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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.



John D. Saracakis
President
American-Hellenic Chamber of
Commerce

John D. Saracakis is President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, elected in July 2025, following 18 years of service to the Chamber as Vice President, Chair of the Public Affairs Committee, member of the Executive Committee, and member of the Board of Directors. He has also served as Chairman of the Hellenic-Swedish Chamber of Commerce for two consecutive terms (2013–2019).

He is Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saracakis Group of Companies, a leading family-owned concern with a long tradition in the Greek economy and operations in four countries, where he has served in various capacities since 1998.

John studied Business Administration at Babson College, USA, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.



Josh Huck is the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S Embassy in Athens, Greece. He previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State overseeing policy for Southern Europe and the Caucasus, Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs, covering Cyprus, Greece, Malta, and Türkiye. Since joining the Foreign Service, he has served overseas in Shanghai, Tokyo, Sofia, Rangoon, Taipei, and Hong Kong. He has served multiple assignments in Washington, D.C. including in the Office of Chinese Affairs and the Office of Korean affairs. He also served as the Chief of Staff to Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University, a master's degree from the International University of Japan, and a certificate from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy. His foreign languages are Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Burmese, and Bulgarian.

Josh Huck
Chargé d'Affaires
U.S Embassy in Athens



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.



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 American-Hellenic 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.

Labrina Barmpetaki
President, Pharmaceutical Companies
Committee
American-Hellenic Chamber of
Commerce



Spyros Gkikas
President, Medical Devices &
Diagnostics Companies Committee,
American-Hellenic Chamber of
Commerce

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.



Apostolos Mangiriadis
Central News Bulletin's Newscaster
ERT

Apostolos Mangiriadis is the Central News Bulletin's newscaster at the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (ERT) and presenter of two political talk shows (Epilogue, ERTalks). He is a frequent contributor to Kathimerini.

He has worked as a political correspondent and newscaster at SKAI and MEGA tv networks and as a writer for TA NEA newspaper. In 2024 he was awarded with the highest distinction for journalists in Greece, the Botsis foundation award. He studied Political Science at the University of Athens and holds a Master in International Affairs (MIA) from Columbia University.



Elias Mossialos
Cheng Yu Tung Chair in Global Health,
The London School of Economics and
Political Science (LSE)

Professor Elias Mossialos is the Cheng Yu Tung Chair in Global Health at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and directs LSE Health, one of the university's largest research centres. Between 2014 and 2023, he also served as Professor of Health Policy and Management at Imperial College London's Faculty of Medicine.

He has authored more than 400 publications across political science, public policy, health policy and economics, and global health, with an H-index of 102. Elsevier ranks him among the top 0.15% of scientists globally, while ScholarGPS places him in the top 20 worldwide in health systems research out of 125,000 scientists in the field.

As Founding Director of LSE Health and the Department of Health Policy at LSE, Co-Director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and a former Member of Parliament and Minister of State in Greece (2009–2012), he has established influential platforms that connect scholarship and policymaking. His research has informed reforms in more than 30 countries and shaped the agendas of global institutions including the European Commission, WHO, and the World Bank. *The Lancet* observed that he 'has spent his professional life breaking down borders between politics and health,' while the *BMJ* has highlighted his ability to bridge technical and political domains of public health, particularly in times of systemic stress. He has also chaired major initiatives, including the *Lancet* Commission on the Future of the UK NHS, and served as Scientific Director of the WHO Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development, chaired by former Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti.

Professor Mossialos has received wide international recognition for his contributions to health policy, education, and public service. His honours include the Queen's Anniversary Prize (2009), the Andrija Stampar Medal (2010), the Helen-Clark-JoPPP Award (2022), and the Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award (2021), as well as multiple Baxter Awards and a BMA Medical Book Prize. He is a Fellow of the UK Faculty of Public Health and the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London, an Honorary NHS Consultant in Public Health, and the recipient of eight Honorary PhDs from Greek universities in recognition of his academic achievements.



Michael Damianos
Minister of Health
Republic of Cyprus

Michael Damianos was born in Archangelos, Lefkosia. Originally, he comes from Polystypos, Larnaka.

He is a lawyer and studied Law (LLB) at the University of Southampton from where he graduated with honours and received the best academic performance award. He holds a Master of Laws (LLM), specialised in International Law, awarded by the University of Cambridge. He received the best academic performance award by the Fitzwilliam College of the University of Cambridge.

He holds the professional title of Solicitor, granted by the Supreme Court of England and Wales. He worked at the international law firms Simmons & Simmons and Hogan Lovells in London, specialised in corporate, commercial and energy matters.

Upon his return to Cyprus, he worked at a law firm in Nicosia and in 2010 he founded his own law firm which bears his name.

He served as a Municipal Councillor at Strovolos Municipality (2011-2016).

Since 2018, he is the Vice President of Democratic Party (DIKO).

He is married and has two children.



Aris Angelis
Secretary General for Strategic Planning
Ministry of Health

Dr Aris Angelis is Secretary General for Strategic Planning at Greek Ministry of Health, reporting to the Minister of Health. Among his responsibilities include all aspects of pharmaceutical policy and regulation. Positions of responsibility at EU level include being co-chair of the Critical Medicines Alliance, member of EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) and member of OECD's Health Committee.

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), where he remains a Visiting Associate Professor. 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).

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.



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.

Nathalie Moll
Director General
European Federation of Pharmaceutical
Industries and Associations (EFPIA)



Oliver Bisazza
Chief Executive Officer
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 recognised 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.



Felix Uedelhoven,
Chair, Healthcare Committee
AmCham EU

Felix leads Government Affairs & Policy for GE HealthCare in Europe, Middle East and Africa. In his role he represents the company towards the European Union Institutions, international organisations in the region, national governments and authorities in the EU Member States across healthcare, medical devices and government funding policies.

Felix is the Chair of the AMCHAM EU Healthcare Committee and represents the company in number of trade bodies including COCIR and Med Tech Europe. He is part of the Global Government Affairs team. He joined GE Healthcare in 2019 from previous roles at Bayer, the European Parliament and a political advisory agency.

