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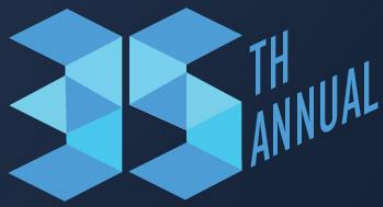
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João Vale de Almeida

Senior European Union Ambassador

João Vale de Almeida is a senior European Union Ambassador who recently retired from active duty after a 40-year international career. He was last posted in London as the first EU Ambassador to the United Kingdom, after Brexit. Previously he was Ambassador to the United Nations and Ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Vale de Almeida has a vast experience in European and International affairs, including as EU's "Sherpa" for G8 and G20 Summits and Chief of Staff of the President of the European Commission. He has practiced diplomacy at the highest level over the last two decades combining political, security, environmental and economic aspects. In 2023 and 2024, João Vale de Almeida was an Adjunct Professor and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Columbia, in New York, United States and at the University of Cambridge, in the United Kingdom. João Vale de Almeida is a keen promoter of public diplomacy and civil society engagement and has been an active public speaker in business and academic circles in Europe and in the United States.



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Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos

Secretary General for Information
Systems & Digital Governance
Ministry of Digital Governance



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

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

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

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

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



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Tim Ananiadis

Chair

Tourism Committee

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce



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With over 40 years of international experience in the hospitality industry, Tim Ananiadis started his career at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. In 1988 he held the position of Corporate Director of Food and Beverage for Hyatt Hotels. Tim's career as General Manager includes positions in the USA at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh, Hyatt Regency Coral Gables and Hyatt Regency Miami. In 1999 he joined Hyatt International as the General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki in Greece and later moved to India as the General Manager of the Grand Hyatt Mumbai. In 2003 Tim joined Starwood Hotels and Resorts returning to Greece as the General Manager/Managing Director of the Hotel Grande Bretagne. In 2006 through 2012 he was given the additional responsibility of Area Manager for Greece, Turkey & Cyprus overseeing 18 Starwood affiliated hotels. From 2013 the area responsibility included the Balkans until Marriott International merged with Starwood when he took over the responsibility of Marriott Business Council for Greece and Cyprus while remaining the Complex Managing Director of the Hotel Grande Bretagne and King George until October 2020. Presently, he is the Senior Hospitality Advisor to the Laskaridis family and on the board of Directors for Lampsas Hellenic Hotels and Luckman Park Estate, both part of the Laskaridis family. Active in a number of business and non-profit organizations, Tim serves as Vice Chairman of The American Community Schools (ACS) of Athens, Vice President of the Athens Hotel Association, Board Member of the Greek Health Tourism Organization, member of the Board of Directors for the American Hellenic Institute (AHI), and Tourism Committee President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM).



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Tasos Anastasatos

Group Chief Economist

Eurobank



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Dr. Tasos Anastasatos is Group Chief Economist of Eurobank, Chairman of the Steering Committee for Economic Analysis of the Hellenic Bank Association and Member of the Executive Committee of the Hellenic Bank Association. Dr. Tasos Anastasatos is also a Research Associate at the University of Piraeus. Previously, he has served as Secretary General of the Hellenic Ministry of Finance and Chairman of the Council of Economic Experts (SOE), EuroWorking Group Member for Greece; Visiting Member of Staff, Athens University of Economics & Business; Economist, Bank of Greece; Lecturer, Loughborough University. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Warwick, an M.Sc. (Warwick) in Economics and Finance, and a B.Sc. in International and European Economic Studies from the Athens University of Economics and Business.

Dr. Anastasatos has published extensively in market research publications, academic journals, and the media in the areas of macroeconomics, financial economics, and the Greek economy; he has co-authored three books.



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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 AI and the opportunities linked to the arrival of the area's first Microsoft's hyperscale datacenters.

Yanna is focusing on a culture of strategic, long-term partnerships with customers and partners, and in the broader positive impact that technology and AI can have on the economy and on people's lives. She 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 executive roles in Sales, Product Management and Technical Delivery in Huawei, Ericsson and Intracom Group. At Microsoft she is also leading the Women Employee Resource Group for SouthEast Europe, eager to unite the company's broader ecosystem in securing equal opportunities for all.

Under her leadership Microsoft Greece, Cyprus Malta was awarded by EBEA with the 2023 Inclusivity Award. She has also been awarded as a Leader in Humanized Digital & AI Societies by Who is Who International Academy, Yanna is a BOD member at American Chamber of Greece, she holds an Electrical Engineering Degree from the University of Patras, and an Executive MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business.





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Kostas Andriosopoulos

Chair

Energy Committee

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce



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

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

Kostas is a member in various professional and academic associations.

President of the Energy Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.

President of the Decarbonization Fund of the Greek islands for the Hellenic Ministry of Environment & Energy.

Founder and former Chairman of the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics

Board member of the Global Gas Center - World Energy Council as a Gas and LNG markets expert.

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

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



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Nikolaos Bakatselos

President

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce



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Nikolaos Bakatselos is the Managing Director of Pyramis Metallourgia A.E. and Pyramis Deutschland GmbH. He was a Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy Managing Director of Northern Greece Publishing S.A. He has held the position of Managing Director of Imperium AEEEX, and Member of the Board of Directors of Egnatia Bank Securities S.A. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Attica Bank from February 2014 until June 2016. He was a Member of the Steering Committee of the International Hellenic University from 2006 until January 2014 and Member of the Board and President of the Northern Greece Committee of EEDE. He is Member of the Committee Support CERTH, Trustee of Anatolia College, Member of the Board and Member of the Steering Committee of SVE and Honorary Consul of Belgium for Northern Greece. After being a Member of the Board of Directors of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for several years, in June 2010 he was elected Vice President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and President of the Northern Greece Committee, and since June 2019 he was elected President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. He is a founding member and member of the Board of the Council of Competitiveness of Greece. From October 2019 until February 2022, he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO. Nikolaos Bakatselos holds a B.A. in Sociology from University of Reading and a MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance from City University Business School.



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Anna Maria Balouka

Student

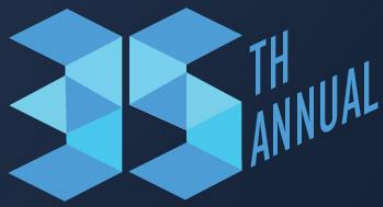
EPAS Piraeus

Anna Maria Balouka is a student at the EPAS Piraeus.

She studies at the Department of Culinary Art.



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Labrina Barmpetaki

Managing Director & President of the BoD

AbbVie Greece, Cyprus & Malta

President, Pharmaceutical Committee, Amcham



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

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

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

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



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Angelos Benos

Partner, Pharma & Healthcare Industry Lead
PwC Greece



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Angelos started his career with PwC Greece in 2003 before departing for a long (15 years) and successful international career in London and Moscow. Prior to re-joining our team in Athens in September 2019, he was a Partner at another Big4 firm based in London.

During his career Angelos has been involved in some high-profile business transformation projects in support of his client's investment and re-organization decisions. Angelos' global clientele includes a long list of PE Houses, Pharmaceutical Companies and Consumer Businesses.

Since rejoining our team in Athens, Angelos offered a wealth of invaluable insights and deep industry expertise. He is widely accepted as a Thought Leader within the Pharma and Healthcare sector and has been advising most of the international Pharmaceuticals operating in Greece, as well as a number of distinct Greek pharma producers and distributors. Over the past 4 years Angelos has also worked closely with SFEE and PEF contributing to the sectors' policy initiatives.



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Michail Bletsas

Governor

National Cybersecurity Authority of
Greece



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Michail Bletsas is a Research Scientist and the Director of Computing at MIT's Media Lab where he has been working since 1996. He is responsible for all the infrastructure that the lab uses to produce, store, transport and consume its bits. He was a member of the core technical and design team for the "One Laptop Per Child" initiative which created OLPC's pioneering, award-winning "XO" laptop. His current research interests include network security, disinformation operations, wireless networks and building efficient high performance machine learning computing infrastructures. Over the years, he has advised governments around technology policy issues and provided expert opinion in technical matters to top-level officials. He has cofounded two companies, has been a director and consulted for many others in a variety of capacities. He has been appointed as the first Governor of the National Cybersecurity Authority of Greece in April 2024. He has implemented broadband access networks using cutting-edge technologies including one of the earliest ADSL testbeds and various wireless technologies. Michail Bletsas has been a frequent keynote speaker in international conferences and has been engaged in many civic activities. He holds an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and an MSc degree in Computer Engineering from Boston University.



