

SPEAKERS

Mr. Gerasimos Avlonitis

Advisor of Regulatory Affairs, DESFA



Gerasimos started his professional career in the upstream sector of the hydrocarbon industry in 1996. Based in the UK, he worked in numerous oil and gas production optimization projects in Europe, Middle East and Latin America. Moving to the downstream sector of the industry, he joined the business development team of Prometheus Gas S.A., a joint company of Gazprom and Copelouzos Group in Greece, involved in gas and power projects. In May 2002 he joined the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE) as an energy expert, holding the position of Head of the Gas Department from 2005 until the end of 2012. Since 2013, he is an advisor at the Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator (DESFA) on regulatory affairs and the coordinator of the team dealing with the design of the wholesale gas market in Greece. In June 2018, was nominated by DESFA as member of the Board of Directors in the newly established Hellenic Energy Exchange S.A. (Energy Exchange Group - HEnEx).

Gerasimos has delivered seminars and training courses in Greece and several other countries in Europe and the Middle East on gas sector organization, gas pricing and Third-Party Access tariffs. Since 2014, he is also a visiting lecturer at the University of Piraeus Master's program in Energy: Strategy, Law & Economics.

He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and an MSc in Petroleum Engineering from the Imperial College, London.

Dr. Yannis Bassia

Chairman and CEO, Hellenic Hydrocarbon Resources Management (HHRM) S.A., Greece



Yannis Bassias was appointed in November 2016 Chairman and CEO of the Hellenic Hydrocarbon Resources Management SA (HHRM) for a five year term. He has 30 years of international business experience in geology and geophysics, in technical projects and corporate management for reservoir evaluation, creating portfolio of oil and gas resources and the contribution of human resources and of international relations. Between 2012-2016 he consulted in the evaluations of research permits, with country authorities

partners and local stakeholders in frontier offshore hydrocarbon bearing sedimentary basins in West Africa, Mauritania, in the Mozambique Channel, the Central-Southern Atlantic, and the French overseas departments which are under European legislation. Between 1997 and 2012 he conducted an evaluation team prospecting in Texas, Colombia, Yemen, Senegal, Venezuela, Tunisia, Congo and created an exploration portfolio in the Paris Basin and in Tunisia. In the service business, he was President and CEO of the Georex group for 20 years, he demergered the exploration assets from the service activities in geology and geophysics and created subsidiaries for the provision of services in France, Tunisia, United Kingdom and Republic of Congo. He managed multiannual programs such as the creation of a database of hydrocarbon reservoirs for the CIS republics in cooperation with the Institutes IFP and VNIGNI, the merger of databases of companies Total, PetroFina and Elf, the digital storage of seismic data of the National Petroleum Company of the Republic of the Congo (SNPC). Before joining the petroleum industry had an academic career in the Free University of Berlin with main research focus the Pre-Cambrian of Anti-Atlas (Morocco) and then as Associate Professor in Geology at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris working on the sedimentary basins and ridges of the Indian Ocean. He holds a PhD in Geology (Paris 1984), degree in Geology from the University of Athens (1979), diploma in Economics from French Institute of Management, IFG (1994) and Management-Marketing Certificate from the Business School of Paris, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, CCIP (1989). He is author or co-author of more than 30 publications in international scientific or industry journals on the Indian Ocean, Central-South Atlantic, France, Greece, Morocco, and co-editor of 3 reports of the TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises) sea campaigns in the Indian Ocean.

Mr. Danila Bochkarev

Senior Fellow, Energy, EastWest Institute (EWI), Belgium

is a Senior Fellow at the EastWest Institute (EWI). He specializes in Eurasia energy



and natural resources issues with a particular focus on the natural gas. Before joining EWI, Danila was an Inbev visiting scholar for EU-Russia relations at the at UCL/KUL universities in Belgium. He also worked on China and Central Asia affairs at the European Parliament and the Energy Charter Secretariat and frequently private sector companies and international institutions on the energy

issues.