Felix holds a Double Degree Masters in European Public Policy and Etudes Européennes from the University of Kent and Science Po Lille as well as a Bachelor in Politics, Philosophy and Economics in Europe from the University of Kent



Vassiliki-Rafaela Vakouftsi
President
Greek Patients' Association

Vasiliki-Rafaela Vakouftsi is the President of the Hellenic Society of Crohn's Disease's and Ulcerative Colitis' Patients, President of the Greek Patients' Association and Governing Board Member of International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO).

In addition, she works as Youth Coordinator at International Federation of Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Associations (IFCCA).

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.



Phil Schwab
Senior Director
Government Affairs Europe
AbbVie Pharmaceuticals

Phil Schwab currently serves as Senior Director for Government Affairs Europe for AbbVie, responsible for leading and coordinating AbbVie representation and government affairs strategy across the region and before European Union bodies and individual national governments. He is active on files ranging from the General Pharmaceutical Legislation, therapeutic franchise strategies and market access issues such as clawbacks and HTA reform.

Prior to this position Philip was Government Affairs Director for AbbVie in the United Kingdom where he managed health policy in both Westminster and the Devolved Nations for AbbVie and led the AbbVie Brexit Task Force. Prior to this position, Phil managed federal government relations for AbbVie Canada in Ottawa.

Prior to AbbVie, he was Vice-President for Industry Relations for BIOTEC Canada, the Canadian trade association for biotechnology where he was responsible for developing policy positions ranging from intellectual property protection, to market access for innovative products to trade agreements as well as engagement with government and patient group stakeholders.

Prior to his work in Canada Philip completed 10 years of service in Washington, DC working in the Clinton and GW Bush Administrations as a Legislative Affairs liaison with Congress at the US Department of Agriculture as well as in Legislative Staff positions for members of both the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

Phil holds a PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the University of Minnesota.



Kostas Athanasakis
Associate Professor of Health
Economics and HTA
Department of Public Health Policy
University of West Attica

Kostas Athanasakis is an Associate Professor of Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment at the Department of Public Health Policy (University of West Attica), and a Visiting Fellow at LSE Health (London School of Economics and Political Science).

His research primarily focuses on the economic evaluation and health technology assessment of healthcare interventions, pharmaceutical economics and policy - with a particular focus on the economics of vaccines, and the economics of NCDs. In recent years, his research has expanded to health system sustainability and resilience.

He currently serves as a member of the Central Board of Health of Greece, where he holds the designated seat for health policy and economics, the Committee of Public Health Experts, in the designated seat of health economics, and the National Vaccinations Committee of Greece. He also collaborates with the Archimedes center for AI and Data Science, where he explores the impact of AI in health.

Kostas has acted as Advisor/Consultant for numerous international organizations, such as the WHO, the ECDC, the World Bank, and the OECD. In collaboration with the LSE Health team, he coordinates the Country Report of the Partnership for Health System Sustainability and Resilience (PHSSR) for Greece and serves as a member of the PHSSR EU Advisory Group. Since 2021, Kostas has been Associate Editor of the International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care (IJTAHC – Cambridge University Press).



Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos,
Secretary General for Information
Systems of Public Administration
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.



Thanasis studied Engineering for his undergraduate and MSc degrees and completed a PhD in [Applied Mathematics](#) at the [University of Oxford](#) (2012). He currently holds the Chair (Full Professor) in Digital Health and Data Science at the [Usher Institute](#), [Edinburgh Medical School](#), [University of Edinburgh](#).

He has been consistently ranked amongst the world's top scientists since 2020 according to the prestigious Stanford/Elsevier annual list, particularly in the areas of Biomedical Engineering and AI. He was Co-founder of the [NHS Digital Academy](#), which was the first national digital health informatics leadership programme, where he led the development and delivery of the 'Clinical Decision Support and Actionable Data Analytics' theme (2018-2022).

He was a Turing Fellow (2021-2024) and a Bayes Innovation Fellow, and has held Visiting Professor positions with Imperial College and Zhejiang University (China). He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, and in 2025 became one of the youngest elected Fellows of Scotland's National Academy of Science in recent years.

Prof. Athanasios Tsanas
Chair (Full Professor) in Digital Health
and Data Science, Usher Institute,
Edinburgh Medical School
University of Edinburgh, UK



Eve Psalti is a seasoned technology and business leader with over 20 years of global experience driving innovation at the intersection of AI, cloud, and enterprise transformation. She currently serves as Senior Director in Microsoft's AI engineering organization, where she leads efforts to build, scale, and commercialize advanced AI capabilities and solutions.

Before rejoining Microsoft, Eve was Head of Strategic Platforms at Google Cloud, partnering with Fortune 500 companies on digital transformation strategies. Her career spans leadership roles in product, business development, and go-to-market across startups and large enterprises in the U.S. and Europe, managing teams of over 200 people and businesses exceeding \$600M.

A native of Greece, Eve holds a Master's degree and executive certifications from the London School of Economics and the University of Washington. She is passionate about advancing women in tech and entrepreneurship, serving on the board of WE Global Studios, an innovation studio for female founders, and as an advisor at VSN Hub, which blends leadership development with principles from ancient Greek philosophy.

Eve Psalti
Senior Director
Microsoft's AI Engineering Organization,
USA



Angela Spatharou
Senior Partner, Healthcare & Life
Sciences, UKI & Lead HC & Life
Sciences, EMEA
IBM Consulting, UK

Angela Spatharou is the Head of Healthcare & Life Sciences for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa at IBM, and a member of the company's Global Healthcare Leadership Team. She leads IBM's work in digital health, data, and analytics across European and international markets, supporting large-scale national initiatives in areas such as artificial intelligence and healthcare transformation.

She has more than 20 years of experience advising health systems, public and private hospitals, insurers, and innovation organizations on value-based care, integrated care, and advanced analytics. Previously, she was a Partner at McKinsey & Company, where she led global and regional healthcare initiatives across Europe, the U.S., and Latin America.