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Eugenia Bozou

Head of Government Affairs &
Public Policy
Google Greece, Cyprus, Malta



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Eugenia Bozou is the Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy for Google in Greece, Cyprus, and Malta. She is responsible for developing and executing Google's public policy strategy in these countries and managing its government relations. She is a seasoned corporate communications professional with years of experience in the technology industry. Before joining Google, she held Communications and CSR director's position at Microsoft and prior to that, at APIVITA SA. She has a background in journalism, having worked for some of the largest Greek publications.

She is the mother of three-year-old Marco. In her spare time, she enjoys sailing, riding her bicycle and listening to music. Eugenia was born and raised in Athens.



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Vivi Charalampogianni

Deputy Minister

Ministry of the Interior

Since June 2023, Paraskevi (Vivi) Charalampogianni is Deputy Minister of the Greek Ministry of the Interior.

For a four-year period, that is from June 2019 to June 2023, she served as Secretary General for Human Resources of Public Sector at the Ministry of the Interior, being responsible for human resources management and development and the modernization of Greek Public Administration's structures. During the aforementioned period, she led major public administration reform projects in Greece, such as the redesign of the recruitment system, the introduction of a new goal setting system, the performance management and employee reward system, the law on multi-level governance, the review of job qualifications, the law on teleworking and the law of internal control system as well as other integrity and transparency initiatives. She chaired the Public Sector's Human Resources Committee and the National Council for Multilevel Governance.





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Lalela Chryssanthopoulou

Editor in Chief

Powergame.gr

Lalela Chryssanthopoulou, chief editor of [powergame.gr](http://www.powergame.gr) (www.powergame.gr) is a journalist specializing in energy and international economics. A graduate of the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, she started her career in 1992 in "Messimvrini" newspaper. She subsequently worked for the newspapers "Exousia", "Imerisia" - where she was editor-in-chief of the business section - "Ethnos" and "Naftemporiki". In 2003-2004 she worked as a radio producer and web editor for the BBC Greek Service in London. She has also served as editor-in-chief of the Greek Business File, the English-language edition of the historical magazine "Economic Review". More recently she has worked in the Press Office of the Ministry of Environment and Energy and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and as Communications Officer of the Independent Power Transmission Operator (IPTO).



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Nikos Christodoulou

Partner, Technology & Transformation Leader

Deloitte



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Nikos Christodoulou is a Partner, Leader of Technology & Transformation practice at Deloitte Greece since 2018. He has significant experience in designing and delivering large transformational projects, managing business cases in new technologies, designing new organizational models and post-merger integration. From 2011 to 2018, he worked at National Bank of Greece as Group COO and CIO, responsible for managing the Group's Operations and IT, including digitization, IT operations, back-office operations, treasury operations, real estate and technical services. From 1997 to 2011, he worked as Strategy Partner, Head of Management Consulting for another international consulting company in Greece. Nikos holds a BSc in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, an MBA from Warwick Business School and a PhD in Decision Management Systems from National Technical University of Greece. He has also worked as a research fellow at INSEAD, France.



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Alexandros Costopoulos

Secretary General

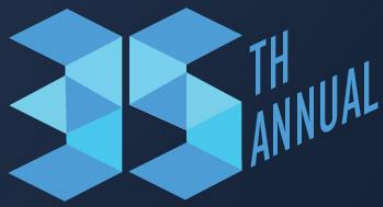
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Alexandros Costopoulos is a communications strategist, renowned speaker and seasoned contributor to leading international and Greek media on communications, credibility, soft skills and U.S. relations. Founder and CEO of FORESIGHT, Alex has collaborated with distinguished individuals and prominent organizations from the political, academic and business spheres in the United States, Greece and the broader southeast European region, providing critical insight and developing bespoke results driven strategies and tactics related to public affairs, reputation management, public diplomacy, civil society engagement and American affairs.

He is the Secretary General, an elected member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Director for Greece of American Citizens Abroad and Co-Founder of the Institute for Regional Dialogue and Strategy. He has written various social and political opinion editorials for top newspapers and magazines in Greece and has spoken extensively on the importance of cooperation and smart power, while he published two books, "Bridges of Cooperation-Marshall Plan and Greece" in 2008 and "Bridges of Liberty- American Philhellenism in the 18th and 19th Centuries" in 2009. In December 2011 he founded RepowerGreece, an international grassroots public diplomacy initiative that seeks to empower a new way of thinking in facing emerging challenges and redefine Greece by investing in a renewed entrepreneurship and talent-based movement.



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Konstantinos Deriziotis

Editor

Money & Tourism



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Konstantinos St. Deriziotis was born in Piraeus in 1967. He has been awarded with two major journalist awards: the European Media Awards of the European Foundation for Quality Management, and the Greek award of the Botsis Foundation for the Promotion of Journalism.

He studied Business Management at the Athens University for Economics and Business. While he was still a student, he started working as a text editor in 1985 in order to make a living and as a journalist in 1986.

In 1991 he was awarded with the **European journalism award** (Media Awards) of the European Foundation for Quality Management, which has never been awarded to a Greek journalist ever since. In 2019 he was awarded with “**Vlassis Sokratidis**” **award of the Botsis Foundation for the Promotion of Journalism**. In 2022 he was awarded with «Decency Award” of the International Press Union of Greece. Also, he was awarded the last years, with many awards. In 1995 he established, and has been managing ever since, KSD Business Solution, which started out by publishing the monthly magazine “MONEY & TOURISM”. Since then, the company has expanded in the fields of Graphic Arts, Creative Services, PR & Communication Services, Exhibition Constructions and Organization of Events. The site money-tourism.gr, is one of the leading news portals in Greece. Due to his origins, he has been involved in the basketball team of Ethnikos Piraeus -an old and traditional sports club of Piraeus-, which he took to the top league of Greece.



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Thanos Dokos

National Security Advisor
to the Prime Minister of Greece



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Thanos Dokos received his Ph.D. in International Relations from Cambridge University and has held research posts at the Peace Research Institute of Frankfurt (1989-90) and the Center for Science and International Affairs (CSIA) at Harvard University (1990-91). He served as the Director for Research, Strategic Studies Division, Hellenic Ministry of National Defence (1996-98) and as an Advisor on NATO issues to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1998-1999). He was also a NATO research fellow for 1996-98. He was the Director of Research (1999-2006) and then the Director-General of the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) [2006-2019]. He has taught at the Universities of Athens and Piraeus, the Hellenic National Defence College, the Diplomatic Academy and the Hellenic National Security Academy. Since October 2020, he is the National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece. In October 2023, he was appointed to the Expert Group in support of the comprehensive and deep reflection on NATO's southern neighbourhood.



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Fotis Fotinos

Journalist

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Fotis Fotinos is journalist of metaforespess.gr.

Previous experience: Capital.gr, Isotimia, Eleftherotypia.

Fotis Fotinos has been reporting on the field of Transport, Maritime and Logistics since 2005.



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Stamatis Fradelos

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

ABS



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Stamatis Fradelos is Vice President in ABS' Regulatory Affairs Department, responsible for the ABS interface with IMO, Flag Administrations and IACS, facilitating the application of regulations and maintaining ABS and clients' awareness on regulatory issues being progressed and developed internationally.

Stamatis is also a member of IACS Board of Directors, the IACS Council and the IACS Sub-Committee on Quality Policy participating in IACS governance and strategic decisions.

Stamatis has a M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, a M.Sc. in Marine Technology and Science and a M.Sc. in Engineering - Economic Systems. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and a Chartered Engineer of the UK Engineering Council.



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Yiorgos Fragkos

Partner, Human Capital Leader

Deloitte



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Yiorgos is a Partner of the Technology & Transformation practice, the Human Capital Leader and the Life Sciences & Health Care Industry Leader. With more than 25 years of experience, Yiorgos has successfully delivered projects for major international organizations giving emphasis in Strategic Human Resources Transformation. Prior to join Deloitte, Yiorgos held diversified senior business roles in Greece and abroad focusing on helping enterprises to realize value and create sustainable competitive advantages through tailor made HR solutions.



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Maria Rita Galli

CEO

Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator



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

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

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

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



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Maria Gavouneli

Director General

Hellenic Foundation for European
& Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)



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LL.M. (Cantab), Ph.D. (Cantab) (Guggenheim Prize); Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law & Athens Public International Law Center – Athens PIL; Director, Refugee & Migration Studies Hub – RMS Hub, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens; Fulbright Scholar – Greece at the University of California Berkeley (2018-2019); visiting professor and lecturer in several universities and research institutions around the world; published extensively on the law of the sea, energy and environmental law as well as migration issues.

Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy – ELIAMEP; President of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights; member of the Managing Board, Greek National Transparency Authority; member of the National Accessibility Authority.



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Kostis Hatzidakis

Minister

Ministry of Economy and Finance



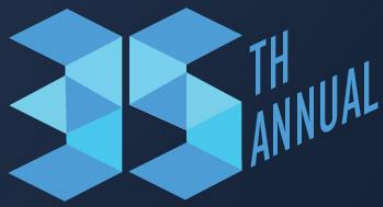
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Kostis Hatzidakis is the Minister of Finance of the Hellenic Republic, a Member of the Hellenic Parliament, and Vice President of the New Democracy Party.

He was born in Rethymno, Crete, in 1965. He is a lawyer.

He was a Member of the European Parliament from 1994 to 2007. He has been a Member of the Hellenic Parliament since 2007, representing Athens B1 Constituency (North).

He has served as President of the Youth Organization of New Democracy (1992-1994), Member of the European Parliament (1994-2007), Minister of Transport (2007-2009), Minister of Development (2012-2014), Minister of Environment and Energy (2019-2021), Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (2021-2023).



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Nikos Hidioglou

Journalist

To Manifesto & Hellas FM New York



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Nikos Hidioglou works as journalist since 1998 and is a member of ESIEA and for long accredited to the daily briefing of the Greek Government. He graduated from the University of Essex in 1994, where he studied Government. Since 2004, he is a political editor and has worked in daily and weekly newspapers, radio, TV and magazines. He is also the correspondent in Greece for Portuguese media outlets. He has authored 11 books: two novels (2007 & 2012), a collection of editorials (2004) and books on contemporary Greek politics (2004 & 2016), on Euro -Turkish relations (2005), on Sino - American relations (2015), on Greek modern politics (2015), on Russian politics (2015), on contemporary Balkan affairs (2015), as well as a collection of essays on contemporary issues (2016). He also participated in a collective work on journalism (2021), along with academics and colleagues.



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Hsiu An Hsiao

Associate Research Fellow

National Chengchi University, Taiwan



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Dr. Anne Hsiao is Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of International Relations. She is also the Executive Director of the “Track II” CSCAP Taiwan Secretariat. for International Scholars in Washington DC. Before joining the academia, she worked as senior research fellow and head of international projects at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, at the National Security Council of ROC (Taiwan), and had been a public policy scholar at the Wilson Centre for International Scholars in Washington DC.

Dr. Hsiao received her PhD in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in the UK. Her research expertise and interests include Public International Law, Maritime Security, Cross-Strait relations, Taiwan’s International Status, and European External Relations. She has published academic works and policy analyses on the relevant subjects using both legal and interdisciplinary approaches, among others the South China Sea; Indo-Pacific Policies of different state actors such as EU and their implementation and interpretations.

Through her extensive policy engagement, in recent years she has also become actively involved in furthering Taiwan’s understanding and international cooperation on export control/ strategic trade management and economic security. She serves as a consultant to governmental agencies on related issues like the geopolitical implications of unilateral export controls.



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Edmond Rhys Jones

Leader of BCG's
Center for Sustainability Policy
Boston Consulting Group



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Edmond is an Expert Partner in BCG's Climate & Sustainability Practice, with a focus on climate diplomacy, policy and education.

He has over ten years' experience at BCG in supporting governments, business and civil society organizations to accelerate the energy transition and adapt to climate change. Most recently, he has been leading the topics of green industrial policy and the net costs of inaction, whilst developing a GenAI-enabled policy analysis tool.

Prior to joining BCG, Edmond spent seven years in the British diplomatic service focused on security, human rights and development. He was posted to Washington DC and Islamabad, with operational experience across South Asia, Thailand, Japan, Georgia and Cyprus.

Edmond has a Master's from Harvard Law School and a first-class Bachelor's from University College London. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales.



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Vassilis Kafatos

Vice President

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Partner, Deloitte



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Vassilis Kafatos (Equity Partner - member of the Executive Committee) is Deloitte Greece Growth Leader and President of the Deloitte Alexander Competence Center. He specializes in corporate & digital strategy, innovation, business model transformation, financial management and mergers & acquisitions. Vassilis has over 25 years of advisory experience in various sectors including travel, hospitality, shipping, ports, investment management, consumer business and manufacturing. He serves as Trustee of the Board of Anatolia College, as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the American - Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Industries of Greece, as President of the Advisory Board of the Council on Competitiveness of Greece, and as member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for the Museum of Macedonian Struggle. He holds a degree in Economic Science from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, an MBA in Corporate Strategy from the University of Texas at Austin and postgraduate diplomas in Business Leadership from IMD (Institute for Management Development), Lausanne.



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Evangelos Kalamakis

Managing Director

SOFMEDICA



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



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Viktoria Kalfaki

Head of Public Sector Sales

Google



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Viktoria Kalfaki is a technology leader passionate about driving innovation and value for public sector organizations through digital transformation, AI, and generative AI. As Head of Public Sector Sales for Google Cloud in Greece and Cyprus, she leads the charge in empowering organizations to modernize services, enhance citizen experiences, and achieve operational excellence. Viktoria helps public sector leaders leverage cutting-edge cloud solutions, including AI and generative AI, to transform service delivery, improve efficiency, and foster citizen engagement.

With over 20 years of experience in the technology industry, including senior roles at Vodafone Greece, Pegasystems, and Dell, Viktoria has a proven track record of spearheading digital transformation initiatives. She's passionate about the potential of AI to revolutionize public services, enabling data-driven decision-making, automating tasks, and creating more personalized and responsive citizen experiences. She believes generative AI has the power to further transform public service delivery by enabling new forms of communication, content creation, and knowledge discovery.

Viktoria holds an MBA from the University of Derby, specializing in Innovation and Leadership. Her expertise and commitment to innovation make her a recognized thought leader and invaluable asset to Google Cloud and the public sector organizations she serves.



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Dimitris Karagiorgos

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Dimitris Karagiorgos has been a Health reporter since 1990 and member of ESIEA since 1998.

He worked at the daily Newspaper "Ethnos" from 1991 to 2017.

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Panagiotis Karkatsoulis

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Center for Liberal Studies (KEFIM)



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Panagiotis Karkatsoulis was born in Athens (1958) and studied law at the Athens Law School. He continued my studies in Germany at the University of Bielefeld from which he received a doctoral degree (Dr. Jur.).He taught at the National School of Public Administration (1989-2015) Public Administration, Regulatory Theory and Practice, at the University of Thessaly (2019-2021) Introduction to Public Administration and Public Management and at the European Law and Governance School (2020-present), Public Administration/Public Management. As a scientific associate at the Ministry of Administrative Reform and e-Government (1991-2014), he handled issues of good regulation, strategic planning of public policies and simplification of administrative procedures. He represented Greece in the OECD and the EU on issues of his specialization. As a scientific Councilor for the issues of administrative reform and good Governance, he offered his services to Governments all around the world (Russia, Georgia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Uzbekistan, Syria, Kazakhstan, Indonesia). He was a Member of Parliament with "To Potami" (2015), Secretary of the Parliamentary Group of the same party (2015-2018) and subsequently, Secretary of Civil Protection in the PASOK/Movement for Change. He was awarded by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) for his contribution to the advancement of administrative reform in the world twice: In 2003 with the "Peter Boorsma Award for Administrative Excellence" and in 2012 with the "International Public Administration Award."



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Chryssos Kavounides

Managing Director and Partner, Head
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Chryssos is a BCG Partner & Managing Director and Head of the BCG Athens office. He joined BCG in 2011 and focuses on work in Financial Institutions with particular expertise in Transformation. He has extensive international experience in strategy development, operational transformation, cost optimization, as well as customer journey design and implementation. Prior to BCG, Chryssos' consultancy experience was focused on Project Management best practice for Blue Chip companies such as Airbus, Vodafone, Visa Europe. Chryssos is a Mechanical Engineer and holds an MEng and a PhD from Imperial College, London.



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Olga Kefalogianni

Minister

Ministry of Tourism



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Olga Kefalogianni is a graduate of the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (1997) and holds two postgraduate degrees, from King's College, University of London (LL.M, 1998) and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston (GMAP, 2006). She has worked in large law firms in Athens and New York, as well as in the Legal Service of the European Commission in Brussels. From 2004 to 2006 she was an associate of Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis in legal matters. She was elected Member of Parliament for the Prefecture of Rethymno (2007 and 2009), and, since 2012, she has been elected to the Athens A' constituency (2012, 2015, 2019, 2023). She served as Minister of Tourism in Prime Minister Antonis Samaras' government (2012 – 2015). She has also served as Head of the Greek parliamentary delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (I.P.U), ambassador of the Greek Parliament to the Women Political Leaders (WPL) network, and member of the parliamentary committees of National Defense and Foreign Affairs, Production and Trade, Institutions and Transparency, European Affairs and Armament Programs and Contracts. She is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Center for Policy Studies on Gender and Equality – (KEMEFI) of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO).



