advisory Board of the digital health fund 'eHealth Ventures'.

Before joining HHG, Yiannis was a Partner in the Strategy Practice of Deloitte, working with large Greek and multinational organizations in various sectors and industries.

He holds a Bachelor Degree in Production Engineering and Management from the Technical University of Crete and an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business.



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Talor Sax

Managing Partner
eHealth Ventures

Talor Sax is Managing Partner of eHealth Ventures, a leading digital health VC & Incubator in Israel. With over 20 years of international experience in Health-Tech companies, Talor founded eHealth Ventures and led it as the leading early-stage digital health investor in Israel. The funds invested in nearly 40 health-tech startup companies, in early stages from Idea to initial revenue.

eHealth Ventures is a multi-national VC with partners from USA, Europe and China.

His educational background includes a mix of computer science, economics, and an MBA in corporate finance. Talor's professional experience spans roles such as CEO, product management, and business development in digital health companies across the USA, Europe, India, and Israel.

Key Positions and Affiliations include: Founding Partner CEO of eHealth Ventures Incubator and Fund, Board member in all portfolio companies; Volunteered Founder of Geshem Impact Fund and Volunteered Founding Member of Israel Telemedicine Community. Talor is also actively involved in various advisory roles.



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Kavita Patel

Managing Director
Roche Hellas
Greece & Cyprus

Kavita Patel is the Managing Director of Roche Hellas SA in Greece & Cyprus since June 2024. In her role at Roche Hellas, Kavita is responsible for leading corporate activities of the company in two markets with emphasis on delivering transformative medicines and innovative solutions that create a better tomorrow for patients and families in Greece and Cyprus.

Kavita came to Roche Hellas with over 20 years of pharmaceutical industry experience. She joined Hoffmann-La Roche in 2002, and since then, she has worked in several international roles at the Roche headquarters in Basel, Switzerland, and has also held posts in the US with Genentech – a wholly owned member of the Roche Group. Kavita has extensive experience in enabling access to Roche medicines for patients around the world and leading the lifecycle management from research and development to commercialization for several Roche products. She also has 13 years of experience in US sales, marketing and access and has successfully led various teams by enabling a more empowered and customer-centric way of working.

Kavita holds a PharmD and an MBA from Drake University and has completed her post-doctoral fellowship in Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research at the University of Washington. She is also a member of Roche's Women Professional Group and the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.



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Spyros Filiotis

Vice President and
General Manager
Pharmaserve-Lilly and
Pharmaserve Hellas

Spyros Filiotis, with experience of over 20 years in the pharmaceutical sector, serves as the Vice President and General Manager of Pharmaserve-Lilly and Pharmaserve Hellas.

He began his career in the pharmaceuticals in the 1990s at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, USA, before continuing at Eli Lilly Spain. In 2001, he joined Pharmaserve-Lilly, initially as a Scientific Representative and subsequently held positions such as Territory Manager and Director of Corporate Affairs. In 2008, he returned to Indianapolis, playing a significant role in the diabetes team, and was later appointed General Manager at Eli Lilly Denmark.

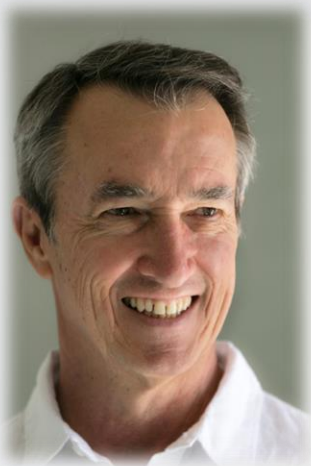
Since January 2010, Spyros Filiotis has been serving as the Vice President and General Manager of Pharmaserve-Lilly and Pharmaserve Hellas.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of SfEE and the Pharma Innovation Forum (PIF).



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Yannis Tountas

Emeritus Professor of
Social & Preventive
Medicine
University of Athens

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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**Marios
Themistocleous**

Deputy Minister
Ministry of Health

Marios Themistocleous is the Deputy Minister of Health.

He graduated from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and he has a Ph.D. at the Medical School of the University of Athens and a Master of Science in management of health units.