Mr. John Chadjivassiliadis

Chairman of IENE, Greece



Dipl. Mechanical and Electrical Engineer of the NTUA (1960) is expert in the development of the renewable energy sources and sustainable power systems. Worked for the Public Power Corporation (1962-1990) in the department of power generation, he was director of power plants, and project manager in large power plants. From the mid-1970s John was in charge of the development of wind and solar energy projects for power generation with the successful Windpark of Kythnos, the first in Europe (1982) and the biggest hybrid by wind and solar PV. Since 1990, he is consultant engineer in energy, especially in the renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and sustainable development. For many years he served as an expert in evaluating research proposals and programs, coordinator and technical assistant of large research projects for RES integration into the networks within the European Commission research programs.

John has been a scientific committee member in a number of European and international conferences, invited lecturer in international events and conferences where he presented over 80 papers. He is founding Member of the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA, 1982), member of national and EU missions for international cooperation in scientific research and technology, founding Member and Secretary General of IENE, National Representative in the Mirror Group of the European PV Technology Platform, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Hellenic Association of Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, Major in Reserve of the Hellenic Army in the Technical Corp.

John is the recipient of the “Prize Aeolus” Award, for his contribution in wind energy development, by the Hellenic Wind Energy Association-member of EWEA (2009), as well as of the “2010 PES Chapter Outstanding Engineer” Award, for his contribution in renewable energy research and development by the IEEE Power & Energy Society, PES Greece Chapter.

Dr. Gina Cohen

Consultant to the Natural Gas Industry, Israel



Gina Cohen has been working as a consultant in Israel and Palestine's gas markets since offshore exploration started there exactly 20 years ago.

During this time, she has been involved in projects spanning the full natural gas chain. She is a lecturer at the Technion University's M.Sc. Program for Petroleum Engineers, is a consultant to international oil and gas companies operating in the Eastern Mediterranean, is the author of the Hebrew English energy lexicon (www.hebrewenergy.com) used by all professionals in the Israeli oil and gas sector and publishes articles in professional international oil and gas journals.

Mr. Christodoulos (Christos) Dimas

Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Committee for Geopolitics and Energy, IENE, Greece



- Topographer (1972) & Civil Engineer (1974), National Technical University of Athens
 - He managed major projects on Energy, Industry & Infrastructure (Europe, Saudi Arabia, Russia)
 - He was a senior executive and Board member in various businesses and organizations (Petrola Hellas, Petrola International, Hellenic Petroleum, Helpe - Thraki, Trans Balkan, Construction companies, etc.)
- Represented the Greek Ministry of Development for International Energy Issues
- Participated in International Conferences with presentations on the transport of oil and gas from Russia, Central Asia and the Caspian Sea to the International Markets
- He has been among others:
 - Refinery Project Manager (Petrola Hellas)
 - Project Manager of Latsis Group in Greece
 - He was the General Technical Director of TBP B.V. (Burgas -Alexandroupolis Oil Pipeline)
 - He was the General Director of TBP B.V. (Burgas -Alexandroupolis Oil Pipeline) and Chief Executive Officer of TBP B.V. – Greece and General Manager of Helpe-Thraki SA.
 - President of the Hellenic-Russian Chamber of Commerce (2011-2017).

- He was member of the International Council of the Russian Industry Organization (RSPP) in Moscow
- President of the EPEE Strategic Council in Moscow with members: Russia's Federal Chamber of Industry, Russia's Federation of Russian Industries (RSPP), Russian Academy (energy sector), Russia's Agency for Strategic Initiatives, Federation of Russian Construction Companies, the Federation of the Russian Pharmaceutical Industry,
- Founding Member and Partner of [Institute of for Energy South East Europe \(IENE\)](#)
- Chairman of the Geopolitics & Energy Committee of the [Institute of Energy for SE Europe \(IENE\)](#)

Dr. Constantinos Filis

Director, Director of Research, Institute of International Relations

Dr Constantinos Filis has a solid international background. He also disposes a



thorough teaching and research experience in national and in foreign (St Antony's College and South East European Studies of Oxford University) universities, delivering lectures in foreign distinguished universities (Harvard, London School of Economics). Apart from his academic experience, he also acquired practical knowledge on foreign policy, energy and security issues, having served in various positions: head of the state

minister's policy planning division, chair of energy committee between Greece and Israel, coordinator of energy affairs in the PM's Diplomatic Office, consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Defense, the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Public Order. He is also Research Director of the Institute of International Relations, member in many foreign academic councils and institutes and a frequent author in Greek and foreign newspapers and journals. He is the writer of two books, titled "Refugees, Europe, Insecurity" and "Turkey, Islam, Erdogan" firstly published in 2017, by Papadopoulos Publications.