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Niki Kerameus

Minister

Ministry of Labour and Social Security



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Niki Kerameus currently serves as the Minister of Labour and Social Security of the Hellenic Republic.

Previously, she served as Minister of the Interior between 2023 and 2024 and as Minister of Education and Religious Affairs between 2019 and 2023. She has been a Member of Parliament with New Democracy since January 2015.

She is a lawyer with over 15 years of work experience (mainly in international arbitration) and a member of the Athens and New York Bar Associations, having studied in France (Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, summa cum laude) and the United States (Harvard Law School).

She has been particularly involved in community service through DESMOS, a non-profit foundation of which she is a founding member and first president. She has been awarded for her pro bono legal services to homeless groups in New York City.

She speaks fluently English and French and has basic knowledge of German.



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Vassilis Kikilias

Minister

Ministry of Climate Crisis and
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Vassilis Kikilias is the Minister of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection. Prior to his post he served as Minister of Tourism (2021-2023), Minister of Health (2019-2021) and Minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection (2014-2015). He is an elected member of the Greek Parliament since 2012. Vassilis was born in Athens in 1974 and is an orthopedic surgeon with a PhD from the Medical School of the University of Athens. As a professional basketball player he has played for Panionios BC , AEK BC and the Greek National Team. He is married and has a son.

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Pavlos Kitsanelis

Public Sector Lead
Microsoft



Pavlos Kitsanelis has more than 25 years of experience in the IT industry, in a variety of roles. As Public Sector Lead at Microsoft, he supports the digital transformation of the public sector in Greece, Cyprus and Malta, driving growth through the adoption of cloud technologies and artificial intelligence. In his previous role as Enterprise Account Executive at Microsoft, supported financial services institutions (FSIs) towards adopting cloud and employee productivity technologies as tools of their digital transformation. As VMware Country Manager for Greece, Cyprus and Malta, he strategically implemented business development goals and go-to-market strategies, building on VMware solutions and empowering his partners. At Dell, as Enterprise Solution Manager, Paul led a talented team in promoting and designing IT solutions for medium to large enterprise organizations. He has also worked in the past in Greek IT companies as a systems engineer, technical sales consultant and project manager. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems.



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Virginia Kokiou

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Virginia is a lawyer, the Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel to the Special Secretary of Foresight in the Presidency of the Hellenic Government. She has been the legal counsel to the Secretary General of Communication and Media where she participated in the committee for the transposition of the AVMS Directive into Greek law and an in-house lawyer at Universal Music Publishing Greece for 7 years participating in many aspects of the publishing industry i.e. authors rights, royalty statements, relations with CMO's etc.

Her law practice focuses on new technologies law and media and intellectual property law advising clients on press issues, authors'/ publishers' rights and on matters concerning collective management organizations. She has detailed knowledge of corporate law advising both national and international clients on compliance issues, GDPR /personal data, e-commerce, advertising, commercial practices, competition law and implementation of related EU directives.

She studied law at the Democritus University of Thrace and obtained a Master's Degree in Law of Telecommunications and Media from the University of Paul Cezanne in Aix En Provence, France.

She is fluent in English and French.

She has been a member of the Athens Bar Association since 2011.



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Charalampos (Haris) Kontoes

Research Director

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Charalampos (Haris) KONTOES holds the position of Research Director at the IAASARS/NOA and leads the Operational Unit BEYOND Center (www.beyond-eocenter.eu) for Earth Observation Research and Satellite Remote Sensing. He received his PhD in Earth Observation holding a grant from EC (JRC/ISPRA). He leads a team of 55 researchers with active participation in Space related projects funded by ESA, EC, and International Institutions (WB, EIB) focusing on Disaster Risk Reduction, environment and sustainable development, agriculture, energy, health and big data analytics. He acts as National Delegate contributing to Space Policy and Program Committees of ESA, EC, COPERNICUS, SST/SSA. He is member of the Steering Committee of Geohazard Supersites and Natural Laboratories of Group of Earth Observations and the Committee of International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics and is actively involved in the GEO Disaster Risk Reduction and Capacity Building Working Groups. He is responsible for the Sentinel Greek Hubs (Node 3 of Copernicus Data Access Service), the Hellenic Mirror Site, and the NOA's Ground Segment facility, which distributes Copernicus satellite data and Copernicus contributing missions' satellite data worldwide. He is author of more than 200 publications (h-index 34). He speaks English, French and Italian.



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Byron Kotzamanis

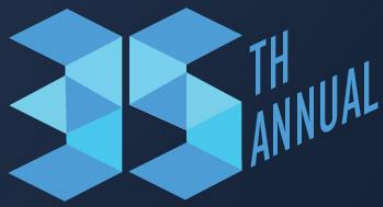
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Demographer, Docteur es Lettres et Sciences Humaines (Univ. Paris X). Co-founder and Director of the Institute of Demographic Research (IDR) and Principal Investigator, Research Project “Demographic Imperatives in Research and Practices in Greece” /Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (2020-2024). Professor of Demography at the Uni. of Thessaly (UTH) Department of Planning and Regional Studies (1991-2019), researcher at the National Centre for Social Research (1983-1996) and Associate/invited researcher at the National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED/France), 1996-1998 and 2004-2013. Director (1998-2019) of the UTH Laboratory of Demographic and Social Analyses Laboratory (LADS) as well as of the Postgraduate program of the Dept. of Planning and Regional Studies (2001-2004) and the joint French- Greek Master “Population-Development-Foresight” (Universities of Thessaly and Bordeaux, 2005-2017). President of the International Association of French-Speaking Demographers and Honorary President since 2005. President (2007->) of the DemoBalk International Association. Chevalier de Palmes Academiques of the French Government. EU expert in charge of reorganising the Statistical Institutes in Western Balkans under PHARE and CARDS programmes. Member of numerous census monitoring and observation missions for census operations in Eastern Europe. Scientific responsible for implementing several research programmes financed by national and international institutions. Author, co-author and editor of books on demography and population development in Greece and the Balkans. Author of several articles and contributions to collective volumes dealing with issues of demographic policy, population projections, migration, mortality, and family/fertility. His latest book (‘Demography in 55 Questions’) has recently been published by Alfeios Eds.



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Dimitris Koutsopoulos

CEO
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Dimitris Koutsopoulos is the CEO of Deloitte Greece and Member of the Deloitte Central Mediterranean Executive Committee.

Dimitris joined Deloitte in 1998 and as the CEO, since 2015, he has contributed significantly to the development of new services, both in terms of scope and number, in the expansion of the company throughout Greece, and in its technological transformation. Under his leadership, Deloitte Greece has reached a headcount of more than 2,900 people, having quadrupled its workforce in just 6 years.

He is a Chartered Accountant ICAEW, a Fellow Certified Chartered Accountant (FCCA) and holds a BSc in Economics and two post graduate degrees in International Finance and Business & Management. Dimitris is a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Greek Registered Auditors and a Founding Member of the Council of Competitiveness of Greece.



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Panagiotis Ladakakos

President

Hellenic Wind Energy Association
Managing Director, Enteka Group



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Panagiotis Ladakakos is President of the Hellenic Wind Energy Association (HWEA) and Managing Director in companies of the ENTEKA Group. He has a degree in Electrical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and specializes in Renewable Energy Systems and Electrical Networks. During the last 25 years, he managed the Development, Construction and Operation of a large portfolio of windfarms and photovoltaic plants in Greece working in close collaboration with large multinational firms. He is also investor in several renewable projects. Panagiotis Ladakakos possesses valuable research experience during his Ph.D. studies in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering of NTU Athens and his activities as a Research & Development engineer for the Greek Center for Renewable Energy Sources (CRES) and in the Renewables Department of the Public Power Corporation where he worked in the first years of his career. He has also studied Economics and Marketing in the Department of Operational Research & Marketing of the Athens Economics University.



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George Lagios

Country Manager
National Energy Holdings

George established National Energy's Greek operations and maintains overall authority as Country Manager. He successfully led development processes including due diligence, tendering, setting up and negotiating construction agreements and securing over €450m in bank financing, including utilization of funds from the Recovery and Resilience Facility. With over a decade of experience in investments, fund management, engineering, and project development, George has a proven track record in leading complex and sophisticated transactions. His academic credentials include a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Patras and an MSc from Imperial College London.