Angela is a recognized thought leader and frequent speaker at leading international forums on health system reform and digital innovation. She holds an M.Phil. and Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge.



Ioannis Pandis
Site Leader, Pfizer Thessaloniki and
Leader Center for Digital Innovation
(CDI)
Pfizer Hellas

Dr. Ioannis Pandis joined Pfizer in 2023, and currently is the Site Lead for Pfizer in Thessaloniki and the Leader of Center for Digital Innovation. He has an international proven track record in leading high impact projects which bridge pharmaceutical research processes and advanced IT solutions, enabling them to develop strategies that align AI and Data capabilities with research objectives.

Prior to this role, Ioannis served as a Sr. Director accountable for Research AI & Data Technology Strategy in the Center for Digital Innovation, driving the adoption and implementation of cutting-edge AI, machine learning, and data technologies to accelerate drug discovery and foster innovation in the pre-clinical research phase.

Before joining Pfizer, Ioannis worked in the UK for more than 10 years leading projects in biomedical data Science and digital health for major pharmaceutical companies and academic institutions. He has also established and contributed to major European biomedical research initiatives as a biomedical data scientist.

Ioannis has published a large number of research papers and articles in international peer-reviewed medical journals, focusing on digital health science and data science in monitoring different diseases.

He holds a PhD in Immunology and Molecular Biology from the University of Ioannina, an MSc in Bioinformatics from Imperial College London, and a BSc in Genetics from Cardiff University.



Siete Braak
CEO

Roche Diagnostics Hellas

Siete Braak is the CEO of Roche Diagnostics Hellas, a position he has held since February 2022. In this role, he is responsible for leading the diagnostics division of Roche in Greece aiming to transform the diagnostics eco system, enabled by innovative diagnostics solutions that play a critical role towards prevention, precision and sustainability.

Siete is a purpose and people-oriented leader, inspired by the intersection of technology and humanity. He strives for organisational development and conscious leadership that empower individuals and leaders to transform, grow, and make an impact.

He has over 17 years of experience within Roche. Prior to coming to Greece, he served in various positions in Roche Diagnostics including, International Business Leader / VP Cardiometabolic for Roche Diagnostics International in Zurich, Switzerland, Head of Marketing for Roche Diagnostics Chile, in Santiago de Chile and Marketing Manager Molecular & Tissue Diagnostics & Sequencing at Roche Diagnostics Netherlands.

He holds a BSc & MSc degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Twente, with a specialization in Molecular, Cellular and Tissue Engineering. Siete also holds various certifications in Agile & Leadership Development.



Antonis Karokis
External Affairs Director
MSD

Antonis Karokis is the External Affairs Director of MSD Greece since 2011. He possesses more than 25 years of professional experience in both the pharmaceutical and healthcare sector and a long- track record in the field of research.

During his career he has held a number of roles of increased responsibility in the fields of Governmental, Corporate, Public Affairs and Health Economics in a number of big multinational pharmaceutical companies, such as Amgen Hellas, Wyeth Hellas, Astra Zeneca SA.

He has been a Module Coordinator and Lecturer in Health Economics in the National School of Public Administration for seven consecutive years and an Advisor in the Ministries of Health and Development in the areas of public procurement of pharmaceuticals and health technology equipment and health care reforms.

His scientific research contains a number of publications about Health Economics and Policy.

He holds a Degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Athens, and a Master of Science in Health Planning and Financing from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has obtained vocational training degrees from the Stockholm School of Economics and the Harvard University.



Ilias Kyriopoulos
Assistant Professor,
Department of Health Policy,
London School of Economics and
Political Science (LSE)

Ilias Kyriopoulos is an Assistant Professor and Programme Director of the Executive MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Management at the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE).

He has previously served as Director of the MSc programmes in Health Data Science and International Health Policy (Health Economics) at LSE, where he also worked as a Fellow and Research Associate.

Ilias has also conducted research for or acted as a consultant to international governmental and non-governmental organizations, including the European Commission, the OECD, UNDP, the World Bank and the WHO. He has also held a visiting research position at Sciences Po.

His work has been published in various journals, including *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, *Health Economics*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *The Milbank Quarterly*, *The Lancet Public Health* and *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Ilias holds a PhD in Health Economics and Policy from the LSE and has been awarded scholarships from the Onassis Foundation and the Greek State Scholarship Foundation.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Onassis Hospital in Athens, Greece.



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.

Marios Themistocleous
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Health



Manolis Papasavvas has over 25 years of leadership experience in the healthcare sector, serving in senior roles across major hospitals and health organizations in Greece and abroad. Since April 2025, he is President of the Children's Oncology Hospital “*Marianna V. Vardinoyannis – ELPIDA*”, after a long tenure as President & CEO of the Children's Hospitals “*Aghia Sophia*” and “*P. & A. Kyriakou*” (2011–2025).

He also serves as Vice President of *ORAMA ELPIDAS* Bone Marrow Volunteer Donor Center (since 2013), and has previously held senior management positions at Athens Medical Center, Hippokrateio General Hospital, and Evaggelismos Hospital. Earlier in his career, he gained international experience as Assistant General Manager at Bury Health Care NHS Trust in the U.K.

He holds a Master of Arts in Hospital Management from the University of Leeds (Nuffield Institute of Health) and a BA in Health Studies & Management Science from the University of Central Lancashire.

Manolis Papasavas

President

**Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Children's
Oncology Hospital - Elpida**



Mr. Zerdilas has extensive experience in the healthcare sector, having collaborated with Athens Medical Group for more than 25 years and a proven track record in senior executive roles across diverse sectors including healthcare, shipping, investments, and consulting.

He holds a BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics, as well as two postgraduate degrees: an MSc in Computing from Imperial College and an MSc in Finance from Birkbeck College.

George Zerdilas
Chief Managing Director,
Athens Medical Center



Michail Karaviotis
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Papageorgiou General Hospital of
Thessaloniki

Michail Karaviotis was Born in Thessaloniki in 1962, where he now lives with his wife and three children.

