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KOSTAS ANDRIOSOPOULOS



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

Aff. Professor, Finance & Energy Management

Director, HELLENIQ ENERGY Center for Sustainability and Energy @Alba Graduate Business School Professor Dr. Kostas Andriosopoulos is the Academic Director of the HELLENiQ Energy Center for Sustainability and Energy at Alba Graduate Business School, The American College of Greece, and Affiliate Professor of Finance and Energy Management. He previously held academic positions at Audencia Business School in France as Full Professor and Founding Director of the Energy Transition & Sustainability Center, and at ESCP Business School, where he was Academic Director of energy management programs and Founding Executive Director of the Energy Management Centre. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers in top journals, including Energy Economics, Journal of Banking and Finance, and Energy Policy, and serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Energy Markets. Kostas chairs the Energy Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and sits on the boards of the Global Gas Center (World Energy Council) and the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics, which he founded. He has organized major international energy forums, including Greece's flagship Energy Transition Symposium and the Southeast Europe Energy Forum. Kostas has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of DEPA (2014–2015, 2019–2021), Senior Advisor to the Hellenic Ministry of Environment & Energy, and Head of the Decarbonisation Fund of the Greek Islands. He contributed to national legislation on e-mobility and represented Greece in climate diplomacy at COP28 and COP29. In his corporate role, he is CEO of Akuo Energy in Greece, recently acquired by Ardian, and Co-founder & CEO of Deeprunner.ai, a Silicon Valley–based AI solutions company.

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YANNA ANDRONOPOULOU



General Manager Microsoft, Greece, Cyprus & Malta

Yanna is the General Manager for Microsoft Greece, Cyprus and Malta since July 2023. She is leading a team across three countries focusing on accelerating the digital transformation of the private and public sectors through harnessing Al and the opportunities linked to the arrival of the area's first datacenters. Yanna has been a member of Microsoft's leadership team for the last four years and joined the company back in 2014 to lead the digital transformation of Banking, Insurance and Telecoms across Greece and Cyprus, with outstanding results. She rose to every challenge amidst the pandemic through her Enterprise Commercial Lead role and led her team to attain significant commercial wins and to deliver prosperous growth consistently despite macro-economic and geopolitical challenges. Through an industry-first approach, Yanna established a culture of strategic, long-term partnerships with customers and partners, counting most leading, high-profile businesses in her portfolio. Yanna is passionate about gender balance at work and women in technology, being herself one of the few women who went into the industry early on, holding various roles in Sales, Product Management and Technical Delivery for the likes of Huawei, Ericsson and Intracom. At Microsoft she is also leading the Women ERG group, eager to unite the company's broader ecosystem in securing equal opportunities for all. Yanna an Electrical Engineering graduate from the University of Patras, also holds an Executive MBA from Athens University of Economics and Business.

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THEODORA ANTONAKAKI



Director of Climate Change and Sustainability
Centre
Bank of Greece

Theodora Antonakaki, Director of Bank of Greece's Climate Change and Sustainability Centre, is coordinating BoG's work on climate, sustainability and research at the Climate Change Impacts Study Committee and representing BoG at the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) and at the Eurosystem Climate Change Forum, where she has been appointed Chair for a two-year term (2025-2026). She is a graduate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the University of London, where she was an Honorary Research Fellow. During her career, she has also been an advisor on issues of sustainability and socioeconomic impact, in a wide range of projects. She has lectured at the Syracuse University, the University of Stirling, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Hellenic Open University. She has written book chapters in edited books and published at peer reviewed journals. Her work has gained awards from Europa Nostra and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, while she has been honored, by the French Republic, with the title of Knight of the French National Order of Merit (Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite), as an acknowledgment for her contributions to climate and sustainability issues.



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ELENI BAIRAMI



Managing Director Eco Hellas

Eleni Bairami is the owner and Managing Director of ECO Hellas, one of the fastest-growing companies in the Renewable Energy Sector in Greece. Focusing on solar energy, biogas, gasification and circular economy, Eleni has developed, constructed, operated more than 2 GW of renewable energy projects with over 280 million of investment value. Currently she is collaborating with multinational RES conglomerates in a series of projects in Greece and in the Region of Southeastern Europe. Eleni studied Physics majors and Mathematics in Wolfgang - Goethe University Frankfurt / Main Germany, while she started her career in the German Bank sector in Frankfurt/Main. She continued her career in the RES private sector by working in executive positions in the biggest German biogas and biomethane construction company MT Energie/ MT Biomethan (today HITACHI ZOSEN INOVA) where she gained experience in projects in several countries such as Germany, France, UK, South and North America, South Korea, Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Latvia, and Greece. Eleni focuses on constantly following recent developments in the sector, thus maintaining cutting-edge knowledge of the developments and challenges in the Renewable Energy industry. Given her academic background in physics and mathematics, she has the ability to function seamlessly in a highly technical environment, while maintaining the required business perspective, thus providing a 3600 approach to complex issues regarding the energy sector. And at the same time, she can communicate specific details related to the operation and management of projects, thus approaching a broad range of audiences and business partners.