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Ilias Lekkos

Group Chief Economist &
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Dr. Ilias Lekkos is the Group Chief Economist and Head of Investment Strategy with Piraeus Bank, one of the largest banks in Greece. He is also Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Hellenic Statistical System, a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation of Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE). Finally, he is a member of the External Advisory Committee of MSc in Quantitative Management at Actuarial and Financial Risk. He is also a member of the Council of Economic Advisors of the Hellenic Bank Association.



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Nikos Magginas

Chief Economist
National Bank of Greece

Dr. Nikos S. Magginas is the Chief Economist of the National Bank of Greece (NBG), Senior Director of the Economic Analysis and Research Division of the Bank and member of the Steering Committee for Economic Analysis of the Hellenic Bank Association. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the Department of International and European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics and Business. He has published extensively in market research reports, as well as in academic journals such as the Journal of Monetary Economics, the International Journal of Central Banking, Economic Modeling, Economic Inquiry, and in collective volumes in the fields of monetary policy analysis, inflation forecast formation, non-performing loan dynamics and on structural issues and economic policy aspects of Greece's economic crisis.



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Fay Makantasi

Research Director
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Fay Makantasi is the Research Director of diaNEOsis. She has taught Microeconomic Theory and Game Theory at Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and Principles of Economics at Hellenic Open University (HOU). She completed her PhD thesis on a game theoretic approach of international trade at AUEB. As a Postdoctoral Fellow she focused on public sector reform in Greece, the country's export performance and the measurement of its human capital. During her studies she awarded grants for excellence and research from the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), the Bank of Cyprus, the Georgios and Victoria Karelia Foundation, the AUEB, the European Research Funding Program -“Heracleitus II”.

She has recently received a research grant from the Hellenic Observatory of LSE on intelligent modeling of e-Government initiatives in Greece. Her research has been published in international journals and she has presented her work in national and international conferences. She has also co-authored and edited socio-economic research about Greece's exit from the crisis and its modernization.





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Nicole Malliotakis

Congresswoman, New York
U.S. House of Representatives



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Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis is serving her second term representing New York's 11th Congressional District which encompasses Staten Island and parts of Southern Brooklyn. Malliotakis was named to the House Committee on Ways and Means for the 118th Congress. Throughout her tenure, she has been focused on making America's cities safe again, securing the southern border, tackling inflation to strengthen our economy and unleashing America's energy potential. Nicole Malliotakis' office has resolved over 20,000 constituent cases, helped more than 180 immigrants become United States citizens, and delivered over \$175 million to the district. She delivered on her promise to secure New York's fair share of federal mass transit funding as a previous member of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure with her vote for the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). She also worked to get the Staten Island Seawall Project back on track after costly redesign requests made by the city caused years of delays and has ensured the federal share of the project will be fully funded to completion alleviating the financial burden on the city and state. As a previous member of the House Committee of Foreign Affairs, she has been a strong voice for American values overseas, reducing our reliance on China and against the spread of communism in Central and South America. She has stood up for our allies, such as Greece, Cyprus, and Israel against neighboring authoritarian regimes. Prior to Congress, Nicole Malliotakis spent five terms in the New York State Assembly where she fought to restore ethics in Albany, expand transit service in her district, improve programs for senior citizens, reform education, better New York's economic climate and help her community rebuild after Hurricane Sandy.



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Ioannis Manesis

Owner

Hellenic Halyvourgia



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Ioannis Manesis is the owner of Hellenic Halyvourgia, a steel producer in Greece, established in 1962.

He previously served as Managing Director and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the company for several years.

He is also involved in various Dry bulk shipping activities.

He holds a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University (1998).



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Nikos Maniatis

General Manager
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Nikos Maniatis is the General Manager of IBM Greece & Cyprus. Previously, Nikos has served in a variety of leadership positions in IBM Greece & Cyprus, ranging from Manager of Software Sales to Manager of Enterprise & Commercial Sales as well as Manager of the Systems & Technology Group. Nikos joined IBM in 2004 as a Sales Engineer in the IBM's Technology Services Unit while prior to IBM, he worked as an IT Consultant in United Kingdom. He holds a B.Sc., Physics and M.Sc., Telecommunications from the University of London.

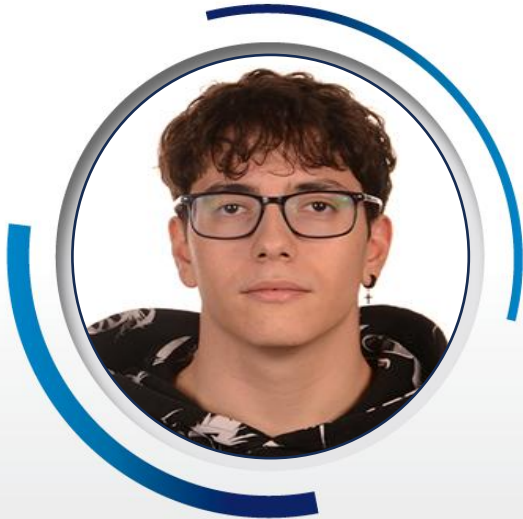




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Gabriel Marco

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EPAS Egaleo

Gabriel Marco is a student at the EPAS Egaleo.

He is a computer systems support technician.



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Chief Operating Officer
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Charalampos Margaritis is a Member of the Group Executive Committee, Executive General Manager and Group Chief Operating Officer of Piraeus Bank.

His academic credentials include:

M.Sc. Communication Systems & Networks, University of Athens

B.Sc., Physics, University of Portsmouth, UK

Research towards a Ph.D. titled "Security Framework for Extended Enterprises", University of Athens



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George Margonis

CEO
Papastratos



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George Margonis is the CEO of Papastratos, leading Greece, Cyprus, and Malta. After studying Marketing and Business Administration, he began his career in Greece by holding commercial positions in the areas of marketing, communication, and sales. In 2001, he joined Papastratos, where he assumed increasingly responsible positions in the Commercial Operations department, and, in 2009, he joined the Philip Morris International headquarters in Switzerland to direct the European Sales Strategy. He then returned to Greece and held the position of the Director of Marketing and Sales for Papastratos until May 2014, when he was appointed Director of Sales for Greece, Cyprus, and Malta. From 2017 until recently, he was the CEO of PMI in Bulgaria, leading the affiliate to significant growth while participating actively in local and international business community institutional bodies. In March 2023, he was appointed CEO of Papastratos to lead the company into its new era, in the wake of a €200 million investment in Greece, the creation of 300 new jobs, and a total export value of €300 million euro.



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Panagiotis Mourgos

Managing Director

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Panagiotis Mourgos holds a PhD in Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and is an Electrical & Computer Engineer of the said Technical University. He holds the position of CEO and is the Co-owner of TEXAN Environmental Management, which has been active in the recycling sector for more than 25 years. TEXAN is the leading player in the installation and operation of state-of-the-art Recycling Centres of high American technology.



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Maria Nikoltsiou

Journalist-Presenter

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Maria Nikoltsiou is a journalist, anchor, commentator at Alpha TV and radio producer at TALKRADIO 989. She was born in Munich, Germany.

She is a graduate of Sociology – Panteion University. She has an MSc in European Studies – London School of Economics UK and an MA in International Relations – Kent University UK.

She has been working as a journalist since 1993 in radio, television and newspapers. She is married and the mother of two children. She speaks German and English.





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Antonios Oikonomou

General Secretary

Ministry of National Defence



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Antonios Oikonomou graduated from the German School of Thessaloniki and studied law in the Faculty of Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Attended law courses at Ruprecht - Karls - Universitat of Heidelberg. Served his military service in the Hellenic Air force. Practices law since 1987 before the Supreme Civil and Criminal Court and the Council of State. Member of the Bar Association of Thessaloniki. Served as an attorney – administrative advisor at the Bank of Athens, from 1990 to 1993. Served as a legal advisor on matters of repatriating expatriates, at the National Institute for the Reception and Recovery of Repatriating and Expatriate Greeks of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 1991 to 1993. Appointed to the Public Servants Health Organization as an Attorney on remunerated mandate – Legal Advisor, in 2005, where he remained until nowadays (currently named National Organization for Healthcare Services Provision). Served, at first, as a Special Secretary and, afterwards, as a General Secretary in the Ministry of National Defense from 2012 to 2015. Member of the Management Board of the Skin Diseases Hospital of Thessaloniki (1990-1993). Member of the Management Board of the Municipal Company for Professional Training and Studies in the Municipality of Thessaloniki (1995-1999). Vice Chairman of the Management Board in the Psychiatric Hospital of Thessaloniki (2005-2009). Awarded the two highest decorations, the Star for Merit and Honor and the Golden Star for Merit and Honor A Class, by the Ministry of National Defence and the Chief of Hellenic National Defence General Staff.



