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## Eleni Angelopoulou

Deputy Director General in DG Specialised Institutions and LSIs  
European Central Bank



Eleni Angelopoulou is Deputy Director General in DG Specialised Institutions and LSIs in the European Central Bank since October 2020, in charge of direct supervision of a number of retail and wholesale banks and indirect supervision of less significant institutions. Previously she has been Deputy Director General in Micro-prudential Supervision III of the European Central Bank since May 2019, working closely together with national supervisors on the supervision of less significant banks in the euro area and Head of the Crisis Management Division of DG Micro-prudential Supervision IV of the European Central Bank between September 2014 and April 2019, working with line supervisors on crisis preparedness and crisis management in cooperation with resolution authorities. She has represented the ECB in SRB Plenary and Executive Sessions and in the EBA Resolution Committee and has been a Chair of the Sub-group on Crisis Preparedness in the EBA. She is currently also the ECB representative in the EBA Advisory Committee on Proportionality and works within the ECB on the supervision of financial conglomerates. Before joining the ECB she has worked as Chef de Cabinet in the Bank of Greece, working in particular on Greek banks crisis management during the debt crisis, and as an economist in the Economic Research Department of the Bank of Greece. She has a PhD in Economics from the Athens University of Economics and Business and an MSc in Economics from the University of Warwick. She has also done research on a Marie-Curie fellowship in the Center for European Integration Studies of the University of Bonn in 2003-2004.



## Michail Bletsas

Governor  
National Cybersecurity Authority  
(NCSA) of Greece

Michail Bletsas has served as Governor of the National Cybersecurity Authority since April 2024, actively contributing to the development of the national cybersecurity strategy. He is a Research Scientist and Director of Computing at the MIT Media Lab, where he has worked since 1996, overseeing the production, transmission, consumption, and storage of data. He was a core member of the technical and design team of the “One Laptop per Child” (OLPC) initiative, which created the pioneering and award-winning “XO” laptop. He is frequently invited as a keynote speaker at international conferences and public forums. His research interests include network security, countering the systematic spread of disinformation, wireless networks, and the development of high-performance computing infrastructures for machine learning. In recent years, he has been extensively engaged in consulting on technology and technology policy. He holds a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and a master’s degree in Computer Engineering from Boston University.





## Christos Dimas

Minister

Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport



Christos Dimas is a lawyer and a Member of the Hellenic Parliament with Nea Demokratia, representing the district of Corinthia. He was born on 29 May 1980. He graduated from the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, as well as from Queen Mary University of London. He obtained his Master's degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He also completed his PhD in European Politics from LSE, with a scholarship from the Alexander Onassis Public Benefit Foundation. The title of his PhD thesis is: "National institutional contexts and domestic discourse during proposed transformative policy change. The case of the telecoms' privatization in Greece and the Republic of Ireland." In parallel to his studies, he worked as a London correspondent for the newspaper "Apogevmatini" and did a journalism internship at the BBC. At the age of 25, he was an assistant lecturer at LSE, teaching first-year students the course "Introduction to Comparative Politics". He has also taught the course "Mass Media and Social Regulation" at ICON College, University of Leicester to postgraduate students and was a research fellow at the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence. He has scientific publications in Greek and international scientific journals. Before entering politics, he worked in the private sector as a business consultant for "The Boston Consulting Group (BCG)", a strategic consulting firm. He was elected as Member of Hellenic Parliament for Corinthia with New Democracy in the May and June 2012 elections, and has been continuously elected since then. From July 2019 to May 2023, he served as Deputy Minister of Development and Investments, responsible for Research & Innovation. From June 2023 to June 2024, he was Deputy Minister of Culture, responsible for Contemporary Culture. From June 2024, he was Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance. From March 2025 until today, by decision of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, he has been Minister of Infrastructure and Transport. In his spare time, he plays football and basketball, and reads history books. He is married to lawyer Nikoleta Syrengela and they have a daughter, Alkisti - Stefania and a son, Stavros – Konstantinos.