Mr. Kostas Hatzidakis

MP, Vice President of Nea Dimokratia



Kostas Hatzidakis is a member of the Greek Parliament and Vice President of the New Democracy Party.

He was born in Rethymno, Crete, in 1965.

He is a member of the Greek Parliament since 2007.

He is a lawyer in Athens

President of the Youth Organization of New Democracy (1992-1994)

Member of the European Parliament (1994-2007)

Minister in the Ministries of Transport and Development ((2007-2009 and 2012-2014)

Dr. Marika Karagianni

Caspian Energy Expert, Dpt. Of Black Sea Countries, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

Profile: Dr. Marika Karagianni is a legal and international relations expert, specialized on European and international energy issues (oil and natural gas), focusing on Russia, the Caspian-Central Asia, East Med and MENA (Middle East- North Africa) regions.



Education: 1) Baccalaureat from Ecole Francaise des Ursulines (1992), 2) University of Liege, Summer School on EU policies (1997), 3) University Degree in Law from the Kapodistrian University of Athens (1998), 4) Master/ D.E.A. in European Political and Administrative Studies from the College of Europe/ Bruges (1999), 5) PhD on “The institutional aspects of off-shore hydrocarbons development in the Caspian Sea” from the Democritus University of Thrace (2018) and 6) Post- Doc on “The EU Southern Gas Corridor as an alternative to Russian gas supplies for Europe” from the University of Peloponnese (2019).

Languages: She speaks and writes Greek, English, French and Russian, understands Turkish.

Professional education/ Awards/ Scholarships: 1) Award Robert Schumann at the European Parliament, (1999), 2) Scholarship of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for special training on Caspian

energy issues (Moscow, 2002), 3) Baku Summer Energy School of Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (Baku, 2011), 4) NATO SCHOOL OBERAMMERGAU, Petroleum course (2014) and 5) Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Energy Program (2014).

Professional experience: She was a lawyer in the Athens Bar (1998- 2006). She has served in the Inner Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. G. Papandreou (2000), as a special advisor to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. E. Stylianidis (2004- 2006) and to the Minister of Public Order, Mr. B. Polydoros (2006-2007) on bilateral political and energy relations of Greece with Russia and CIS countries. Also, MFA Coordinator of the Hellenic Chairmanship at the BSEC (1/11/2004- 30/4/2005), member of the negotiation team of Greece for Burgas-Alexandroupolis and South Stream pipelines (2004- 2005). She was also the energy expert of the BSEC (Black Sea Economic Cooperation, International Center for Black Sea Studies, 2000- 2004) and an Adjunct Fellow at the Western Policy Center and Woodrow Wilson Center (Washington, 2004-2005). As of January 2006, she is a permanent expert at the Ministry of Interior and Public Order of the Hellenic Republic. She is also an enlisted election observer of the OSCE and the EU and she has monitored elections as a short- term observer (STO) in Kyrgyzstan, Georgia (2005), Armenia (2007), Azerbaijan (2008) and Tunisia (2018).

Academic experience: She has lectured at the Department of Black Sea Studies- Democritus University of Thrace (Komotini) and at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (Baku). She is also a visiting lecturer and an external research associate at the Department of Economic Studies- University of Thessaly (Volos). She participates and gives presentations in international energy conferences and is publishing extensively on global energy developments. She travels frequently in the Caspian and MENA regions. Also contributor at www.energypress.gr, www.energia.gr, www.neweurope.eu, www.eurasianet.org

Dr. Nektaria Karakatsani

Member of the Board, Regulatory Energy Authority, Greece

Nektaria Karakatsani is a member of the Board of the Greek energy regulator (RAE), CEER and ACER Board of Regulators. She has represented RAE in the collaboration with the European Commission regarding the implementation of key reforms. She holds a PhD in Energy Economics from London Business School and an MSc from Oxford University. She has worked as an energy consultant in the British market and an advisor on regulatory reforms for UK institutions. Her work has mainly focused on the econometric modelling of electricity prices in the context of risk management, the impact assessment of regulatory changes and behavioural finance issues. She joined RAE in 2008 as a specialized market analyst, developing market monitoring tools and market codes.