Since 2020, he has been serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the “Papageorgiou” General Hospital of Thessaloniki. His involvement with the hospital began in 2018, when he first joined the Board as a Member.

“Papageorgiou” General Hospital is a non-profitable institution that operates under Private Law and has been integrated into the National Health System since 1999. It provides health services in prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, and is recognized as one of the most modern and dynamic healthcare institutions in Greece.

In 2022, he became a Member of the Board of Directors of the Papageorgiou Foundation, a charitable organization established in 1990 that has consistently supported Northern Greece. Among its many public-benefit initiatives, its most significant achievement has been the funding and construction of the “Papageorgiou” General Hospital.

Alongside his social and institutional contributions, he is also active in the food industry. Since 2003, he has owned and managed a company specializing in the trade of coffee and related products, which has secured a significant share of the Greek market and has earned awards in both national and international competitions. In addition, he owns a company producing premium-quality olive oil, a product distinguished for its excellence and presence in both the domestic and international markets.

Through his work in both public service and business, he combines contributions to healthcare with entrepreneurial activity, consistently upholding the values of social responsibility and sustainable development.



Daniel Paksy
Managing Director Greece and Romania
Johnson and Johnson Innovative
Medicine

Daniel Paksy serves as the Managing Director of Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine for Greece and Romania.

He brings over 25 years of extensive experience in strategic leadership roles across European, Asia-Pacific, and USA markets within the pharmaceutical sector.

He joined Greece from the USA, where he was the Senior Director of Global Commercial Strategy for Rheumatology. Prior to this role, he served as the Managing Director of Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine in Hungary.

Daniel is recognized for his strong passion for advancing innovation, enhancing patient access to groundbreaking treatments, fostering talent development, and embracing a forward-thinking approach to healthcare transformation.

He holds a BA in Business Studies from the International Business School in Budapest and a BA in International Advertising from IBS, accredited by the IAA, New York.



Ioanna Salagianni
Head, Directorate General
for Electronic Health
IDIKA

Since February 2025, Ioanna Salagianni serves as General Director of E-Health at IDIKA S.A., overseeing the development, operation, and support of national and cross-border e-health applications. Prior to this, she was Director of the Primary Health Care Sector Systems (2024), responsible for coordinating electronic health systems, including patient registries, vaccination platforms, preventive medicine tools, and medical certificate systems.

From 2019 to 2023, she led the Operations and Applications Support Directorate, supervising the development and support of critical information systems across health, social security, and welfare. Having joined IDIKA in 1987, she progressed from software development to project management, and since 2011 has consistently held senior leadership positions.

Her expertise spans the design and implementation of large-scale, high-impact IT systems for registries, insurance, pensions, and welfare. She has successfully managed projects such as OGA and EFKA registries, AMKA-EMAES, ATLAS, hospital systems, and national patient registries, while also contributing to European initiatives like NCPeHealth, UNICOM, and ORION.

Ioanna holds a degree in Mathematics from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and an MSc in Information Systems. With nearly four decades of experience, she is recognized as a leading figure in Greece's digital transformation of health and welfare services.



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, a 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 commercial responsibility for Israel, Cyprus, Albania and Kosovo. He has served for several years as Managing Director of Alcon Greece. He has experience in consulting, FMG, services, pharmaceutical and medical device sectors.



Antonis Furlis is the Editor-in-Chief for HuffPost Greece since 2018. Also, he is anchoring a morning news magazine (ertnews - Public Television) on the weekends. He has been following closely Greek foreign policy since the early 90's. He 's also interested in Greek and European Politics. Antonis has worked for an investigative journalism TV programme at ANT1 TV (2020-2023), after spending many years as a political correspondent for MEGA TV and ANT1 TV. He covered many EU and NATO Summits and worked as a correspondent in the Balkans during the war in ex-Yugoslavia, and participated in special reports about the Middle East.



Antonis Furlis
Journalist, Huffpost Greece



Pavlina Karasiotou
General Secretary of 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). She speaks English, French, Spanish and German.

She is married and mother of two daughters.

**Sarandos Efstathopoulos**

Governor
Metaxa Cancer Hospital of Piraeus

Sarandos Efstathopoulos is the Governor of the Metaxa Cancer Hospital of Piraeus, which was named “*Hospital of the Year*” at the Healthcare & Business Awards 2024 during his tenure. He previously served as Deputy Governor of the same hospital from January 2020 to September 2023. Born and raised in Palaia Kokkinia, Piraeus, he is the middle child of a three-child family.

He holds a degree in Mathematics from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Neapolis University Pafos, and an MBA in International Business from the University of East London. Before his appointment at Metaxa Hospital, he worked for 10 years in the private sector as an executive and entrepreneur in the fields of Management, Communication, and Media, holding senior leadership positions.

He served for 3.5 years as General Manager of DPG Digital Media Group. He was the Founder, Publisher, and Director of the multi-award-winning news portal PiraeusPress.gr, Co-Founder and first President of the Union of Regional Online Media, while also working as a Strategy & Communications Consultant.

At the age of 24, he was elected Municipal District Councilor of Piraeus, later becoming City Councilor and Deputy Mayor of Piraeus at the age of 28.

He is fluent in English, has completed his military service in the Hellenic Navy, and has served as President of the AO Karavas Football Club (Greek Third Division) and President of the cultural and social association FOIVOS Piraeus. From a young age, he has been actively involved in competitive chess.



Ioannis Kantoros is the CEO of INTERAMERICAN Hellenic Insurance Company.

He holds the positions of president in the Hellenic Dutch Association, president in Health Insurance Committee and member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee, in the Hellenic Association of Insurance Companies.

His significant career path within INTERAMERICAN includes key leadership positions, whereas he has cooperated with other multinational companies.

He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Cardiff Business School and Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from National Technical University of Athens (NTUA).