## Kimberly Ann Guilfoyle

United States Ambassador  
to the Hellenic Republic



United States Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic Kimberly Ann Guilfoyle was sworn in on September 29, 2025 in Washington, DC. Ambassador Guilfoyle brings over two decades of experience in law, media, and national political advocacy. She began her career as a prosecutor in the San Francisco and Los Angeles District Attorney's Offices, where she handled serious felony cases including domestic violence, sexual assault, and homicide. In 2000, she was appointed Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco, earning recognition for her work on victims' rights and trial litigation. Her legal accomplishments laid the foundation for a national media career, most notably as a co-host of The Five on Fox News, where she provided legal and political commentary on issues ranging from constitutional law to foreign affairs. Ambassador Guilfoyle is a best-selling author, writing Making the Case: How to Be Your Own Best Advocate, and the delightful children's book, The Princess and Her Pup. Most recently she served as the founder and CEO of Polished Rice, Inc., and Managing Member of Metropolitan Medspa LLC and KGT Productions LLC. Beyond her legal and media work, Ambassador Guilfoyle has played a prominent role in national politics and public communications, having formerly served as a Senior Advisor to President Donald J. Trump and as National Chair, Trump Victory Finance Committee, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. Originally from California, Ambassador Guilfoyle graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Davis and earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. She currently resides in Florida and has one son, Ronan Villency. Ambassador Guilfoyle is the 25th resident U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic and the first woman to hold the role.



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**Dr. Daniel S. Hamilton**

President  
Transatlantic Leadership Network

Dr. Daniel S. Hamilton is President of the [Transatlantic Leadership Network](#), and Senior non-resident Fellow at the [Brookings Institution](#) and at the [Foreign Policy Institute](#) of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He was Founding Director of the SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations; Executive Director of the American Consortium for EU Studies, and Director of the Europe Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center. He served as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; U.S. Special Coordinator for Southeast European Stabilization; and Associate Director of the Policy Planning Staff for two U.S. Secretaries of State. He is an award-winning author on the transatlantic economy, including (with Joe Quinlan) [The Transatlantic Economy 2025](#).



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**Josh Huck**

Deputy Chief of Mission  
U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece

Josh Huck is the Deputy Chief of Mission 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.





**Yiannis Kantoros**

CEO

Interamerican Hellenic Insurance Company

Yiannis 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).



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## Grigoris Karelos

President and Managing Director  
Kenvue Greece, Balkans and Israel

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. He 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.



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**John Karydas**

Chief Executive Officer, 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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**Saro Khatchadourian**

Director, Country Digitization  
Cisco

Saro Khatchadourian is Director of Country Digitization at Cisco, where he leads strategic partnerships with governments, industry, and academia to accelerate national digital transformation and inclusive economic growth. His work focuses on aligning technology investment with policy priorities in areas such as digital skills development, innovation ecosystems, and sustainable infrastructure. Prior to Cisco, Saro served in senior communications roles within the Government of Canada, including as Communications Director to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, where he helped shape strategic narratives on diplomacy, technology, and economic development.



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**Sia Kosioni**

Anchorwoman and Journalist  
SKAI TV

Sia Kosioni is a graduate of the School of Journalism and Mass Media of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Holder of MSc in New Media, Information and Society from the LSE. She has been working as a journalist since 2000 in radio, television and newspapers. Since 2006 she is the main anchorwoman of SKAI TV and has hosted various news shows in TV and radio.





**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. He 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 he 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. He 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 Marinakis

Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister  
Responsible for Media and Communication

Pavlos Marinakis was born in 1988 in Patras. He graduated from the Democritus University of Thrace Law School. He has practiced law for over a decade specializing in Criminal Law. After the general election of the 25th of June 2023 he was named Spokesman of the Hellenic Government and in January 2024 he was appointed Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister responsible for Media and Communication.





## Yannis Mastrogeorgiou

Special Secretary for Strategic Foresight  
Presidency of the Government of the Hellenic  
Republic



Yannis Mastrogeorgiou is the Special Secretary for Strategic Foresight at the Presidency of the Government of the Hellenic Republic. He, was also the coordinator of the High Level Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence. He has worked for years at the crossroads of politics, innovative policy research and communications. He served as Secretary General for Media and Communications in the Presidency of the Government, as Director of the Scientific Council with The Constantinos Caramanlis Institute for Democracy and as Executive Director with DIKTIO - Network for Reform in Greece and Europe, a leading Athens-based think tank, where he spearheaded informed Greek discourse on AI and its socioeconomic impact. Previously, he served with the Greek Government in a variety of advising roles. He was Director of Communications and Special Adviser to the Minister at the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping and the Ministry of Education as well as Adviser with the Hellenic Parliament. Prior to that, he worked as advisor and account manager with multinational communication firms, dealing with many important international clients. He was educated at the University of Athens, the Athens University of Economics and Business and the University of the Aegean, where he received undergraduate and graduate degrees in History, International Affairs and European Law. He is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Athens. In 2012, he was a Marshall Memorial Fellow.