She has published her research in influential journals, including Energy Economics, Journal of Forecasting, Oxford Handbook of Economic Forecasting and Journal of Non-linear Dynamics and Econometrics.

She has been teaching forecasting, business statistics and econometrics at LBS, LSE and City University. Over the last two years, she has written more than 30 articles, so as to raise public awareness on energy reforms, the clean energy transition, consumers' rights and clean islands.

Prof. Yannis Maniatis

Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Former Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change

Dr. Eng. Yannis Maniatis is a Rural and Surveying Engineer (National Technical University of Athens). He is an Assoc. Professor at University of Piraeus since 2002 and a Visiting Professor at the Institute of Economic Geography of University of Bonn (1995).



Political and Social activity

Dr. Maniatis was elected as a Member of the Greek Parliament for the prefecture of Argolida for the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) for the first time in the 2004 elections and re-elected in 2007, 2009, May 2012, June 2012 and September 2015 elections.

He has been:

- Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (25.6.2013-26.01.2015)
- Secretary of PASOK Parliamentary Group (05.7.2012-25.6.2013)
- Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2009 -2012)
- Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (1998 -2001)
- Chairman of the Athens Urban Transport Organisation (OASA) (2001 -2002)
- Chairman of the Postal Savings Bank (1998 -2000)

Academic Activity

Main academic fields include: Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.), Energy and Transportation Policies and Systems, Environmental Management and Monitoring, Innovation Management and Digital Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Maniatis has participated with more than two hundred (200) scientific papers and lectures in international congresses and scientific magazines.

Books

He is the author of the following books:

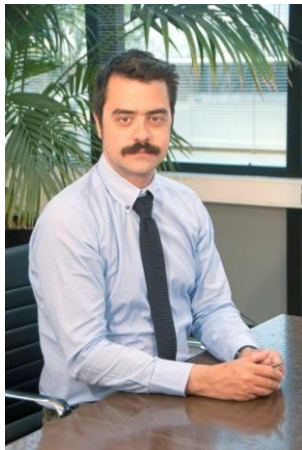
1. "Structural Reforms and Progressive Patriotism" (PAPAZISIS Eds, 2016)
2. "Energy and Natural Resources: National Pillars for Development" (A.A.LIVANIS Eds, 2012)

3. “The Challenge of Green Development” (A.A.LIVANIS Eds, 2009)
4. “Geographic Information Systems and Environmental Monitoring” (ZITI Eds, 1995)

Dr. Ioannis Margaris

Executive Vice-Chairman BoD and Chief Technology, System Planning and Strategy Officer, IPTO

Ioannis Margaris, Dipl. Electrical Engineer and Computer Engineer (NTUA 2006), completed his PhD dissertation at the Power Systems Laboratory - School of Electrical and Computer Engineering NTUA in 2011 focusing on design and operation of Electricity Grids and Power Systems with Increased Penetration of Renewable Energy Sources.



In parallel, he worked in the Public Power Corporation (PPC) – at the Non-Interconnected Island Power Systems Department – on dynamic security of power systems and data management for Smart Networks and MicroGrid applications on Greek island systems.

He completed his Post-Doc research at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU Wind Energy Department 2012), where he continued working as Researcher (equiv. Assistant Prof.) and R&D project manager in North Europe, lecturing in MSc programs of DTU. He participated in the technology cooperation program between Denmark and China in particular in the field of Transmission Systems and Electricity Networks and Wind Energy.