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Litsa Panayotopoulos

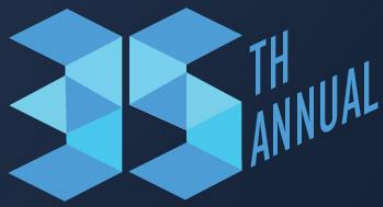
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Litsa Panayotopoulos is a forward-thinking business strategy advisor and pioneer of digital governance transformation in Greece. A committed advocate of innovation, Litsa creates opportunities for entrepreneurship and managerial strategy in her varied roles: Founder & CEO of E.VI.A Intelligent Performance, President of Intale S.A. Retail Solutions, V.P. of Papapostolou S.A. Medical Technologies. Treasurer of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (Former Secretary General and first female in this role in the organization's 90 year history). She is also the Founder and Chair of the Chamber's Innovation, Education and Entrepreneurship Committee. Litsa is Vice President of the Citizens Movement (Kinisi Politon), Treasurer of SAE (Association of A.E & Entrepreneurship) and member of the Business Advisory Council of Athens Economic University International MBA and others. Her extensive career has been built in major systems and projects all over the world, (amongst others, Control Data). On her return to Greece, she led ORACLE Greece SE Europe & Cyprus, founding and managing subsidiaries in 16 countries. In addition, she also managed and developed major companies such as Geranos SA, OTE Academy (Greek Telecommunications Academy) and others. Amongst many awards and recognitions, she has been awarded by the Ministry of Digital Governance for her significant contribution to digital transformation in Greece's public sector and beyond. She is Honorary president of SEN/Junior Achievement Greece (founding member) and honorary president of the Association of Chief Executive Officers (EASE), ex-member of the IOBE and ex-President A.L.B.A Business University. She holds a BSc and MSc in Computer Science and Management - London University.



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Costas Papadopoulos

Vice President
Lockheed Martin

Costas G. Papadopoulos is Vice President, Global Business Development Int'l & Strategy for Lockheed Martin since 1989, as well as the Legal representative of "Lockheed Martin International S.A." and "Lockheed Martin Global Inc" companies in Greece. Since 2018 his responsibilities encompass the region of South East Europe and before that, the Arabian Gulf Region, Pakistan, Libya, South Africa. He has over forty-five years of international experience in aviation. Prior to joining Lockheed Martin Corporation, he served for eleven years (1978 - 1989) at the Hellenic Aerospace Industry (HAI), in Greece, designed and built by Lockheed Aircraft Services Company who also provided the operating management. During his service at HAI he held senior management positions in engineering, production planning & control, and in domestic & international business development. Costas was born in Cairo, Egypt and he graduated from the College of Aeronautics, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, UK. where he earned his M.Sc. Degree in 1976 in Structural Engineering. In addition, he attended several specialized courses and executive management programs. Costas has a son, George and a daughter, Maria-Elena. In addition to Greek, which is his native language, Costas is fluent in English, Arabic and French.



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Theodore Papakonstantinou

Partner, Strategy & Transactions

Deloitte

Theodore is a Partner in the Strategy and Transactions service line at Deloitte. He is the Transportation, Hospitality and Services (THS) industry Deputy Leader and responsible for the development of Deloitte's services in Northern Greece. With more than 20 years of professional experience, he has extensive expertise in the areas of strategy development, business planning, market analysis, financial and operational restructuring, business and operating model optimization and M&A advisory. Theodore has led a wide range of projects for small and medium companies, large corporations, the public sector and non-profit institutions in a variety of sectors, such as tourism and hospitality, real estate, transportation, ports and logistics, consumer products, agrofood, manufacturing, education and technology. Prior to joining Deloitte in 2005, Theodore worked for a listed company as a Project Manager for digital projects. He holds a Bachelor degree in Applied Informatics from the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, Greece, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Cranfield School of Management, UK and a Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK.



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Fanis Papathanasiou

Anchor & Senior Diplomatic
Correspondent
ERT TV



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Fanis Papathanasiou is an anchor and senior diplomatic correspondent in ERT, (Greek Public Television) with more than twenty-five years of experience covering major diplomatic and international events. A long time New York correspondent, based in Athens and he covers global crises, wars and a range of other major news events such as conflict zones in Iraq, Lebanon and other regions in the Middle East. Fanis Papathanasiou has conducted exclusive one-on-one interviews with international figures including Donald Trump, George W Bush, Secretary Mike Pompeo, Turkish leaders T. Erdogan, M. Cavusoglu A. Davutoglu, A. Gull, former PM of Israel Shimon Peres, Ehud Olmert, former Finish PM Sanna Marin, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde and others. He is contributor commentator for CNN in Athens and has appeared on BBC, Al Jazeera and other global networks. He holds a M.A. on Digital Media, Communication and Journalism from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki..



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Nikolaos Papatsas

Sr Partner, EFA Group

Vice-President, Hellenic Aerospace
Security & Defense Industries Group



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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.

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) and AETHER AERONAUTICS (Target Drones).

Nikolaos Papatsas 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), which represents the largest state and private companies with activities in the A&D sector in Greece.



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Alexandros Paterakis

Deputy CEO &
Executive Board Member
Public Power Corporation (PPC)



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Alexandros Paterakis holds a degree in Computer Engineering and Mathematics from the University of La Verne. He started his career as a Network Engineer and subsequently held positions of responsibility as a senior IT consultant, such as Head of the Consulting Services at MicroAge, Management Consultant in Arthur Andersen (now Accenture) in the UK and then in Greece. In 2003 he served as IT Director at Tellas telecommunications and in 2008 he joined Vodafone where he held the position of CIO. He was then recruited by Etihad Etisalat (Mobily), where he served as President of Infotech Mobility India Pvt Ltd and retired in 2016 as CIO from Saudi Arabia, actively involved in the promotion of transformation in information and communication technologies (ICT). Since 2016 he provides consulting services focusing on digital strategy. Since 2018 he holds the position of CIO at AXIATA Celcom, a telecommunications provider in Malaysia.



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Aggeliki Maria Psiliakou

Student

EPAS Renti



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Aggeliki Maria Psiliakou is a student at the EPAS Renti.

She is a conventional and electric car engines and systems technician.



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Geoffrey R. Pyatt

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



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Geoffrey R. Pyatt, a career member of the Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, was sworn in as Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources on September 19, 2022. Ambassador Pyatt served as U.S. Ambassador to Greece from 2016 to 2022 and U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from 2013 to 2016. Among other recognitions, he received the State Department's Robert Frasure Memorial Award in recognition of his leadership of the U.S. response to Russia's invasion of Crimea and eastern Ukraine in 2014. Previously, Ambassador Pyatt was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs from 2010-2013. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria from 2007 to 2010. He also served three times at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India, as Deputy Chief of Mission from 2006 to 2007, Political Counselor from 2002 to 2006, and Political Officer from 1992 to 1994. Ambassador Pyatt was Economic Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong from 1999 to 2002 and Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Lahore, Pakistan from 1997 to 1999. Since joining the Foreign Service in 1989, he has also served on the National Security Council staff, on the staff of Deputy Secretary Strobe Talbott and at the U.S. Embassy in Honduras. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he worked with The Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based think tank that brings together leading citizens of the Americas. Ambassador Pyatt grew up in La Jolla, California and holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Yale and B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine.



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Haris Pylarinos

Founder & CEO
Hack The Box



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Haris Pylarinos is the Founder and CEO of Hack The Box. With a vision to connect and upskill the cybersecurity community worldwide, Haris disrupted the industry by introducing Hack The Box to the world, and its innovative holistic 360° approach to cyber workforce development, assessment, and recruitment.

Leading the company's expansion worldwide, Haris has been managing to grow Hack The Box exponentially. Under his leadership, the team scaled to over 260 employees and over 3 million platform members since launch in 2017.

Haris is a cybersecurity expert with over 15 years of experience in the IT and Cybersecurity industry. He also possessed a wealth of experience as a SysAdmin in the Maritime sector, honing his skills in systems engineering.