Ioannis Kantoros
President of HealthCare Committee and
Member of BoD
Hellenic Association of Insurance
Companies



Athanasios Lopatzidis
Commercial Executive Director
Affidea

Dr. Thanassis Lopatzidis holds a PhD (Bristol University) in Health Services Research, Statistics & Management & an MSc in Actuarial Statistics (University of Sheffield). He was Project Manager - Research Associate & then Lecturer at Bristol University (1993 - 02).

In Greece worked as Managing Director of a Reengineering program (1999 -2004) for the Social Security Sickness Fund (namely IKA). At the end of 2007 joined the Bioiatriki as a General Manager.

In Oct 2017 joined Affidea, as Commercial Executive Director and leading the deployment of Affidea's outpatient & commercial B2B strategy.

He has a robust 25 years of expertise in the healthcare & health insurance industry.

Dr. Lopatzidis has been an invited speaker in several national & international conferences & workshops. His scientific & managerial work includes more than 55 national & international programs & studies. He has published 2 books & more than 30 articles & book chapters in peer review journals & books. He is fellow or member in several scientific or professional bodies such as Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society (Actuarial Chapter), Member of the International Society for Health Technology Assessment, Hellenic Health Managers Association etc.



Nikos Papadimitriou
CEO
Imitheia Medical Group

Born in Athens, he graduated from Lycée Léonin. He completed his studies in the School of Chemical Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) and continued in UK at Leicester University, obtaining a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). He speaks English and French.

Since 1997, he continuously held senior and executive management positions in the private healthcare sector in Greece. He worked for the Euroclinic Group, the Hygeia Group (Leto, Mitera), the IASO Group, and from 2018 until June 2025, he was involved in the restructuring project of the Euromedica Group (Diagnostic Centres, Clinics, and Rehabilitation Centres) as the Group's General Manager.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Private Clinics Association (HPCA) since its founding and currently serves as its Vice President.

As of June 2025, he is CEO of the new Imitheia Group, which includes “Errikos Dynant” Hospital, “General Clinic,” “Kyanous Stavros,” and “Genesis” clinics in Thessaloniki, “General Clinic of Kozani,” “General Clinic of Rhodes,” “Arogi of Thessaloniki” Rehabilitation Centre, and “Fertilia” IVF Unit. This creates a network of healthcare facilities that combines medical expertise and innovation with geographical coverage across Greece, offering more than 1,400 beds in total and covering the full spectrum of healthcare services.

His main focus is for the Imitheia Group to provide modern, high-quality, reliable, and patient-centered healthcare services. He aims to establish the Group as a pioneering healthcare provider, capable of meeting not only patients' growing expectations but also the challenges posed by the continuously evolving medical science and technology.



Supreme Court Attorney at Law and Managing Partner of Kremalis Law Firm, Professor Emeritus Dr. Konstantinos D. Kremalis is a distinguished authority in Labor and Employment Law, Social Security Law, Insurance Law, and Health Law.

He served as Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Athens (1991–2014) and has been a Visiting Professor at leading universities across Europe, the U.S., and Japan, as well as a Fulbright Research Scholar. Author of landmark textbooks and numerous publications, he has significantly contributed to Greek and European legislative reforms in social security and health law.

Professor Kremalis has acted as a national expert in European programs and networks (TRESS, FreSsco, Max Planck Institute) and is internationally recognized through listings in *The Legal 500*, *Chambers and Partners*, and *Who's Who Legal*.

Konstantinos Kremalis
Professor Emeritus, President,
Insurance, Social Security and Labor
Affairs Committee
American-Hellenic Chamber of
Commerce



Dr. Maggie De Block is a medical doctor and long-serving Belgian politician. She graduated as a GP from Vrije Universiteit Brussel in 1988 and served as Member of Parliament from 1999 to 2024. Between 2011 and 2020, she held several key roles in the Federal Government, including Minister of Justice and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health. From 2020 to 2024, she was Group Leader of the Open Vld party in the Chamber of Representatives.

Internationally, she is Commissioner of the WHO Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development and President of the WHO Technical Advisory Group on One Health. In 2019, she was awarded the title of Commander in the Order of Leopold by the King of Belgium.

Maggie De Block
Former Minister of Social Affairs and
Public Health, Belgium



Spyros Sapounas graduated from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, where he completed both a Master's degree and a PhD with distinction. He specialized in Endocrinology and Diabetes, gaining substantial clinical experience. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he served as Director of Preparedness and Response at the Hellenic CDC (EODY) and later as its Vice President. He subsequently became Vice President and is currently President of the National Organization for Medicines (EOF). His work focuses on advancing public health, regulating pharmaceuticals, and promoting medical science.

Spyridon Sapounas

President

**National Organizations for Medicines
(EOF)**



Meletios Dimopoulos
Professor and Chairman,
Department of Clinical Therapeutics
School of Medicine
University of Athens

Meletios A. Dimopoulos, MD is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Clinical Therapeutics at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Medicine, Athens, Greece. He was the Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens from February 2015 until August 2023. He has been a member of the Board of the International Myeloma Society and the chairman of the Greek Myeloma Study Group. Currently he is the chairman of the Balkan Myeloma Study Group, a member of the Board of the European Myeloma Network, a member of the scientific committee of the European School of Haematology, a member of the SOHO educational committee and a member of the Editorial Board of Expert Review of Hematology.

As of January 2025 he has published more than 1450 manuscripts in Peer Review Journals, and his h-index (Google Scholar) is 173. His particular interest is in hematologic malignancies (especially plasma cell dyscracias) and solid tumors.

He is a recipient of the Robert A. Kyle Award for outstanding contributions to Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia (May 2003), a recipient of Waldenstrom's award for Myeloma Research of the International Myeloma Society (March 2017), recipient of the CoMy Excellence Award (May 2017). In August 2017 he was given the title "Officier dans l' Ordre des Palmes academiques" (Republique Francaise, Ministere de l' Education Nationale). In May 2018 he was elected as "membre associe etranger" of the National Academy of Medecine of France. He also received The Robert Kyle Life Achievement Award (June 2019), Distinguished Alumnus Award from the MD Anderson Cancer Centre, Houston, TX, USA (January 2020), Medal of the Grand Commander of the Order of the Phoenix awarded by the President of the Hellenic Republic (February 2020) and the Title of Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Belgrade (October 2022).