In 2015 he became Executive Vice-Chairman of the BoD of Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator (HEDNO – DEDDIE) focusing on Network Technology, Strategic Projects and Investments in the Distribution Grid, strengthening domestic and international partnerships of HEDNO with Distribution Network Operators and IT/ICT companies in the field of Smart Grids.

In the past he served as member of the BoD of OTE and an technology and policy advisor for projects in Europe, Latin America, Africa and China.

Since 2017 he has served as Executive Vice-Chairman BoD and Chief Technology, System Planning and Strategy Officer of ADMIE S.A.

Mr. Slavtcho Neykov

Chairman of the Board, Management Energy Institute, Bulgaria



Mr. Slavtcho Neykov has more than 25 years non-interrupted experience in the energy sector, including as Secretary General of the Bulgarian Ministry of Energy, Commissioner in the State Energy Regulatory Commission, expert at the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels and a Director of the Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna.

Further to his experience as a state and international official, he has been on the board of managers of several energy companies.

Prior to his involvement in the energy sector, he has worked as a state prosecutor and a legal advisor.

In addition to a law degree from the Sofia University, Mr. Neykov has completed two years postgraduate studies on International Economic Relations and Foreign Economic Activities. He also holds Master of Arts in European Integration from the University of Limerick in Ireland.

Since the end of 2014, he is the Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Energy Management Institute in Sofia.

Mr. Neykov is also a member of the Board of Directors of EURELECTRIC.

Prof. Ionut Purica

Executive Director, Advisory Center for Energy and Environment, Romanian Academy, Romania



Presently a senior researcher in the Romanian Academy's Institute for Economic Forecasting, and Executive Director of the Advisory Center for Energy and Environment, Dr. Purica was also a counselor of the Minister of Economy and previously the Minister of the Environment and an expert for the Parliament of Romania. He participated in the elaboration of the EU accession strategy for Romania and the energy (electricity and heat) strategy (for the Ministry of Economy and Trade) and did risk analysis and transaction structuring and project management with the World Bank, USEA, JBIC, MARSH, ITOCHU, MVV, etc. Previously he worked as a project officer for energy and infrastructure in the World Bank, in Romania and the Balkans (e.g. energy Assessment in Kosovo 1999), being trained in project guarantees, value at risk, procurement to complete his expertise in engineering acquired as director for international projects of the Romanian Power Company RENEL and senior engineer managing a joint Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd-IMG-Bucharest quality engineering group for the manufacture of nuclear reactor components for

the CANDU units in Romania. He worked also as an international researcher for ENEA Rome – the Italian Commission for Energy New Technology and Environment – and as an associate researcher at ICTP Trieste.

Prof. Purica has authored books in his field of expertise published by Imperial College Press, Academic Press, etc. and published articles in journals like Risk Analysis, IEEE Power Engineering Review, Foundations of Control Engineering, etc. He took his second PhD in economics, (the first one in Nuclear Energy Engineering) and, he is a corresponding member of the Academy of Romanian Scientists (AOSR) and also a Professor teaching a course in Risk management to masters of science in the Hyperion University. He is a member of the WEC study group for energy scenarios 2050 and 2060 and a member of the Advisory Group for Energy of the EU Commission. He has been also President (State Secretary) of the Romanian Agency for Nuclear Energy and Radioactive Waste – ANDR).

Mr. John Roberts

Energy Security Specialist, Methinks Ltd, Scotland and Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Washington DC, UK

John M. Roberts is a senior partner with Methinks Ltd, a consultancy specializing in the inter-relationship between energy, economic development, and politics. He is also a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Global Energy Centre, *Atlantic Council, Washington DC*. He is currently researching European energy security issues, including the role of Turkey in European energy security, Russian gas deliveries to Europe, the development of new supply pipelines and interconnectors within Europe, and the energy security implications of gas discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean.



Roberts is a respected energy analyst who has testified to UK parliamentary committees on Middle Eastern, Russian, Caspian, Turkish and Kurdish energy security issues. He has lectured widely on a variety of subjects, including the development of Arctic oil and gas, the impact of social and political unrest in the Middle East and boundary disputes in the Caspian Sea. His recent papers include *Democracy in Turkey: Implications for Regional Energy Security* (JNU, Delhi, March 2017); *Olive trees hold up Southern Gas Corridor* (Platts Energy Economist, April 2017); and *Iranian Gas Export Prospects and Energy Security* (FLAME, Amsterdam, May 2017).