## Emmanouil Moustakas

Executive Board Member and  
General Director of Business Development,  
GEK TERNA Group



Emmanouil (Manos) Moustakas is an Executive Board Member and General Director of Business Development of GEK TERNA Group. He also holds the position of Chairman of the Group's Investment Committee and is a member in various Boards of Directors of subsidiaries in the fields of energy, transportation and mining infrastructure. In 2002 he entered GEK TERNA Group and had various roles in the construction of large-scale transportation projects and natural gas fired power plants. In 2005 he was one of the two principals that created the Group's energy trading department, a trade he still honors by keeping a position in the Energy Portfolio Management Committee of the Group. In 2011 he became an executive member of the BoD of the GEK TERNA and since then he has been the responsible Director managing development of all investments above €100m in equity needs, which till today sum up to transactions of more than €10billion total worth, mainly motorway and airport concessions, natural gas power plants and large wind farms. His responsibilities included the long-term specialized support of these assets, such as restructurings, refinancings and M&As. In 2012 he also started looking after the development efforts of renewables in the USA and was later (in 2016 and until 2021) appointed as CEO of TERNA ENERGY USA, which at its peak developed and operated 650MW. In 2014 he was part of the team that managed the expansion of GEK TERNA Group in mining and minerals processing activities. Recently he has been leading the Group's efforts in developing green and sustainable energy ecosystems to cover the increasing electricity needs of transportation projects.

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## Costas G. Papadopoulos

Executive Director, Global Business  
Development Int'l & Strategy  
Lockheed Martin

Costas G. Papadopoulos is Executive Director, Global Business Development Int'l & Strategy at Lockheed Martin, where he has served since 1989. With over 45 years of international experience in the Defense Industry, his responsibilities, since 2018, cover South East Europe, following earlier roles across the Arabian Gulf, Pakistan, Libya, and South Africa. Previously, he spent 11 years at Hellenic Aerospace Industry in senior engineering and business development positions. Born in Cairo, he earned an M.Sc. in Structural Engineering from Cranfield, UK. Costas Papadopoulos speaks Greek, English, Arabic, and French, and is the father of George and Maria-Elena.





## Dimitri Papalexopoulos

Chair  
TITAN Group

Dimitri Papalexopoulos is Chair of TITAN Group, a cement and building materials producer active since 1902. TITAN S.A. directly employs about 6.000 people, operates cement plants in 10 countries and is active in many more. Mr. Papalexopoulos is Co-Chair of the Energy Transition & Clean Industry Committee of the European Roundtable for Industry (ERT), he serves on the International Advisory Board of the Atlantic Council, the Dean's Council of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the European Advisory Board of Harvard Business School. He is a Member of the General Council of the Bank of Greece, Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE), and member of the Boards of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and of "Endeavor Greece". He was recently appointed member of the Board of Carmeuse S.A. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) from 2020-2024. Prior to joining TITAN in 1989, he was a consultant for McKinsey & Company in New York and Munich. He holds an MSc in Electrical Engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ) and an MBA from Harvard Business School.





## Nikos Papathanasis

Alternate Minister  
Ministry of Economy and Finance



Nikos Papathanasis presently holds the office of the Alternate Minister at the Ministry of Economy and Finance and he was also elected, at the 2023 elections, as a member of the Parliament in the district of Athens North. From August 2020 until May 2023 he held the office of Alternate Minister at the Ministry of Development and Investment with the responsibility of the portfolio of private and strategic investments, PPP's and the Just Transition Fund. Also from July 2019 until August 2020 he held the office of the Deputy Minister at the same ministry with the responsibility of the portfolio of Industry, Commerce and Consumer's Protection. During his thirty five year career, he served as a C-level executive for large corporations with a successful track record in developing business plans, reorganizing and streamlining operations that led to significant positive economic outcome. He received his B.A.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and his M.A.Sc. In Aerospace Engineering at the University of Toronto, followed by a Masters in Management Science at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. He commenced his career at the DeHavilland Aircraft Company (Bombardier Aerospace) in Toronto while later he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Aerospace Industry (HAI) and executive Vice President of Olympic Aviation, a regional airline company. During his professional years, he worked mainly in the private sector while he reached high executive and C level managerial positions in companies in Greece and abroad. He managed companies in the fields of construction, real estate development to public transportation as he served as CEO in the Athens Line 1 metro rail system and subsequently Chairman and CEO in the Athens Metro and Light rail system for a total of eight years. From 2008 to 2010 he served as a President- elect of the Greek branch of the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services (CEEP) which is a General Cross Industry social partner recognized by the EU Commission. From 2017 holds the Chair of the President of the Institute of Democracy "Konstantinos Karamanlis", a scientific non-profit organization. He served from 2016 until the national elections of 2019 as Director General of the presently governing political Party of "Nea Demokratia".