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ALEXANDROS BECHRAKIS



Managing Director
Digital Realty

Alexandros Bechrakis is the Managing Director of Digital Realty in Greece. He is responsible for broadening the reach of the company's data center platform across Southeastern Europe, with a particular focus on Greece—including the recent development of the Heraklion Campus—as well as Cyprus, Albania, and Malta. A major focus of his role is to support Greece's transformation into a digital hub and a key gateway to Europe, leveraging its strategic position at the crossroads of the Eastern Mediterranean, Africa, and the Middle East. In May 2025, Alexandros was appointed Chairman of the Greek Data Center Association, a newly established non-profit organization aimed at advancing the data center industry in Greece and strengthening the country's role in the digital economy. Previously, Alexandros served for 11 years as Chief Commercial & Technology Officer at Lamda Hellix, where he played a pivotal role in driving strong revenue growth and customer satisfaction—successes that contributed to the company's acquisition by Digital Realty. Prior to Lamda Hellix, Alexandros spent over thirteen years at Cisco, where he held the position of Regional Sales Manager for the Enterprise, Financial, and Commercial sectors. He led teams across several Southeastern European countries, following earlier leadership roles in technical engineering management and marketing at the company. He began his career at the Computer Technology Institute of Patras as a networking specialist, focusing on the emerging Internet and Intranet technologies of the time, as well as knowledge transfer initiatives bridging together academia and the enterprise sector. Alexandros holds a degree in Computer Engineering and Informatics from the School of Engineering, University of Patras.



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GEORGE BEHRAKIS



Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer
Climate Solutions Fund

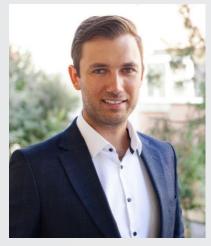
George Behrakis is a dynamic leader and strategist working at the intersection of climate and energy policy, civic engagement, and public affairs. He is the Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer of the Climate Solutions Fund, where he partners with youth leaders, business voices, bipartisan policymakers, and philanthropists across the U.S. to bridge partisan divides and build support for pragmatic, market-based climate solutions. His work has been featured in major media outlets such as The Washington Post, CNN, NPR, Politico, and The Hill. In 2022, he was recognized by the Aspen Institute as a Future Climate Leader, and in 2024 he became the youngest board member of Tufts University's Tisch College of Civic Life, the nation's leading institution for civic education and youth engagement. George is also an active member of the Greek-American community, serving as a thought leader and advocate for greater diaspora engagement with Greece. In 2022, he co-founded the AXIOS Project, an initiative dedicated to raising awareness of climate impacts in Greece and mobilizing diaspora leadership, investment, and philanthropic capital to advance climate and environmental solutions.

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SERGHEI BRASOVEANU



Chief of Staff Ministry of Energy, Moldova

Extensive international experience has shaped Serghei Brasoveanu into a seasoned business professional. He supports the Ministry of Energy in strategic planning, policy coordination, and executive decision-making; manages cross-functional teams, government relations, and key national energy initiatives; ensures alignment with ministerial goals; and oversees critical projects and communications.



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ELENI CHARPANTIDOU



Member, Board of Directors ENTSO-E

Eleni Charpantidou currently serves as a Member of the ENTSO-E Board of Directors and as the Referent Board Member for the South East European region. In this capacity, she actively contributes to the development of European energy strategy, with a strong focus on fostering cross-border collaboration, advancing regional integration, and supporting the sustainable transition of the European energy system. She brings valuable insight into the specific challenges and opportunities of the South East European region. Ms. Charpantidou played a key role in the establishment of SEleNe CC, the Regional Coordination Center for Greece, Italy, and Bulgaria. As Director of European and Regional Affairs at IPTO and former Senior Advisor to the CEO, she has contributed in strengthening IPTO's strategic positioning within the European energy landscape, while fostering closer partnerships across the Balkans, Southeastern Europe, and the MENA region, and advancing cooperation between EU and non-EU TSOs. With more than 20 years of experience in infrastructure development and renewable energy projects, Eleni combines strong technical expertise with a deep understanding of the regulatory, strategic, and geopolitical dimensions of the energy sector. She holds a degree in Environmental Engineering and a Master's degree in Environmental Design of Infrastructure Works, supported by an extensive academic research background.