Roberts has recently completed studies for the Atlantic Council on oil and gas in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, on gas interconnectors in Europe, and on the development of Russia's Turkish Stream pipeline and its impact on the development of the Southern Gas Corridor to connect the Caspian to Europe. Private consultancy work has included investigation of investment conditions in

Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 programme. He is currently preparing a study on the Russia-China-Turkmenistan gas triangle.

His books include *Caspian Pipelines* (1996) and *Visions & Mirages: The Middle East in a New Era* (1995).

Ms. Alexandra Sdoukou

MoB of HHRM and Advisor to the President of Nea Dimokratia

Alexandra Sdoukou is a lawyer, permanent employee at the Management Organisation Unit of Development Programmes (MOU S.A.) under the Ministry of Economy and Development. Since 2004, she is working as legal advisor in the public administration in various positions at the Ministries of Economy, Development and Environment, Energy & Climate Change.



She has been specialised as energy policymaker, working with all Energy Ministers from 2007 to 2015. From 2012 to 2015, she was Head of Cabinet at the Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, competent to develop policy formulation, implementation and monitoring on a wide range of energy and environmental projects.

Currently, she is Advisor to the President of Nea Dimokratia on energy and natural resources.

Alexandra holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Democritus University of Thrace, a Master's Degree LLM in European Commercial Law from the University of Bristol U.K., a M.Sc. in International & Economic studies from the Athens University of Economics and Business and a Diploma from the Executive Program of Leading, Innovating and Negotiation of Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Nikolaos Sofianos, Mphil

Independent Energy Expert

Nikolaos Sofianos, 41, holds an Mphil in Economic Development from the



University of Glasgow in Scotland (2005). Currently, he is an independent energy expert. He worked for the Institute of Energy for SE Europe (IENE) from 2007 to 2017. Mr. Sofianos, through his IENE engagement, has published several studies and specialized papers on energy, economy and policy issues

and contributed articles on energy, geopolitics and related subjects. He has authored, co-authored and edited several Studies and Research Papers. Through his research, he succeeded high level of expertise in collecting and analyzing energy and macroeconomic indicators and other statistical data. Now he serves as Energy Consultant and Development Economist expert, providing advisory services to large institutional clients and companies in the energy policy, oil, gas, electricity and RES sectors, while he participates in several working groups with the main goal to promote climate change policies, decarbonization processes and clean coal technologies. As an energy expert, he specializes in relations between governments and companies with a focus on energy, environmental, and public sensitive issues. Mr. Sofianos co-operates with various public and private institutions and organizations in the whole SE European region and acts as a bridge between companies and governments in order to facilitate interaction between them and market openness. He is a member of IENE's Board of Directors (BoD) and member of IENE's Geopolitics Committee. Since January 2019 is Chairman of Institute's RES Committee

Mr. Costis Stambolis

Executive Director of IENE, Greece

Costis Stambolis who is the Executive Director of IENE, has a background in Physics and Architecture having studied at the University of London, the North East London Polytechnic (NELP) and the Architectural Association in London from where he holds a Graduate Diploma in Architecture and Energy Studies (AA Dip. Grad). He also holds a professional practice license from the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE), and a Masters Degree from the Said Business School, University of Oxford, where he studied "Strategy and Innovation".



Costis has carried out numerous studies and projects on Renewable Energy Sources in developing countries. He has consulted widely on solar building applications for both private and institutional clients in various European countries. He has worked as a consultant and strategy advisor on natural gas, oil markets and energy security issues for large multinational companies and international organizations.

Costis has lectured widely on energy issues and has organised several national, regional and international conferences, seminars and workshops. He has pursued a parallel career as a specialized technical writer as for many years he was Athens correspondent for the Financial Times Newsletters and the Athens Daily "Kathimerini". He coordinated the introduction of the highly successful joint FTSE/ASE-20 index in the Athens Stock Exchange (1997/1998). He has edited

several books, conference proceedings and has published many research papers and studies on energy policy, solar energy, RES and energy markets. "The Greek Energy Directory" (1984, 2016), "The Greek Energy Market" (2001) and the "S.E. Europe Energy Outlook 2011" and "SEE Energy Outlook 206/17", all edited by Costis, are considered basic references on energy policy in Greece and SE Europe.