## Nikolaos Papatsas

Senior Advisor  
EFA Group



Nikolaos Papatsas graduated from the College of Wooster (Ohio, USA) with a degree in Computer Science (1982) and received an M.B.A. (1984) from Clark University (Massachusetts, USA). From 1984-89 was Director of Information Technology (IT) Systems for Aspen Square Management, a National Real Estate and Property Management firm, located in Springfield (MA). In 1990-93 he served as Vice President of Operations and IT for Asahi/America, a manufacturer and international distributor of industrial products, based in Boston (MA). During the same period, he worked as a technical advisor for telecommunication and financial organizations. EFA VENTURES (a member of the EFA GROUP), has established itself as the leading company in the implementation of Industrial Partnerships, High Technology Investments as well as Projects for the Upgrade and Logistics Support of Systems, in the fields of aerospace, defense and security. EFA GROUP consists of companies with core activities in the fields of aerospace, defense and security; except of EFA VENTURES, these are also AEROSPACE VENTURES (Industrial Participation and related services), SCYTALYS (Systems Integration and Software), ES SYSTEMS (Sensors Design and Electronics), EPICOS (Global Defense B2B Information Platform), UCANDRONE (Unmanned Systems), AETHER AERONAUTICS (Target Drones), STHENOS AI (Intelligence Solutions) and THYREOS CYBER. He has extensive experience in Aerospace and Defense technologies as well as industrial cooperation programs. He also serves as the Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Aerospace Security & Defense Industries Group ([www.hasdig.com.gr](http://www.hasdig.com.gr)), which represents the largest state and private companies with activities in the A&D sector in Greece.



## Makis Provatas

Journalist  
ERT, Athens Voice

Makis Provatas is a Greek journalist born in Athens. From 1999 to 2022, he presented daily radio programs. From 2008 he has conducted more than 600 interviews with Greek and foreign scientists, academics, politicians, writers, and artists- for VIMA, VIMagazino, Athens Voice, and the magazine "ISTORIA"- including: Stephen Hawking, Dario Fo, Richard Dawkins, Noam Chomsky, John Malkovich, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Patti Smith, John Cleese, Yuval Noah Harari, Irvin Yalom, Eduardo Galeano, Gary Kasparov, David Remnick. He collaborated with the magazine 'Istoria' on articles and interviews with Greek politicians, such as Konstantinos Mitsotakis and Theodoros Pangalos. From 2018 to 2021: Presented the TV interview program "Axion Dialogue" (Action 24 channel). From 2023-2025: Co-presentation of the program "Newsroom" (ERTnews). From 2024-present: Editing and presentation of the interview program "Syntheses" (ERTnews). He is an author of fourteen books based on discussions with Dimitris Nanopoulos, Maria Efthymiou, Stamatis Krimizis, Eleni Arveler. Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, Dionysis Simopoulos, Yannis Maniatis, Anna Diamantopoulou, Konstantinos Filis, and Dimitris Kairidis. For five years, he held discussions with personalities at Gazarte theater, in collaboration with Lina Nikolakopoulou. For four years at Public bookstore, in collaboration with Christos Chomenidis.



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

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## Konstantinos P. Sifnaios

Vice President and Managing Director  
Gastrade

Kostis Sifnaios 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 in Brussels, where he participated 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 the 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 January 2022, following the Final Investment Decision for the Alexandroupolis LNG Terminal Project, he has been serving as Vice President and Managing Director of Gastrade S.A.



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**Akis Skertsos**

Minister

Ministry of State Responsible for the Coordination  
of Government Policies

Akis Skertsos is the Minister of State Responsible for the Coordination of Government Policies. He served as Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister, Responsible for the Coordination of Government Policies and he also performed duties as a Government Representative. He holds a Master of Arts in Political Management and Lobbying from George Washington University of USA, a BA in Journalism and Communications from Aristoteleion Panepistimion Thessalonikis.





## Elias Spirtounias

Executive Director  
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce



Elias Spirtounias 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.