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GABRIEL CHATZINOPOULOS



Journalist Makedonika Nea

Gabriel Chatzinopoulos is a journalist at makedonianews. He is also a television and radio producer with experience in television, radio, and online media. He is a graduate of the Department of Journalism & Media Studies at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

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CLAUDIU CREȚU



Director General Elcen

Claudiu Creţu is the CEO of Electrocentrale Bucureşti SA (ELCEN), the main supplier of heat for the centralized district heating system of Bucharest and, also, one of the most important electricity producers at the national level. With a background in economics and public administration, he has extensive experience in energy policy, strategic planning, and infrastructure modernization. He leads strategic initiatives focused on safe energy supply, energy efficiency increase, cogeneration modernization and integration of sustainable energy technologies. Mr. Creţu advocates for sustainable urban energy systems, recognizing centralized heating and cooling as essential for decarbonizing dense metropolitan areas.



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MINAS DIACAKIS



Sr. Engineer II, Global Ship Systems Centre American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

Minas Diacakis is a graduate of Southbank University, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and Cranfield University with a Masters Degree in Energy Systems & Thermal Process and a Ph.D. in Performance and Diagnostics of Fuel Cells and Gas Turbine cycles. Before joining American Bureau of Shipping, he was employed as an engineer and sustainability consultant in a diverse number of positions in energy and safety related projects. Since 2022 he has been a member of ABS's Global Ship System Centre as a Senior Engineer, involved in fuel cell, hydrogen, ammonia and nuclear technology related projects, with a focused engagement in the risk analysis. Further, he represents American Bureau of Shipping in the IACS Safe Decarbonisation Panel, a working group dedicated to the safe implementation of novel technologies in the Maritime Industry.

KONSTANTINOS ELEFTHERIADIS



Partner, Energy, Resources and Industrials Sector Leader Deloitte

Konstantinos Eleftheriadis is the Energy, Sustainability, Resources & Industrials Sector Leader at Deloitte Greece. He specializes in Energy, Utilities and Sustainability Strategic Advisory as well as M&A Services. With over 21 years of professional experience, Konstantinos' expertise has been instrumental in a range of sectors with special focus in the Energy & Resources market, both locally and internationally. Konstantinos specializes in services and areas like: transactions support, M&A assistance, feasibility studies, business and e-mobility plans, storage, gas and alternative fuels, Power Purchase Agreements, independent business reviews, liquidity plans, having provided such services for many Greek and international clients that are operating in Power Generation, Renewables, Oil & Gas, Mining & Metals, Water Resources, Waste treatment, Circular Economy, etc.

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MARIA RITA GALLI



CEO DESFA

Maria Rita Galli is the CEO of DESFA (Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator). Previously, she held the position of the Executive Vice President Business Development & Asset Management at Snam S.p.A, a leading global energy infrastructure company and was the Chairman of the SENFLUGA Energy Holdings S.A., a consortium controlling 66% of DESFA's share capital. Ms. Galli started her career at Eni in 1997, as a graduate in nuclear engineering from the Milan Polytechnic University. At Eni, she went through various roles within the International Business Development Department, joined relevant international projects and was involved in M&A activities. As a member of Eni's Board of Directors, she also oversaw the operations of some of the Group's companies abroad (Galp, Distrigas, eni Gas&Power Trading BV, eni Gas&Power France, GVS GmbH, etc.) Since 2006, she has been in charge of the International Business Development unit and, from January 2010, she has been in charge of the International Business Development and Assets Management department. In October 2016, she joined Snam as the Head of Business Development and International Asset Management.

TEODORA GEORGIEVA-MILEVA



Executive Officer and Board Member ICGB AD

Teodora Georgieva is an executive with over 20 years of experience in strategic management, project leadership, and business development across the energy and industrial sectors in Southeast Europe. She currently serves as Executive Officer and Member of the Board of Directors of ICGB AD, the independent transmission system operator responsible for the overall implementation and management of the Greece–Bulgaria gas interconnector (IGB) - a key infrastructure project for energy diversification and regional security. Under her leadership since 2015, ICGB has grown into a vital component of the regional energy network, enabling bi-directional gas flows between Bulgaria and Greece and connecting with major infrastructure such as TAP and the Alexandroupolis LNG terminal. The company plays a significant role in the EU's energy security strategy and is Bulgaria's second certified transmission system operator. Between 2012 and 2014, Mrs. Georgieva was the Managing Director of the Nabucco gas pipeline project company. Prior to that, she spent 13 years at OMV Bulgaria, where she served as Managing Director for 8 years. During this time, she held cluster management roles covering Bulgaria, Romania, and Serbia, gaining extensive cross-border leadership experience. In 2009, she was appointed Bulgaria's national coordinator for the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT), reinforcing the country's voice in high-level European industry dialogue. She has also been recognized among the Top 10 Bulgarian Managers for two consecutive years for her contributions to business leadership and corporate development. Mrs. Georgieva holds a Master's degree in Finance from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia. She is married and has two children.