George Kapetanakis
President
Hellenic Cancer Federation (ELLOK)

George Kapetanakis is a committed patient advocate with personal experience in haematological cancer. He currently serves as President of the Hellenic Cancer Federation – ELLOK, an umbrella organization representing 50 patient associations across Greece. Before being elected President, he served two 3-year terms as Secretary of the Board, actively contributing to the organization's development.

During his presidency, ELLOK was nominated and, just recently, officially recognized as the National Cancer Mission Hub of Greece. George Kapetanakis now also serves as President of the Greek NCM Hub, helping guide national efforts aligned with Europe's cancer research and care priorities.

George Kapetanakis was recently elected to the Board of the All.Can International Organization (2025–2027) based in Brussels.

He has also joined the ESMO Globalized Patient Advocacy Working Group for the same period, contributing to international efforts to strengthen the patient voice in oncology.

At the national level, he participates in the Ministry of Health's working groups on the National Cancer Registry and Clinical Trials. From 2021 to 2023, he also served on the oncology committee of the Greek National Central Health Council, bringing the patient perspective into high-level decision-making.

In addition, he is Vice President and Past President of the Pieria Cancer Patients Association — a role that reflects his deep local engagement and long-standing commitment to supporting patients at every level.

His international advocacy experience includes serving as Secretary to the Board of the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC) from May 2022 to September 2023.

Since 2014, he has also been an active volunteer with the Association for Bone Marrow Donation “ORAMA ELPIDAS.”

Alongside his advocacy work, George Kapetanakis has a professional background in the financial sector, with a focus on stock market investments.



Kavita Patel
Managing Director, Greece & Cyprus
Roche Hellas

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.



Founder, President and CEO of CORONIS Research SA since 2003.

Evangelia Koraki studied Chemistry at the University of Athens. She has more than 15 years of expertise and management experience in the field of Medical & Regulatory Affairs in global pharmaceutical companies such as Roche, Warner Lambert, Pfizer, Actelion Pharmaceuticals, and 20 years in senior positions in clinical research. She has contributed to the development of numerous products, including orphan drugs, in international markets, and has deep knowledge of regulatory affairs processes at a national, European, and international level. She participates in many working groups relevant to clinical research in Greece, with the aim of promoting and harmonizing it with European standards.

She has been a founding member and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Association of CROs – HACRO, since its establishment in 2013. In 2017, she was elected as President of HACRO and holds this position to this day.

Evangelia Koraki

President

HACRO (Hellenic Association of CROs)



Achilleas Gravanis
Professor of Pharmacology
Medical School, University of Crete
Researcher
Institute of Molecular Biology and
Biotechnology, IMBB- FORTH

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 microscaffold bioengineering and neural stem cell technologies to develop neuroimplants for spinal cord injury and brain trauma and neurobiosensors for drug discovery.



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.

Theano Karpodini
Head & Chairman of the Board
National Organization for the Provision
of Health Services (EOPYY)

**Daphne Kaitelidou**

President

**National Agency for Quality Assurance in
Health (ODIPY)**

Professor of Health Care Management, Department of Nursing, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), Athens, Greece

Director of the Center for Health Services Management and Evaluation (NKUA), Athens, Greece

President of the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Health (ODIPY), Athens, Greece

Dr. Daphne Kaitelidou is a Professor at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Director of the Center for Health Services Management and Evaluation, President of the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Health in Greece (ODIPY) and National Representative of the OECD Health committee (2008-2014 and 11/2019 to date). With more than 25 years of experience in public health, her research interests include the areas of Health Care Management, Health Policy, and Quality Assurance and Improvement in Health. She has participated in more than 80 research projects, has received research grants as Principal Investigator by national, European, and international funds and has published more than 300 research papers in international-scientific journals with more than 7,300 citations (h-index:43, i10-index:97). In the last five years, her research work has mainly focused on health systems' assessment, quality assurance and improvement approaches in health, health services management and health policy including the study of barriers related to the access of the vulnerable groups of the population to the health system and the health systems' financing.



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 Chouliara,
President
Astra Zeneca Greece & Cyprus
Vice-President, SfEE, Responsible for
Reimbursement, HTA, Negotiation and
Pharmaceutical Expenditure



Kyriakos Souliotis is Professor of Health Policy and Dean of the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Peloponnese. He is President of the Scientific Committee of the Greek Patient Association, a member of the Steering Committee of PACT in Brussels, and founder and scientific director of the Health Policy Institute.

He has served in senior advisory and leadership roles, including Scientific Advisor to IKA and the Ministry of Health, Vice President of EOPYY, President of OPAD, and member of the National Ethics Committee for Clinical Trials and the Steering Committee for Rare Diseases. He has also held senior administrative positions at leading healthcare institutions such as the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center, MITERA, and the National Bank of Greece Mutual Health Fund.

With extensive international research experience, he has served as Associate Director at the Medical Technology Research Group of LSE Enterprise. He is the author of 32 books and over 350 publications in peer-reviewed journals on health policy, economics, reforms, health services organization, patient empowerment, and inequalities.

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



Dr. Athanasios Exadaktylos is President of the Panhellenic Medical Association and a member of Greece's Committee for the Management of Emergency Public Health Issues from Infectious Diseases (COVID-19). He previously served as Chairman of the Medical Chamber of Thessaloniki (2011–2018), Vice President of the Senologic Hellenic Society, Member of the Board of the Southeast European Medical Forum, and General Secretary of Northern Greece Hospital Doctors (1989–1991).

He is a Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, in private practice since 1996, and Head of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department at St. Luke's Hospital, Thessaloniki, since 2002.

He holds a PhD and an MD from the Medical School of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki and specialized in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery through extensive training in the UK (1991–1995).