Since 2001 he supervises and edits daily Greece's foremost energy site www.energia.gr. He is a founding member of the Institute of Energy for South East Europe (IENE), where he was elected twice as its Chairman (2003, 2005). He is a member of the Energy Institute (UK), the International Passive House Association (IPHA), The Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE) and the Chartered Institute of Journalists (UK).

Mr. George Stathakis

Minister of Environment and Energy

He studied Economics at the University of Athens and received a Masters degree in the University of Newcastle. Since 1988, he is a Professor of Political Economy in the University of Crete. In the past, he has collaborated with the Center for European Studies, Harvard University and with the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, Queens College, City University of New York. He is a member of the Hellenic Parliament with SYRIZA and Vice – Rector of the University of Crete.



Mr. Anastasios Tosios

Commercial Director of Attiki Natural Gas Distribution Company S.A. (EDA Attikis)

Anastasios Tosios is the Commercial Director of Attiki Natural Gas Distribution Company S.A. (EDA Attikis).



In the period 5/2002-2/2018 he held successively the positions of Key Account Manager, being responsible for the Olympic Games and I&C customers, B2B Sales Manager, Customer Technical Service Director and Technical Director at Attiki Gas Supply Company S.A. (EPA Attikis) and, finally, Distribution Operating Director at EDA Attikis. His prior professional experience was focused on business consulting, sales and electromechanical constructions in Thessaloniki and Athens, Greece.

He holds a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, a M.Sc. in Technical Change and Industrial Strategy from the Manchester Business School, UK, a postgraduate diploma in Business

Administration from ALBA Graduate Business School, Greece, and a PLDA from Harvard Business School, USA.

He is the Vice-Chairman of the Hellenic Association for the Cogeneration of Heat and Power (HACHP), as well as Partner and Member of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Energy for South East Europe (IENE).

Mr. Gokhan Yardim

Partner and General Director of ADG Natural Gas Trade Consultancy Ltd., Ankara, TURKEY

Yardim, born in 1955, has graduated from Middle East Technical University, Ankara in 1979 as a Chemical Engineer with M.Sc degree. He started his business life in Ankara Electricity Gas and Omnibus Authority (EGO) to work as a production engineer in the town gas production plant.



Mr. Yardim joined Botas (Petroleum Pipeline Corporation) in 1983, as an Engineer then became Chief Engineer, Manager, Head of the Natural Gas Department and appointed as CEO in 1999. He took part in the Gas Purchase and Sale Agreement negotiations and Gas Import Projects with Gazexport (Russia), Sonatrach (Algeria), NIGC (Iran), Socar (Azerbaijan), EMG (Egypt), NLNG (Nigeria) and spot LNG Cargos with Australia and Qatar.

He carried the gas sale agreement agreements to Power Plants based on BOT (built operate and transfer) and BO (built operate) financing models. He organised and managed the first operation of the natural gas pipeline system of Turkey. He was CEO of Botas when Baku Tbilisi Ceyhan Crude Oil Pipeline Agreement was signed and natural gas distribution projects to 55 cities were prepared and Turkey's first Underground Gas Storage Project was prepared.

He was the Chairman of the Natural Gas Distribution and Usage Experts Group in UN European Economic Commission Geneva in 1993-1994 and he was the Chairman of the organising committee of the UN Symposium on Gas Markets in EEC Region on 2000-2010 in Istanbul.

After retirement he joined ADG Anadolu Natural Gas Consultancy Trade Limited and he is a partner and manager now. He worked as a General Director of Angoragaz between 2011-2018 September, private wholesale company in Turkish Market and made daily trade and gas exchange operation in EPIAS. Mr Yardim made several presentations in Turkey and abroad about Natural Gas situation of Turkey and Caucasian gas and oil projects.