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ALEXANDROS GIANNIS



Founder and CEO ECOERA Group

Alexandros is the Founder and CEO of ECOERA Group, a London-based group of companies developing since 2006 in the industries of Cleantech, Healthcare and Hospitality. As an entrepreneur, he co-founded a number of market leading renewable energy companies including ENGAIA SA, ECOERA Renewables PC, ECOERA Capital Ltd, MECASOLAR Technologies SL and others. Since its foundation, the total operations of the Group in the sector have surpassed 600MW of Photovoltaic Projects in development, equipment production, distribution and construction. At the same time, the Group has commenced the investment in 550MWh Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) as well as a network of Ultra-High speed EV charging stations throughout Greece. He has also advanced the group operations towards the field of disruptive healthcare treatments by partnering in SOLARCANN SA and FLORALIS SA, two vertically integrated manufacturing facilities of Medical Cannabis products. Moreover, he has initiated operations related to the hospitality industry, namely ACROBAT Yachting PC, created under the same common values of responsible travel and green practices in tourism. Alexandros is a Chartered Civil Engineer and speaks Greek, English, Spanish and German.

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JOSH HUCK



Chargé d' Affaires U.S. Embassy, Greece

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.

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JOHN KARYDAS



CEO, Renewables and Battery Storage Business Unit Copelouzos Group

John Karydas is the Chief Executive Officer of the Renewables and Battery Storage Business Unit of Copelouzos Group. He is the Managing Director or an Executive Member of the Board of major companies of the Group developing and operating RES, energy storage and electrical interconnection projects. He is also the Managing Director of the company developing the electrical interconnection between Greece and Egypt project (GREGY). Prior to joining Copelouzos Group, he held senior and commercial positions in Greek and multinational companies. He received an M.B.A. degree from Bath University in the UK, an M.Sc. in Computing Science from Oxford University and a B.Sc. (with First Class Honors) in Computer Science with Mathematics from London University. He is a graduate of Athens College.

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MICHALIS KASSIMIOTIS



Managing Director Hellas & Cyprus Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Michalis is the Managing Director for HPE Greece and Cyprus since January 2018. Michalis joined HP in 1994 as a Presales Staff Engineer and after three years he evolved to the Presales Manager in the Enterprise Systems Group. After 2002 he spent five years as the Enterprise Servers Storage and Networking manager leading Industry Standard Servers and UNIX Lines of Business in the first market share position in Greece and Cyprus. From 2007 until 2013 Michalis was assigned to the positions of Sales Manager for the Enterprise Group and then to the Technology Services Group of HP in Greece and Cyprus. In 2013 he assumed a regional role as a Technology Services Support Manager in the regions of Greece, Cyprus and Africa. Michalis holds a Degree in Mathematics from the University of Athens and a master's degree in Information Technology from the University of Glasgow. He is based in Athens, Greece. Michalis favors challenges and welcomes innovative and creative ideas that would inspire and take himself, his company and his customers and partners further ahead. He is a strong believer of PURPOSE and CULTURE as key drivers for performance, but he also believes that no vision can be met without exhaustive EXECUTION of the daily targets that define the path.



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OLGA KHAKOVA



Deputy Director, European Energy Security
Atlantic Council

Olga Khakova is the deputy director for European energy security at the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center (GEC). She leads GEC's portfolio on synchronizing climate and energy security efforts through transatlantic cooperation. Khakova addresses these issues through in-depth reports and high-level convenings, such as the Central and Eastern European Energy Security Conference in Washington, DC. She conceptualized and launched GEC's Innovation Stream, as well as the Model COP26 competition. Khakova frequently appears on BBC, Bloomberg, CNN, Deutsche Welle, NPR, and Times Radio as a guest commentator, and her work has been published in Barron's, The Economist, Foreign Policy, the New York Times, National Journal, Politico, and The Washington Post. Before joining the Atlantic Council, Khakova was a senior program coordinator for the US Energy Association's Energy Technology and Governance Program. She helped start and manage the Western Balkans' Electricity Market Initiative working group. Khakova's experience also includes serving as program director for The Climate + Energy Project (CEP), a clean energy nonprofit in the Midwest. While at CEP, she co-led the conception and development of the Clean Energy Business Council and facilitated statewide stakeholder engagement on energy issues, such as education and outreach on rate design dockets at the Kansas Corporation Commission. During her time at Bombardier Aerospace, Khakova organized aviation safety programming focused on human factors called Safety Standdown, which took place in Brazil, Canada, China, and the United States. Khakova is on the Board of Directors Women's Council on Energy and the Environment. She has a professional science masters in environmental assessment from the University of Kansas.