Marios served as the Secretary General of Primary Health Care from 2020 to 2023 and as the Coordinator of the Vaccination Program against Covid-19.

He has also served as the President of the National Central Health Procurement Authority, member of the Coordination and Monitoring Committee of the Government's Policy for the Covid-19 pandemic, the 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).

As a neurosurgeon, he has worked in hospitals in the United Kingdom, at "Evangelismos" General Hospital and as a Registrar A at the Neurosurgical Clinic of "Agia Sofia" Children's Hospital.



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Panos Papoulias

Chief Operating Officer
Stavros Niarchos
Foundation

Panos Papoulias holds a BA in Politics, Economics and Philosophy (major in Economics) from the University of York, UK, an MSc. in Political Theory from the London School of Economics, UK and an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece.

In 2007 he completed his PhD in Government at the London School of Economics on the subject of the relationship between Ethical Pluralism and Liberal political doctrines.

He taught various undergraduate political theory courses at the LSE, before working as Head of Investment at a leading Greek aluminum heavy industry.

From 2013 to 2015, he worked as Management Advisor and then as Operations Manager at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center.



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Ioannis Boletis

President
Onassis
Cardiac Surgery Center

Ioannis Boletis graduated from the Medical School of the University of Athens, where he also completed his PhD thesis. After specializing in Internal Medicine and Nephrology at “Laiko” General Hospital, he gained experience in Renal Transplantation, kidney immune diseases and renal osteodystrophy at Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield, UK, through a scholarship of the European Union. He has served as the Director of the Department of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation at “Laiko” (2003-31/8/2022), as well as Chief Medical Officer (2005-2020). He was appointed Professor of Internal Medicine and Nephrology of the Medical School of the University of Athens (2013), serving as Director of Internal Medicine Department (2017-2019). He is serving as President of the board of administration of Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center (2019-current).

He regularly participates in international working groups in the field of kidney transplantation and kidney immune diseases. With more than 200 peer-reviewed publications, he is a reviewer and member of editorial committees of Greek and International Nephrology journals. Recently, he has been elected member of the ESOT council and president of the ESOT Conference 2023, taking place in Athens.



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Christos Dervenis

Professor of Surgery
Head of Dept. of Surgical
Oncology & HPB Surgery
Metropolitan Hospital

Prof. Dervenis received his medical degree from the University of Athens, in 1978 and then completed his postgraduate training in General Surgery in the UoAthens (1985). He continued his training in Hepato-Biliary and Pancreatic Surgery at St. Georges' Hospital in London, UK and in Bern, Switzerland. He received his PhD from the UoA (1997).

He served as head of the department of Surgery at Konstantopoulion Hospital N. Ionias Agia Olga and he is also holding the position of Professor of Surgery at the Medical School University of Cyprus. He is a visiting Professor of Surgery at the Medical School University of Athens. Today, he is the Head of the Department of Surgical Oncology and Hepato-Biliary and pancreatic Surgery at the Metropolitan Hospital and Medical Director at the same Hospital.

In addition, he has served as a visiting Professor of Surgery to several international academic institutes, including the Mayo Clinic Medical School, Rochester, MN and Yale University, CT USA; Harvard Medical School (invited lecturer); the University of Lund, Sweden; the University of Verona, Italy; and the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Professor Dervenis has served as President of the EAHPB Association and the Hellenic HPB Association. He was also on the board of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA). He has been vice president of the HPB division of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) and President of the European Digestive Surgery. He was also founding member and President of the Hellenic HPB association.

He was awarded as Honorary Member of the Royal College of Surgery of England the Surgical Academy of Argentina and the Italian and the Turkish HPB Association and recently received an honorary directorate from the Medical School, University of Thessalia.