Dr. Athanasios Exadaktylos
President
Panhellenic Medical Association



Apostolos Valtas
President
Panhellenic Pharmaceuticals
Association

Apostolos Valtas is originally from Mytilene and a graduate of the Pharmacy School of the University of Patras. He is proficient in English and has been actively involved in pharmaceutical affairs since 1995, when he was first elected President of the Lesvos Pharmaceutical Association.

Since then, he has maintained a strong and consistent presence in the pharmaceutical sector, serving in key positions within the Panhellenic Pharmaceutical Association (P.P.A.): Member of the Board of Directors since 2005, Treasurer (2005–2008), Vice President (2009–2018), and President from 2018 to the present. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Organization for Health Care Services (EOPYY).

Beyond his professional commitments, Mr. Valtas has a long record of trade union and social engagement. He is a founding member of the Centre for Prevention and Counselling against Addictions of Lesvos "PNOI," where he has held leadership positions including President (2005–2009), Vice President (2011–2012), Secretary (1999–2005 & 2009–2011), and Board Member (2012–2013). In addition, he is an active member of the Red Cross (Lesvos branch).

Since 2015, he has been one of the leading members of the Committee of Professional and Scientific Organizations of Lesvos, contributing to efforts that address major local challenges, including the management of migratory flows.



Grigoris Karelos is the President and Managing Director of KENVUE Greece, Balkans and Israel, for the last 5 years, managing a diverse team of 200 people, across 15 countries (KENVUE is the Johnson & Johnson Consumer Health spin-off that happened in 2023). He has been with the company for the last 20 years managing roles of increased responsibility in marketing, commercial and general management across Greece, Romania, the Balkans, Iberia and South Europe, and he has managed various regional and global projects. He has extensive experience in the personal healthcare and the FMCG businesses, in both developed and emerging markets.

Grigoris is a new Board member of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR) and also the President of the Greek Association of Selfcare (EFEX), a Board member of the European Association of Selfcare (AESGP), the President of the Johnson & Johnson Pension fund, while he has served as a Board member at the Efficient Consumer Response (ECR Greece) and the Brands In Greece (ESVEP).

He holds a Bsc in Marketing and an International MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business, both with distinction, and a mini MBA specialized in Digital Marketing and Ecommerce from Rutgers University, at New Jersey.

Grigoris Karelos

President

**EFEX Association (Greek Association of
the Self-Care Industry)**



Memi Tsekoura
Vice President
Greek Patients' Association

Memi Tsekoura has worked in the field of Health for over 30 years. She started her social work at the Hellenic Association for the Support of Patients with Osteoporosis as a member of the Board. Since 2002 and up today she is the President of the Butterfly Bone Health Society.

She has extensive experience in the management of patients with chronic musculoskeletal diseases and she has managed to bring together the scientific community and patients through the various programs it has implemented as a Patients' Association.

Under her Presidency, the Butterfly Bone Health Society became an official member of the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) and the Rare Diseases Association of Greece, it has twice won the first world prize, taking first place among 285 countries for its action, and once the bronze award for supporting patients nationwide. Also, many scientific and epidemiological studies have been prepared and the epidemiological map for osteoporosis in Greece has been created. Finally, the Butterfly Bone Health Society has managed to participate in NSRF and International publications.



Zachary Ragousis
President & Managing Director,
Pfizer Hellas

Zacharias Ragousis is the President & Managing Director of Pfizer Greece, Cyprus & Malta. With 37 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, he has gained extensive knowledge and expertise by serving the local industry in various positions. Additionally, he has had responsibilities for the markets of Turkey and Israel at different times.

Zacharias is a member of the Board of Directors at the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and the PhARMA Innovation Forum Greece.

Since joining Pfizer Hellas in 2003, he has held managerial positions across various therapeutic areas such as Oncology, Ophthalmology, Hormones, Established and Internal Medicine prior to assuming leadership of the company. He has been on the local board of directors of Pfizer Hellas since 2012 and has held the position of President since 2017.

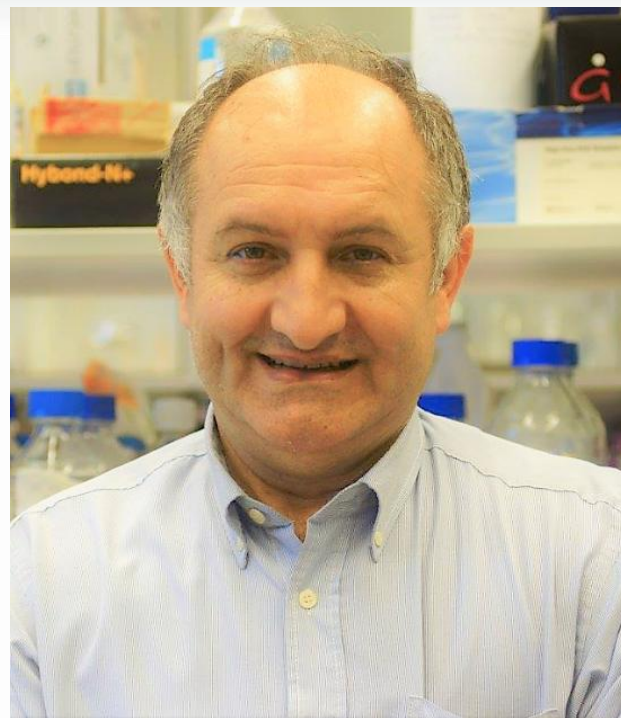
He has contributed to the establishment and operation of four global centers of Pfizer in Greece, including the Center for Digital Innovation in 2020 and the Center for Clinical Trials in 2023, which collectively employ over 1,200 scientists in Greece.

Zacharias holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is married and has a child.



Evangelos Kalamakis is the Managing Director, SOFMEDICA and an inspiring leader with proven experience in corporate and investment banking in Greece and Southeastern Europe. Mr. Kalamakis 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. Mr. Kalamakis adds a multidisciplinary approach to leading anchored on first principles, coaching, and effective teamwork.