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GEORGE KREMLIS



Honorary Director, European Commission

Chair, Circular Economy Committee,
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

George Kremlis is the Chairman of the Greek Initiative at UN level on protecting cultural and natural heritage from climate change impacts. He is a member of the Board of the European Public Law Organisation and the Director of its climate and circular economy Institute. He is as well the Ambassador of the EPLO to Bulgaria. He was until 2023 a member of the environmental and social advisory council of the EBRD and is also currently the Chair of the Bureau of the Espoo Convention and of the SEA Protocol, Chair of the MoPs in 2019, elected Chair for the MoPs in December 2020 and re-elected Chair for the period 2021-2023 and the period up to 2027. He is the Chairman of the AmCham circular economy committee. George Kremlis is Honorary Director of the European Commission, where he has spent the major part of his career as Advisor in the Legal Service and Head of various legal and policy Units in DGENV. He was until 2023 special Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister on energy, climate, environment and circular economy issues. He is doctor honoris causa of the Varna Free University, member of the Advisory Board of the Balkan Economic Forum, and the founder and president of the Circular Gaia Symposium.

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GEORGIOS LALOUMIS



Regional Managing Director, MEA & Greece,
M Renewables
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Georgios Laloumis is a distinguished professional in the energy sector with over 20 years of experience in the development and construction of renewable energy projects and combined cycle power plants. Since 2023, he has been the Regional Managing Director GREECE & MEA M Renewables at METLEN Energy & Metals, overseeing the development and construction of renewable energy plants. Previously, he served as General Manager of MYTILINEOS S.A. / METKA-EGN, and Project Director, where he led the construction of major solar parks and combined cycle power plants. With extensive experience in the Middle East energy market, he has played a pivotal role in successfully delivering complex energy projects. He holds an M.Eng. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.



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MARCELA LEFTER



CEO & Founder Cedera Group, Romania & Moldova

Marcela Lefter is President of Women in Energy Moldova, Chair of the Green Transition Committee within AmCham Moldova. For seven years, she was also served as member of the AmCham Moldova Board, contributing to the Chamber's strategic direction and advocacy work. In these roles, she has played a key part in advancing climate and energy transition policies, ensuring the transposition of EU Directives, and fostering a predictable, competitive regulatory environment. With 25 years in the energy sector, she has extensive experience in power distribution, renewable energy development, project management, and energy policy advocacy. She is the founder of Sedera Green, a developer of large-scale wind, solar, and battery energy storage (BESS) projects in Romania and the Republic of Moldova. She is committed to advancing the energy transition and fostering a competitive, sustainable energy market in the region.



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VLADIMIR MALINOV



CEO Bulgartransgaz

Vladimir Malinov is the Executive Director and Member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian gas transmission system operator Bulgartransgaz since 29th of January 2025. Vladimir Malinov joined Bulgartransgaz as Head of Legal Division in 2010. He was responsible for regulatory affairs and was deeply involved in relations with EU institutions, the company's TSO certification and unbundling and the implementation of NCs. From March 2018 until April 2024 he was the Executive Director of the company. From April 2024 until January 2025 Mr. Malinov was the Minister of Energy in two consecutive Caretaker Governments of the Republic of Bulgaria. Until his appointment as Caretaker Minister he has been a Member of the Board of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) since January 2022. Vladimir Malinov is also Chairman of the Board of the Bulgarian gas exchange Balkan Gas Hub and Member of the Board of Gastrade S.A. (the operator of the Alexandroupolis LNG Terminal).

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PAVLOS MYLONAS



CEO National Bank of Greece

Pavlos Mylonas was appointed Chief Executive Officer of National Bank of Greece in July 2018. He was elected Executive Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy CEO of the National Bank of Greece (NBG) in June 2014. He was appointed Chief Risk Officer in December 2013. He is a Member of the Executive Committee since 2012 and of the ALCO Committee of the Group since 2000. In July 2012, he was appointed General Manager of Strategy and International Operations. From December 2010 until July 2012, he served as General Manager of Strategy and Governance. From April 2004 to December 2010, he was General Manager of Strategy and Research, Head of Investor Relations and Chief Economist of NBG Group, which he joined in 2000. He worked on the staff of the OECD from 1995 to 2000, and at the International Monetary Fund from 1987 to 1995. In the years 1985-1987, he was visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics in Boston University. P. Mylonas holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics-Economics (Magna cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa) from Brown University, as well as a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University.