Haris applies his expertise outside work and has been actively participating in competitions, collaborations, and mentoring activities. He achieved 1st place in the Cyber-warfare military exercise of Greece (Panoptis) in 2017 and collaborated with the Greek Army to design future cyber-warfare practices in 2018 and 2019. Haris was also part of the coaching group for the European Cyber Security Challenge in 2017-2018 and served in the management group for 2019-2020, demonstrating his dedication to educating and fostering the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

Apart from his security expertise, Haris has a strong background in Networking and Software Architecture.

Industry certifications: OSCP, MCSA, MCTS, CEI, CEH.



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Yannis Rizopoulos

Journalist

Yannis Rizopoulos studied Electronics, but made his career in the Media sector, where he has been active for more than 50 years. He has worked for “Kathimerini” as a member, then head of the Foreign Desk, then for “Naftemporiki” and “Sunday Eleftherotypia” newspapers, focusing on Technology and Innovation issues. He has served as editor-in-chief or member of the editorial team in dozens of magazines on a wide area of subjects, has many years of radio and TV experience and has also served as moderator in numerous conferences and congresses. For six years (2007 – 2013), he was the editor of the *Technologeia* section at “Pathfinder” portal, where he produced more than 110 multimedia documentaries on innovative research, tech apps and best practices. Nowadays, he contributes to magazines, newsletters, events and sites of Boussias Media (www.boussias.com) and Vertical Communications (www.webworldnews.gr).





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Kyriacos Sabatakakis

Country Managing Director
Accenture



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Dr. Kyriacos Sabatakakis is the Country Managing Director of Accenture in Greece and Bulgaria with responsibility also for several markets in Southeastern Europe in the telecommunications industry, overseeing a practice of more than 3,000 Consultants. He has held this position since September 2003 and has led multiple projects both in Greece and internationally on strategy, business transformation, technology, operations and digital entrepreneurship in big corporations and organizations. Since 2017 he has co-authored a series of studies in Greece with the aim of mapping the country's position in the global business and technological landscape, actively contributing to the national dialogue on the forces shaping our era. From 2003 to 2008, he was also responsible for Accenture's global mobile network business. He worked for many years with Andersen Consulting in Zurich as well as high tech companies in Switzerland. He holds a BSc from Yale University, an MSc from Dartmouth College and a PhD from the National Technical University of Athens.

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Agostino Santoni

Vice President
Cisco Southern Europe



Agostino Santoni is the Vice President of Cisco Southern Europe. He took the role in November 2020 and is responsible for Cisco business in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Israel, Greece, Cyprus, Malta and from August 2024 he also covers Austria, CEE countries and Balkans. Agostino brings a wealth of experience from 25 years in the Italian IT industry, managing P&L operations across several technology markets. Previously, Agostino covered the role of General Manager of Cisco Italy from the end of 2012 until March 2021. He joined Cisco from SAP, where he was Italy Managing Director from 2009 to 2012. He started his professional career in Compaq Computer where, following the merger with HP, he held roles of increasing responsibility for the Italian branch of HP and for the parent company up to the position of Vice President & Enterprise Sales Director of HP Italy. On top of his Cisco position, Agostino was also President of Assinform (the Italian Association for the Information Technology) from 2014 to 2017 and from 2022 to May 2024, Vice President of Confindustria (the main association representing manufacturing and service companies in Italy) with responsibility for Digital. Building inclusive and innovative environments in which individuals and teams feel engaged and can thrive is a key quality that characterizes Agostino's leadership style in the large teams he has led. In Italy Agostino is a member of the advisory board for the B7 (Business Federations of the Group of Seven) a task force built by Confindustria in conjunction with the Italian Presidency of the G7, the most important inter-governmental forum that brings together the main industrialized democracies of the world. The B7 engagement Group reserved for the business world, aims to formulate policy recommendations on the priorities of the global economic agenda to be addressed to the Presidency of the G7 and the main international organizations and institutions.



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John Saracakis

Vice President

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
Chairman, Saracakis Group of Companies



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John joined the Saracakis Group of Companies in 1998 where he has taken up various responsibilities. Since 2013 he is Chairman of its Board of Directors.

He is Vice President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Chair of its Public Affairs Committee since 2019. He has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2007.

From 2013 to 2019 he was elected for two terms as Chairman of the Hellenic-Swedish Chamber of Commerce.

He holds a BSc in Business Administration from Babson College, USA and has graduated from the Advanced Management Program of Harvard Business School.

John is married and a father of two boys.



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Alexandra Sdoukou

Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment and Energy



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Alexandra Sdoukou currently serves as the Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy, assuming this position in June 2023. Prior to her current role, she held the position of Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources from 2019 to 2023.

From 2004 onwards, she has actively participated in the administration of co-financed European programs within the Development Program Management Organization Unit (MOU S.A.). Throughout her career, she has occupied significant administrative roles within various ministries, including the Ministries of Economy, Development, as well as Environment, Energy and Climate Change. Her expertise lies in the formulation, execution, and supervision of energy policies. Notably, between 2017 and 2019, she assumed the position of special adviser to the President of the New Democracy Party, focusing on energy and mineral resources matters.

Academically, Alexandra Sdoukou holds a degree in Law from the Democritus University of Thrace. She furthered her education by obtaining an LL.M. in European Commercial Law from the University of Bristol, as well as an MSc. in International and Economic Studies from the Athens University of Economics.

She is married and a devoted mother of three children which is the greatest, yet most rewarding, challenge in her life.



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Elizabeth Sidiropoulos

Chief Executive
South African Institute
of International Affairs



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Elizabeth Sidiropoulos is the chief executive of the South African Institute of International Affairs, which she has led since 2005. Her areas of expertise lie in South African foreign policy, Africa and external powers, global governance and south-south cooperation. Her most recent publications include co-edited volumes on Values, Interests and Power: South African Foreign Policy in Uncertain Times (2020), and The Palgrave Handbook of Development Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (2021). Her other work includes the rise of new development cooperation providers and the institutionalisation of their assistance, which were explored in two edited volumes, Development cooperation and emerging powers: New Partners or Old Patterns (Zed Books, 2012) and Institutional Architecture and Development: Responses from Emerging Powers (Jacana, 2015). She is the editor-in-chief of the South African Journal of International Affairs, a policy-oriented, peer-reviewed and interdisciplinary forum for discussion on Africa's and South Africa's international affairs. She is a regular commentator in South African and foreign media.

Elizabeth is a member of the board of the Network of Southern Think Tanks and co-governor of the Think 20 Africa Standing Group, established in 2017 during the German presidency of the G20. She currently serves on the International Advisory Board of Brazil's T20 Secretariat as well as on the UN's High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs.



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Elias Spirtounias

Executive Director

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce



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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 cooperation 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. 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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Bruce Stokes

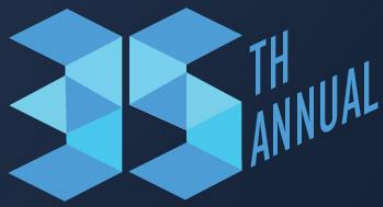
Visiting Senior Fellow

German Marshall Fund of the US



AMERICAN-HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bruce Stokes is a visiting senior fellow at GMF. He is the coauthor of GMF's two recent studies on rebuilding Ukraine and senior editor of the 2022 Transatlantic Trends survey. From 2019 to 2021, he was the executive director of GMF's Transatlantic Task Force, which produced "Together or Alone? Choices and Strategies for Transatlantic Relations for 2021 and Beyond". He was also a GMF senior fellow from 2010 to 2012, wrote the 2009 Transatlantic Trends survey, and authored two GMF task force reports, "The Case for Renewing Transatlantic Capitalism" and "A New Era for Transatlantic Trade Leadership". Stokes was a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations between 2017 and 2020 and remains a member. He is also an associate fellow at Chatham House. From 2012 to 2019 he was the director of Pew Research Center's Global Economic Attitudes and coauthored numerous public opinion surveys. Prior to this, he was for 23 years the international economics correspondent for the National Journal, a Washington, DC-based public policy magazine. Bruce Stokes was honored in 2006 by the Coalition of Service Industries for his reporting on services issues. In 2004, he was chosen by International Economy magazine as one of the most influential China watchers in the US press. In 1995, he was picked by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the "Best on Business" reporters in Washington, and, in 1989, he won the coveted John Hancock award for excellence in business and economics reporting for his series on the impact of the rising yen on the Japanese economy. Bruce Stokes is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. He attended Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.



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Takis Theodorikakos

Minister

Ministry of Development



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Panagiotis (Takis) Dimitriou Theodorikakos is Minister of Development and Member of Hellenic Parliament of Athens B3 Constituency (South). He was elected in the 2023 national elections with 47.300 votes and was ranked second. He was Strategy and Communication Advisor to the President of ND since October 2015 and Coordinator of Strategic Planning and Communication of the party, from October 2016 until the victorious election contests of May and July 2019 when he was elected as Member of State of the ND.