## Michael Stassinopoulos

Executive Director  
Viohalco  
Chairman  
ElvalHalcor



Michael Stassinopoulos is an executive member of the Board of Directors of Viohalco S.A., a holding company of leading metal processing companies, with production facilities in Greece and several other countries in Europe (e.g Bulgaria, Romania, North Macedonia, United Kingdom). He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Elvalhalcor - Hellenic Copper and Aluminium Industry S.A., the non-ferrous listed subsidiary of Viohalco. Belonging to the 4th generation in Viohalco's history, Michael Stassinopoulos was brought up in the industrial world and was involved in the metal processing business since his academic years. He holds a Bachelor Degree (BSc) in Management Sciences and a postgraduate diploma (MSc) in Shipping, Trade and Finance. Michael Stassinopoulos is highly involved in strategic decisions and investments in technological advancement, research and innovation focusing on the Group's adaptation to the transformational challenge while better exploiting the opportunities that it brings. Highly committed to raising public awareness on the contribution of industry to the economy, Michael Stassinopoulos was among the initiators of the establishment in 2017 of the civil non-profit organization "Hellenic Production-Industry Roundtable for Growth" of which he is currently the President of the Board of Directors. He is also member of the Board of the "Council on Competitiveness of Greece (Compete. GR)" and a member of the Board of the Foundation "Michail N. Stassinopoulos-Viohalco". Since 1996 and for several years up to 2019 he was member of the Board of Directors of the "Hellenic Federation of Enterprises" (SEV).

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## Athanasios C. Thanopoulos

President  
Hellenic Statistical Authority

Athanasios C. Thanopoulos has been serving as President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority since 2016. On 30 September 2025, the European Commission appointed him Deputy Director-General of Eurostat, with the appointment to take effect shortly. He chaired the Partnership Group of the European Statistical System from 2022 to 2024. His previous professional experience spans economic policy-advising, research and university teaching. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh, postgraduate degrees in Mathematical Economics and Econometrics from the Toulouse School of Economics, and a BSc in Economics from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.





## Theodore Tollis

President

Hellenic Federation of Private Employment  
Companies (ENIDEA)

Theodore Tollis has served as Executive Director at ICAP Employment Solutions since 2008, leading a workforce of 2,800 professionals across diverse client engagements. With more than 35 years of experience in consulting, IT, HR, and business transformation, he has spearheaded major SAP, CRM, HR, and e-commerce projects throughout Europe and the United States. Previously, he was IT Director for Europe at Crompton Corp, where he oversaw SAP implementations and managed a 50-member team. In Greece, he held senior leadership positions as General Manager at a National Bank subsidiary and as CEO of two public hospitals. He holds two M.S. degrees—Mathematics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Computer Science from the University of Texas at Dallas—a Ph.D. in Mathematics/Theoretical Computer Science, and executive certifications from Harvard. He is also an active mentor and serves as a strategic board member.





## Apostolos Tzitzikostas

EU Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and  
Tourism  
European Commission



Apostolos Tzitzikostas was born on September 2, 1978. He is a graduate of Athens College. He obtained a BA in Political Science and International Politics from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and a Master's degree in European Public Policy from the University College of London. In 2002, he established his own company in Thessaloniki in the production and processing of dairy products based on organic standards. In the national elections of September 2007, he was elected Member of the Greek Parliament with the Nea Demokratia party in the 1st Electoral District of Thessaloniki. As MP, he served as Secretary of the Hellenic Parliament, member of the Standing Committee on National Defense and Foreign Affairs, and member of the Standing Committee on Financial Affairs. Additionally, he was a member of the Special Standing Committee on European Community Affairs and the Special Committee for the Reform Treaty of the European Union. He represented the Hellenic Parliament in the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly from 2007 to 2009. In the regional elections of November 2010, he was elected Deputy Governor of Central Macedonia and Head of the Thessaloniki Regional Unit. In the regional elections of May 2014, he was elected Governor of Central Macedonia with 71% of the vote. He was re-elected as Governor of Central Macedonia in the regional elections of May 2019 and October 2023, receiving over 60% of the vote in both elections. In November 2019, he was elected President of the Association of Greek Regions and was unanimously re-elected President in February 2024, for the first time in the institution's history. Since 2015, he has been a member of the European Committee of the Regions, and in July 2017, he was elected Head of the Greek Delegation. In February 2020, he was unanimously elected by all political groups President of the European Committee of the Regions. In July 2022, he was also unanimously elected First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions. He has been serving as the European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism since December 1, 2024. He speaks English and French, and his articles are frequently published in newspapers and magazines in Greece and abroad. He is married to Eleana Vlachou and has two children, George and Natalia.



## Nikos Vettas

General Director

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Professor

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