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MAHESH PANDEY



CEO, RP Group
Director of International Business, Greenko

He is the CEO of RP Group for 14 years and Director of International Business of Greenko. RP Group is the largest EPC company in energy sector for Middle East. It employs 92,000 people in different streams of engineering. RP Group has turn over of 18 billion dollars. Greenko is Asia's largest green energy company and transition platform. The Group is setting up 2 million ton green ammonia plant, which will be comissioned in 2026. Greenko already established 14 GW of renewables with an investment of 16 billion dollars. Currently running 6 GW of Pump storage and 18 GW pump storage under construction. Greenko is invested by GIC Singapore, and Abu Dhabi investment authority. Prior to this he worked in World Bank for 6 years. He studied civil engineering at Imperial College London imperial college and holds and MBA from London Business School.

SPIROS PAPAEFTHIMIOU



President, HAEE

Professor of Sustainable Energy Technologies, Technical University of Crete

Affiliate Professor, ESCP Europe Business School

Spiros Papaefthimiou is the Director of the Industrial, Energy and Environmental Systems Lab and he is specialized in renewables, energy efficiency issues and energy saving applications. His research interests include various aspects of renewables (assessment and implementation of technologies and especially photovoltaics and solar thermal systems, implementation of national policies related to renewables and financial and social incentive schemes, renewable energy heating and cooling applications, renewable energy auctions and market exchange, Life Cycle Assessment and environmental impacts analysis from largescale deployment of renewable energy technologies); Sustainability in the energy sector; Energy saving devices; Technologies of "smart" materials for energy related applications; Energy characterization of building structural elements. As part of his academic work he has published more than 70 papers in international peer-reviewed journals and has been cited more than 3800 times, with a current h-index of 35; additionally, he has actively participated in more than 50 research projects. He has presented papers to numerous international energy related conferences and acted as referee for international journals in the area of Renewables, Energy efficiency and Energy policy, while on the same time he has served as member in various professional and academic associations such as the International Association for Energy Economics and the International Solar Energy Society. Additionally he has provided lectures and supervised MSc theses in various academic institutions including ESCP London, EADA Spain and Montpellier Business School. Spiros is the President of the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics. Spiros is member of the top 2% of the world's top scientists for years 2022-2024 in the field of Energy, according to the "World's Top 2% Scientists" ranking published by Stanford University.



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STAVROS N. PAPASTAVROU



Minister
Ministry of Environment & Energy, Greece

Stavros N. Papastavrou is Minister of Environment and Energy. He served as a Minister of State from June 2023 to March 2024. He is an attorney-at-law, with postgraduate studies at Harvard Law School, Harvard University. He has worked for more than three decades as a legal advisor in the private sector, specialized in corporate law and capital markets, both in Washington D.C. and Athens. He was appointed as Head of the Prime Minister's Office of European Affairs and International Relations and served as chief negotiator of the Greek state with the European partners and the International Monetary Fund, in 2012-2015. He served as Secretary of International Relations and the European Union of New Democracy Party (2004-2012). He was elected Chairman of the Student Organization of the European People's Party (EDS), Chairman of DEMYC (Democrat Youth Community of Europe, 1997-2001), he was a founding member of the Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP) and a member of the Political Council of the European People's Party. He was born on 23 July 1967, to Nikos and Fani Papastavrou. He is married to Mari Agaliotou and has two children, Nikolas and Fenia.

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GEORGE PECHLIVANOGLOU



General Director Eunice Energy Group

Dr. George Pechlivanoglou is a Mechanical Engineer holding a PhD from the Technical University of Berlin (TU Berlin), with specialization in the aerodynamic flow control of wind turbine blades. He brings over 20 years of experience in the wind energy sector, with a focus on R&D, system design, and the implementation of international renewable energy projects. Since 2017, he has held executive positions at Eunice Energy Group, and since 2022, he has served as the Group's General Director. In this role, he is responsible for the development of energy projects and products, the management of technical teams, and the coordination of international partnerships. As of June 2025, he also assumed the position of Chairman and CEO of Joltie, a Eunice Group subsidiary specializing in e-mobility solutions. Previously, he served as Technical Director of SMART BLADE GmbH, Head of the Wind Energy Research Group at TU Berlin, and CTO of Blink Charging Hellas. He is the creator of QBlade, the internationally recognized open-source software for wind turbine design. He holds several international patents in wind energy technology and has led or contributed to more than 100 scientific publications. His work has been recognized by institutions such as ASME and Elsevier, and he has served as Chair of the ASME Wind Energy Committee. He is also a member of BWE and VDI.