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Dimitris Vartzopoulos

Deputy Minister
Ministry of Health

Dimitris Vartzopoulos was born on 11/11/1957, the son of Chrysostomos, a craftsman and Fanis Lichiridas, a philologist from Asvestochori, Thessaloniki

He graduated with Honours (19 9/10) from the 2nd High School for Boys of Kavala, was the first to enter the Medical School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 1975, was a scholarship holder of the ICF throughout his studies and graduated with Honours (9) in 1981. He specialised in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the University Clinics of Bonn and Cologne and was awarded a PHD by the University of Bonn in 1990. He was a Scientific Associate of University Clinics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for many years. He worked and still works as a private Psychiatrist and Scientific Manager of a private Psychiatric Clinic.

He was involved in student trade unionism, DAP-NDFK, ONNED and assumed positions of responsibility at all levels of New Democracy organizations (President of the Local, President of the Prefectural, President of the Thessaloniki Administrative Council, Deputy Secretary of Political Planning). In the Public Administration he served as the Governor of the Health Region of Macedonia from 2004 to 2009. He also served as Deputy Minister of Health and Social Solidarity in the Papademos Government in 2011/2012.

In 2012 he was called by Antonis Samaras to establish the General Secretariat for Government Coordination, which he headed for about 2. 5 years!

In the parliamentary elections of July 2019, he is elected MP for the first time. In the elections of May 2023, he was re-elected as the first Member of Parliament in the 2nd Constituency of Thessaloniki. After the June elections, the Prime Minister and President of the New Democracy Kyriakos Mitsotakis appointed him as Deputy Minister of Health.



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Vassilis Kontozamanis

Advisor to the
Prime Minister
for Health Affairs

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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Petros Michael Pappas

Doctor, General Family
Practitioner
Member of Parliament
SYRIZA

Petros Michael Pappas holds a Master's Degree in "Primary Health Care", School of Medicine, University of Thessaly, 2011, a PhD, School of Medicine of the University of Thessaly, 2015 and a Master's Degree in Health Unit Management, EAP, 2024. He speaks English, Spanish and Czech.

Parliamentary Activities

MP Kilkis (from May 2023)

Secretary of the Hellenic Parliament (from July 2023)

Political / Social Activities

Member of the SYRIZA-PS Central Reconstruction Committee (2019-2022)

Member of the Prefectural Committee of SYRIZA-PS A' Thessaloniki (2021-2023)

Supervising Physician NSH (2011-2019)

Director of Emergency Department General Hospital of Kilkis (2019-2023)

Associate Professor, Hellenic Open University- EAP (2018-2020)

Coordinator of the Health Team for education and solidarity for the 3rd age, new IN.KA (2021-2023)

General Medicine Education Coordinator of Kilkis Prefecture (2019-2023)

Chairman of the Board of the Solidarity Structure "To Kalathaki" (2022-2023)



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Agathi-Rosa Vrettou

Deputy Secretary of
Healthcare Working
Group
PASOK KIN.AL.

Agathi –Rosa Vrettou, MD, is a consultant Cardiologist at Attikon University Hospital since January 2012, with a subspecialty in Echocardiography and Cardiovascular MR. She currently runs the Myocarditis outpatient clinic. Dr Vrettou received her medical degree from the Athens University- School of Medicine in 1999 and completed her fellowship in Cardiology at Attikon University hospital. She received further subspecialty training in Cardiac Imaging at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA in 2011 under a scholarship from the Greek Society of Cardiology. She was awarded a PhD title from the Athens University - Faculty of Medicine in 2013 having conducted research in Acute Myocardial Infarction. Dr Vrettou received a master’s degree from LSE in Health Economics, Outcomes and Management in 2021. She was awarded a scholarship from the European Society of Cardiology for the LSE two- year Master programme. She has been widely published in peer –reviewed scientific journals. Dr Vrettou has been a member of PASOK since 1992 and has been elected in several party positions including the position of international secretary of PASOK Youth. In 2000 she was elected as a vice president of the youth Organization of the PES. In 2007 she served as a Member of the Greek Parliament, having ran in 2004 general election as a candidate at PASOK national list. She was chosen as fellow of the Marshall Memorial Fellowship programme in 2005. She is currently the deputy secretary of the Healthcare working group of PASOK, where she works actively on the PASOK’s political agenda for the reform of the public healthcare system. She was a PASOK candidate at the recent European Elections of June 2024.