Evangelos Kalamakis
Managing Director
Sofmedica Group

**Dimitrios Boumpas****President, KESY****Professor of Pathology – Rheumatology,
Medical School, University of Athens**

Dimitrios T. Boumpas, graduated from the Medical School of the University of Ioannina in 1983. Following a fellowship in Molecular Immunology at National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda MD, he trained in Internal Medicine at Georgetown University, Washington DC and in Rheumatology-Clinical Immunology at ARB, NIAMS, NIH. Upon the completion of his training, he was appointed an Investigator at ARB, NIAMS, NIH where he served as Deputy and Acting Clinical Director. In 1999 he repatriated to the University of Crete to lead the Departments of Rheumatology, Clinical immunology and Allergy, and Internal Medicine. While in Crete, Professor Boumpas Directed the Graduate Program on the Molecular Basis of Human Diseases. In 2012 he joined the Medical School, University of Athens where he currently serves as the Chairman of the Fourth Department of Medicine at the “Attikon” University Hospital. He is also an Affiliated Member of the Institute for Biomedical Research of the Academy of Athens. In 2021 was selected to serve President of the Hellenic Central Health Board (KESY).

Dr Boumpas primary clinical and research interests are in the areas of human autoimmunity with emphasis on systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and inflammatory arthritis. His work on the treatment of lupus nephritis has shaped immunosuppressive therapy internationally. He is also a leader in the transcriptomic analysis in human systemic autoimmunity. He has published over 335 peer-reviewed scientific papers and books chapters with over 16.995 citations (h-index = 68). His research was funded by both National (ΕΠΕΑΕΚ II, Πυθαγόρας I, II, Ηράκλειτος, Θαλής, Αριστεία) και European Union research funds (AUTOCURE FP-6; BTCURE, IMI, HORIZON 2020, ERC Advanced Grants).



Eirini Agapidaki
Alternate Minister
Ministry of Health

Eirini Agapidaki is a Psychologist, with an MSc in Health Promotion and Education from the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; and a PhD in Health Psychology from the same university. She has also specialized in matters of prevention of mental disorders and promotion of mental health. In addition, she has many years of teaching and research experience in the fields of public health policy, public health research methodology and mental health promotion – in the context of national, European and international research programs. She has worked for many years as a research associate at the Department of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. In recent years she was elected and served as a Lecturer in Public Health, at the Medical School of the European University of Cyprus. In 2019, she resigned from her academic role in order to take up her duties as the Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors (at the Ministry of Migration and Asylum). At the end of December 2022, she assumed the duties of Secretary General of Public Health, and since July 2023 she serves as the Alternate Minister of Health and as a member of the Greek Parliament.

She has written and published research papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals, while she has presented the results of her research papers at many national and international conferences.



Thanasis Kontogeorgis
Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister
Hellenic Republic

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 Adviser 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). He is married and has two children.



Olympios Papadimitriou holds the position of General Manager at Novo Nordisk Hellas LTD in the last 20 years. He started his career in the pharmaceutical sector in 1990, working as a sales representative at Wyeth (later absorbed by Pfizer), based in Thessaloniki. In less than a year, he joined Schering AG Berlin (later absorbed by Bayer). After completing a three-year term at Schering AG, he joined Novo Nordisk Hellas as a medical representative in 1994. He served for 6 years in the field of medical sales, and then for 5 years in the marketing department of diabetes. He became General Manager of Novo Nordisk Hellas in December 2005. Olympios Papadimitriou became a member of the SFEE Board of Directors in 2013, and as of March 2018, he is the president of SFEE. Olympios Papadimitriou is a graduate of the German School of Thessaloniki, and he also holds a Diploma in Chemistry from Aristotelion University of Thessaloniki. He has attended Young Manager's Program at INSEAD, and he speaks fluently English and German.

Olympios Papadimitriou

President

**Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical
Industries (SFEE)**



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 2024, ELPEN Group had a turnover of 430,000,000€. 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, Mr. Tryfon has been elected as President of the Panhellenic Union of Pharmaceutical Industries (PEF), an association which represents 56 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.

**Dimitris Nikas**

Chairman

Association of Health Research &
Biotechnology Industry (SEIV)

He studied Production and Management Engineering at the Technical University of Crete (BA, 1990) and Business Administration at the IAE - Grenoble II University (DEA, 1991). He was a postgraduate researcher in Financial Management at the IAE of the University of Grenoble II (1991-1994), 1991-1992 and worked on the same subject as assistant professor at Pierre Mendes France, Grenoble II.

At the beginning of his career, 1993-1994 he worked as a consultant in the penetration and promotion of Greek consumer products in the French market. Then, 1996-1998, he worked in the Textile sector as a Financial Analyst, focusing on analyzing production costs and evaluating investment projects. Beginning of 1998 to Sept 2000 he switched to the car spare parts industry as Financial Controller (Magnetti Marelli, Fiat Group) and later as CFO.

For the last 25 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 re elected president of the Association of Health- Research & Biotechnology Industry (SEIV)



Panagiotis (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.

He graduated from the High School of the Ionidios Standard School. He was born in 1964 in Piraeus.



Panos Pitsillides
Vice President, Medical Services &
Diagnostics Committee,
American – Hellenic Chamber of
Commerce

Panos Pitsillides is the Managing Director of Johnson & Johnson Greece & Cyprus, a position he has held since October 2023, following eight successful years with the company as Finance Director. He currently serves as Counselor of the Executive Committee, Vice Chairman of the Medical Devices & Diagnostics Committee of AmChamGR and as a Board Member and Treasurer of SEIV.

With over 20 years of international leadership experience across seven countries, his professional journey spans renowned global organizations including Amazon and KPMG, covering sectors such as Healthcare, Retail, e-Commerce, Construction, Manufacturing, and FMCG.

Panos holds a degree in Economics from the University of Essex, an MBA from IE Business School in Spain, and a certificate in Global Management from INSEAD. He has also completed the High Potentials Leadership Program at Harvard Business School, further strengthening his strategic and people leadership capabilities.