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GEOFFREY PYATT



Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources

Senior Managing Director, Energy and Critical
Minerals Practice

Amb. Geoffrey Pyatt, Senior Managing Director of the Energy and Critical Minerals Practice, has held leadership positions at the Department of State during a distinguished 35-year career in the US foreign service. He served as the US's chief energy diplomat as Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources (2022-2025), where he led US diplomacy to mobilize international support for Ukrainian energy resilience and counter Russian weaponization of energy resilience. In this role, Amb. Pyatt also led negotiations with US allies on energy partnerships and critical mineral agreements. Prior to this posting, Amb. Pyatt served as Ambassador to Greece (2016-2022) across the Obama, Trump and Biden administrations, and was the US Ambassador to Ukraine (2013-2016). Earlier in his career, Amb. Pyatt was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs as well as the Deputy Chief of Mission for the US Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, Austria. Amb. Pyatt has been nominated for the honor of Career Ambassador – the US Foreign Service's highest rank – and is the recipient of numerous federal honors, including the Presidential Meritorious Service Award and Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award.



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ARTANE RISVANOLLI



Minister
Ministry of Economy, Kosovo

Dr. Artane Rizvanolli is a lecturer at Riinvest College since 2007. Upon obtaining her Bachelor's degree in Economics in 2006, she continued her Master studies in Economics for business analyses in Staffordshire University in the UK. In 2012, she completed her PhD in Economics from Staffordshire University focusing on the relationship between human capital and foreign direct investment in European transition economies. After her six-year engagement as a researcher at Riinvest Institute, she continued her work as a researcher and consultant on economic analyses and policy-making with various local and international organisations in areas such as employment, private sector development, diaspora's effects on the economy, public finances, etc.

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GEORGI SAMANDOV



Deputy Minister Ministry of Energy, Bulgaria

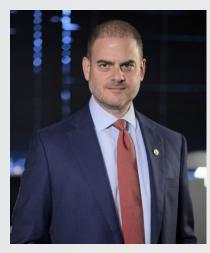
Georgi Samandov brings over a decade of experience in innovation, market development, and sustainable energy transition. Holding a Master's degree in Electrical Power Engineering and Electrical Equipment from the Technical University of Sofia, he has held key positions in energy companies, including Director of Energy Markets, where he developed strong expertise in energy trading and resource management. Appointed Deputy Minister of Energy in 2021, Samandov is committed to strengthening energy security, fostering regional cooperation, and driving the country's alignment with the EU sustainability goals.

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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.



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KATERINA SARDI



Managing Director & Country Manager in Greece
Energean & EnEarth

Katerina Sardi claims 25 years of experience as an energy expert. She started her career in energy consulting in London working on coal gasification to synthesis gas for Hitachi. She joined the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE) in 2002 and in 2011 she became the Head of RAE's Energy Planning and International Affairs Department. Since 2015 she has been working as an energy expert, advising companies and consortiums on implementation of the overall EU legal and regulatory energy framework and claims not only specialized but also cross-sectional understanding of all aspects of EU energy and climate policy. Her scientific work has been published in archive journals, nd presented in peer reviewed conferences. She has contributed into several prominent technical assistance projects in the EU, Egypt, Turkey, and other countries. She has also been teaching postgraduate courses at Greek academic institutions for over a decade on topics related to climate change, emissions trading and numerical modelling of flows and turbulent combustion. Katerina holds a Ph. D. in Fluid Mechanics and Natural Gas Combustion for Power Production, Mechanical Engineering Department, Imperial College, London and a Dipl. Eng. Mechanical Engineering Department, Artistotle University of Thessaloniki.

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GEORGE SATLAS



Executive Officer and Board Member ICGB AD

George Satlas is an accomplished professional with a diverse background and extensive expertise in various industries. Currently serving as the Executive Officer and Board Member of ICGB AD, he plays a crucial role in overseeing the operations of the IGB gas pipeline, as the independent transmission system operator. Additionally, Mr. Satlas holds the esteemed position of Chairman of the Hellenic Business Council in Bulgaria, further highlighting his influential presence in the business community. With a strong educational foundation, George Satlas holds a Mechanical Engineering degree and has complemented his technical expertise with an MBA degree. This unique combination of qualifications allows him to excel in both technical and managerial aspects of his career. His wealth of managerial experience in the financial sector has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of investment principles and real estate management, gained through his involvement in a wide array of projects. Prior to his current roles, Mr. Satlas has held high-ranking executive positions in notable organizations, including the Greek sovereign wealth fund and subsidiaries of all four systemic Greek banks. These esteemed positions have provided him with valuable insights into the intricacies of the financial industry and further honed his leadership abilities. Overall, George Satlas stands as a highly accomplished professional, leveraging his extensive knowledge and expertise to drive success in the energy sector and contribute to the growth of business relations between Greece and Bulgaria.