In July 2019, he was appointed by the Prime Minister Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis as Minister of the Interior. In August 2021 he was appointed by the Prime Minister Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis as Minister of Citizen Protection. In June 2024 he was appointed by the Prime Minister Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis as Minister of Development.

He has a long professional career as Political researcher and analyst and Strategy Advisor. PhD in Public Policies at the University of Peloponnese where he taught at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences till June 2019.

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

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



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Dimitris Timotheou

Vice President, Supply Chain Europe
Procter & Gamble

Dimitris Timotheou holds the position of Vice President, Supply Chain Europe at Procter & Gamble (P&G). With over 20 years of experience, he has worked in various countries such as the United Kingdom, Belgium, Greece, Poland, and Switzerland, successfully completing many senior roles in the field of Supply Chain. Dimitris is a Mechanical Engineer, a graduate of the University of Patras, and holds an MBA from Cardiff Business School. Additionally, he has attended business executive programs at universities such as Oxford and Harvard, where he delved into topics of strategy and leadership in the business world. Throughout his career, he has acquired extensive knowledge and experience in strategic supply chain management on an international level.



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Platon Tinios

Professor

University of Piraeus

Platon Tinios, is an economist, Professor at the University of Piraeus. He was educated in Egypt, Greece and the UK. He studied economics at the Universities of Cambridge (MA, Ph.D) and Oxford (M.Phil). He served as Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece from 1996 to 2004, specializing in the economic analysis of social policy and pensions. He has participated as an expert on pensions and social policy for the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the European Union. His research interests include pensions, ageing, longevity, social policy, gender, economics of insurance and public finance.





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Dina Titus

Congresswoman, Nevada
U.S. House of Representatives

Serving the First Congressional District of Nevada for more than a decade, Rep. Dina Titus is the dean of Nevada's delegation. Previously she served as Nevada Senate Minority Leader from 1993 to 2009.

Dina has been a persistent champion for average Nevadans and has been rated one of the most effective Democratic members of the House of Representatives by the Center for Effective Lawmaking.

Dina serves as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee where she brings common-sense expertise to international problems. Within the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Dina serves as ranking member of a subcommittee that helps communities adapt to climate change and better respond to natural disasters.

Dina understands the importance of education because she has been an educator herself. She taught American and Nevada political science classes at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from 1979 until 2011. A noted non-fiction writer, she is internationally known for her expertise in the history and policies related to nuclear power, weaponry, and waste.

Dina is a proud Greek American and serves as Vice Chair of the Hellenic Caucus in Congress, representing her heritage and fostering cooperation between the United States and Greece. She is also a founding member of the Israel Hellenic caucus and sits on the European subcommittee of HDAC. She has called for the reunification of Cyprus and protections for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.





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Charalambos Tsekeris

Acting Chair

Greek National Commission for
Bioethics & Technoethics



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Charalambos Tsekeris is Senior Research Fellow in Digital Sociology at the Institute of Social Research, Greek National Centre for Social Research; and Visiting Professor at the University of Athens. He currently serves as Int. Chair of the Greek National Commission for Bioethics & Technoethics; Full Member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights; Member of the OECD Expert Group on AI Futures; and Member of the Greek Prime Minister's High-Level Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence. His research focus is on Strategic Foresight and the Sociology of the Internet, with specialization in digital social research and the ethics and governance of Artificial Intelligence. He has previously served as an External Scientist at ETH Zürich and as a Professor Extraordinary at the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University. Currently, he holds the position of Research Associate at the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research (Stellenbosch). He coordinates the World Internet Project-Greece, which examines the use of new technologies in Greece, and has taught at numerous academic institutions and study programs in Greece and abroad.



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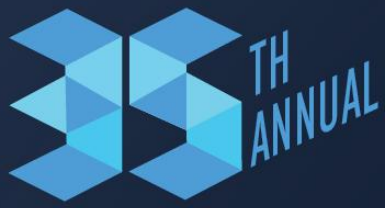
George J. Tsunis

U.S. Ambassador
to the Hellenic Republic



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George James Tsunis presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic on May 10, 2022. He was nominated by President Biden and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 10, 2022. Ambassador Tsunis is the proud Greek-American son of immigrants to the United States, with deep roots in the village of Platanos in the beautiful mountainous region of Nafpaktia. Growing up, his parents instilled in him the Hellenic ideals of καλοσύνη (goodness), αγάπη (love), and above all, φιλότιμο (the love of honor). He learned Greek as his first language. Deeply engaged with the Greek-American community, Ambassador Tsunis was a founding trustee of the Hellenic American Leadership Council and is a trustee of the Hellenic Initiative among other roles. Prior to his nomination, Ambassador Tsunis was the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Chartwell Hotels, LLC. He served as Chairman of Battery Park City Authority. He was also a Trustee for the New York City Convention Development Corporation and the New York City Convention Operating Corporation and helped manage a 1.5 million square foot expansion of the New York Convention Center, transforming it into one of the world's most modern and beautiful convention centers. Ambassador Tsunis earned a B.A. from the New York University, New York, NY and a J.D. from St John's University of Law, Queens, NY. He was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Order of Saint Andrew), the highest ecclesiastical honor that can be bestowed upon a layman by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and is the recipient of numerous awards including the Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award for Long Island Cares and the lifetime achievement award for civic engagement for Long Island Business News. Ambassador Tsunis is married and has three children.



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Evgenia Tzortzi

Journalist

Kathimerini Newspaper

Evgenia Tzortzi works for the last 22 years as a financial news editor for the daily newspaper Kathimerini, one of the leading publications of Greece with a high international profile thanks to its English edition. She also cooperates with the financial portal Moneyview which is the new digital for financial and business news of the Kathimerini Editions. During her long journalistic career, which spans 20 years, Evgenia has covered a wide range of macroeconomic issues, with her main areas of interest being the banking and insurance sector, financial markets regulation, EU policy and particularly the use of the Structural Funds in Greece.



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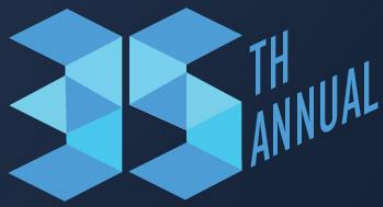
Panos Vassiliadis

CEO

Adacom & Ideal Holdings

Panos Vassiliadis is responsible since 2002 for managing the activities of ADACOM Cyber Security in Greece, Panos has almost 30 years of experience in developing information technology businesses. Prior to ADACOM, Panos served as Business Development Manager at Ideal Solutions. In parallel with his duties at ADACOM, Panos is the CEO of IDEAL Holdings, a company listed in the Athens Stock Exchange, shareholder of ADACOM, other ICT companies and Attica development stores. He acts as BoD member in several IT companies in Greece and abroad. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering, an MBA from Athens University of Economics & Business, and has received numerous certifications from technology-related institutes.





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Nikos Vettas

General Director, IOBE
Professor, Athens University of
Economics and Business



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Nikos Vettas is the General Director of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research - IOBE since 2013 and Professor of Economics at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) since 2003, where he has also served as the Chairman of the Economics Department and a member of the University Council. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, USA, and has been an Associate Professor at Duke University, USA, and a visiting Professor at INSEAD in France and Singapore. He serves as Associate Editor of the International Journal of Industrial Organization, a Research Fellow at CEPR, UK, and a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics. He has served as an Associate Editor of the Journal of the European Economic Association and the Journal of Industrial Economics, a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission and the Economic Advisory Group for Competition Policy at the European Commission. He is a co-organizer of the annual Conference for Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, since 2002. His research has been published in leading journals such as the International Economic Review, European Economic Review, Rand Journal of Economics, and the Review of Economic Studies. Co-editor of *Beyond Austerity: Reforming the Greek Economy* (MIT Press, 2017). Vice-Chairman of the Growth Plan Committee of the Hellenic Republic for the Greek Economy, 2020.



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Christos Vidakis

Partner, Cyber Leader

Deloitte

Christos is a Partner of the Technology & Transformation practice and Cyber Leader at Deloitte with special emphasis on Cybersecurity. Christos is also the Technology, Media and Telecommunications Leader. With over 15 years of experience on information systems security, auditing, technology, security operations, risk management, operating models & incident response, Christos has helped clients understand information technology and business risks, make intelligent risk decisions, implement controls, and provide ongoing measurement and monitoring of their risk environment.



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Yannis Vougiouklakis

Managing Director

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