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KONSTANTINOS SIFNAIOS



Vice President & Managing Director
Gastrade

He began his career in 1987 at Mobil Oil Hellas as a Strategic Planning Analyst and continued at Mobil Oil International, taking on roles in the supply and trading sectors in London and Madrid. In 1997, he joined BP International, participating in the company's European restructuring. Returning to Greece in 2000, he became General Manager of Commercial Sales at BP Greece, a position he held until 2002, before continuing in BP's European supply chain until 2007. From 2007 to 2021, he worked at Copelouzos Group, initially as New Projects Manager and Gas Sales Commercial Manager, and later as the Group Energy Director in the Natural Gas sector. Since 2022, following the Final Investment Decision for the Alexandroupolis LNG Terminal Project, he has been the Managing Director of Gastrade S.A.



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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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DAN STRATAN



CEO RCI Holding

A visionary leader with over 35 years of professional experience in advisory, M&A, management consulting, and capital markets, Dan Stratan has been driving the RCI Holding companies' growth and performance excellence with a disruptive market strategy and a 360° value proposition. His entrepreneurial spirit has been the catalyst behind the success of over 25 companies across industries, ranging from transport and civil infrastructure to energy, environment, IT, public relations, and defense. Currently, under his leadership, the services provided by the project teams in the region positioned the group as the consultancy of choice for some of the largest operators and investors. Previously, as a Director at Merrill Lynch International London, Mr. Stratan led the bank's operations in debt capital markets, equities, and M&A across 18 countries. Mr. Stratan has been acting as trusted advisor to C-Suites and utilities' top managers on complex market challenges, public and corporate affairs, M&A transactions, aligning strategy with execution in fast-paced, high-stakes environments across the CEE.

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YANNIS TSAKIRIS



Vice President European Investment Bank (EIB)

Yannis Tsakiris is Vice President at the European Investment Bank (EIB), with a distinguished career spanning over 25 years in the public and private sector finance, international development, and venture capital. He currently leads EIB's strategic policy and investment initiatives in energy efficiency, affordable housing, and urban development, with a broad geographical focus covering both EU and non-EU countries. In addition, he oversees key internal functions related to financial instruments, banking standards, and advisory services, while managing relationships with major international and EU financial institutions. Yannis Tsakiris has lectured on risk capital and venture investments at the University of Luxembourg and has served on several investment committees, advising funds that support sustainable growth and development in Europe and neighbouring regions. His career spans critical roles in both the public and private sector, contributing to sustainable investment models and venture capital ecosystems.

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ARIS TSIKOURAS



Director, Group
Decarbonization Strategy
Titan

Aris Tsikouras is Director of Decarbonization Strategy of TITAN Group; he has developed and is leading IFESTOS, Titan's flagship CCS project in Greece. Before joining Titan, Aris was a Partner with McKinsey & Company for 17 years, working for energy producers and energy-intensive industrials in EMEA and Latin America. He holds Masters' degrees in Engineering, Economics & Management from Oxford and Stanford.

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MIKE TZAMALOUKAS



Founder and CEO DeepRunner.ai

Mike Tzamaloukas is a technology entrepreneur passionate about unlocking business value using applied Artificial Intelligence (AI). As the Founder and CEO of DeepRunner.ai, he is dedicated to delivering innovative AI solutions that transform how businesses operate. Prior to DeepRunner.ai, Mike developed significant expertise in AI and IoT technologies at Amazon Web Services (AWS) and pioneered AI systems for autonomous vehicles at Samsung. He brings a wealth of experience as a serial entrepreneur, having previously built and scaled multiple Silicon Valley start-ups with over \$200M in successful exits. Mike holds a PhD in Computer Science from UC Santa Cruz and an MBA from UC Berkeley and remains engaged with the academic community by teaching graduate-level courses.

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AFRODITI XYDI



Co-Founder and Executive Director
Deon Policy Institute

Afroditi started her career as a management consultant with Strategy& in the Middle East. There she helped governments design and implement policies, identify opportunities for investments and improve government efficiency. She also has experience with investing, both in early stage and late stage companies. Afroditi has a passion for climate, having worked for both deep-tech and software decarbonization startups. She holds a BSc. from Johns Hopkins University and an M Eng. from MIT - both in Environmental Engineering, as well an MBA from Harvard Business School.