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## Moderator and Speaker Biographies

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**Ms. Boyana Achovksi**

**Secretary General, Gas Infrastructure Europe, Brussels**



Since September 2016, Boyana Achovski serves as Secretary General of Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE), the European association of gas transmission, gas storage and LNG regasification terminal operators. Prior to her current function, Ms. Achovski held the position of GIE Vice Executive Secretary for a period of 4 years. Before joining GIE, Boyana Achovski worked for Bulgartransgaz, the Bulgarian transmission and storage operator, where she led the Analysis and International Operations Division, managing the company's undertakings relating to the European regulatory framework and European energy policy. Ms. Achovski graduated in International Economic Affairs, specialized in International Finance and holds a Master's degree in Finance. Boyana Achovski was a Chair of GasNaturally Steering Committee from June 2017 to January 2018 and from July to December 2019.

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**Mr. George Alexopoulos**

**General Manager Group Strategic Planning & New Activities, Executive Member of the BOD, Hellenic Petroleum, Greece**



General Manager Group Strategic Planning and New Activities at Hellenic Petroleum and Executive member of its Board of Directors.

He is responsible for strategic planning, new business development, the Group's gas & power, renewables, upstream and engineering businesses, and the Group's representation in international organizations. He has represented Hellenic Petroleum on the Board of the European Petroleum Refiners Association as a Principal or Alternate Director since 2012. He joined Hellenic Petroleum in 2007.

George Alexopoulos was Director of Business Planning & Development at an international, diversified business group (SETE S.A.), based in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1998 to 2006, while at the same time being responsible for the Group's energy portfolio.

He had previously worked in various technical and business development positions at Stone & Webster, Molten Metal Technology, Merck, Dow Corning, and Dow Chemical in the United States between 1993 and 1997.

He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School (1998) and M. Sc. (1993) and B. Sc. (1992) degrees in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

He is married to Elizabeth Spada and they have 3 children.

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**Mr. Miltos Aslanoglou**

**Energy Regulation Expert, Greece**

Miltos Aslanoglou is currently working as an international energy and regulatory economics consultant, supporting governments, organisations and private companies on regulatory issues, the planning of the energy sector, the development of climate change national strategies and the design of the energy markets.



He is an Alternate Member of the Board of Appeals of ACER (Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulator), and he lectures at postgraduate level on energy regulation.

Miltos Aslanoglou served as the Vice President of the Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE) from 2010 to 2015, and headed the Energy Markets Monitoring and Competition Department at RAE from 2002. During his period at RAE, he was actively involved in the market design, restructuring, competition, unbundling of activities and the restructuring of end-user tariffs and trading activities in electricity and gas markets. He had a leading role in the public debate regarding the re-organization and the structural reforms in all aspects of the Greek electricity market towards the adoption of the European Power Target Model.

Before joining the Greek Energy Regulator, he was working for major electricity and natural gas traders in London. Miltos Aslanoglou is a Mechanical Engineer and holds an M.Sc. in Applied Economics & Finance from Athens University for Business and Economics (AUEB) and an M.Sc. in Environmental Technology, from Imperial College London, UK.

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**Dr. Vesna Borozan**

**Professor, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies, University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Northern Macedonia**



**Prof. Vesna Borozan** received her PhD in 1996 from University of Belgrade. She was a Postdoctoral Fellow at North Carolina State University in 1997, Visiting Professor at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile in 1999 and Honorary Professor at Vienna University of Technology in 2010 - 2012. Prof. Borozan was MP during the mandate period 2002 - 2006 and Amabassador to Austria from 2006 to 2010.

Presently she is a Professor in Power Systems at the University "Sts. Cyril and Methodius", Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies, Skopje.

Beside her scientific achievements and publications, Prof. Borozan has been involved in many projects related primarily to electricity markets and regulation in SEE. She was an important contributor to the initial restructuring of the energy sector in her home country. Recently, continuing her contribution to the Regional Electricity Market issues, she was a member of the ad-hoc Energy Community HLRG and MC/PX WG.

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**Mr. Robert Bosnjak**

**Development and Investment Division, Plinacro, Croatia**

Over twenty years, Robert Bosnjak (born 1972.) has been actively involved in gas market development projects in South East Europe dealing with energy consumption analyzes and consumption forecasting, gas network development planning as well as gas systems pre-feasibility and feasibility studies.



Soon after gaining the master's degree in petroleum engineering at the Faculty of Mining, Petroleum and Geology, University of Zagreb (1997), he was employed in Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar as junior expert where he worked for more than twenty years. He left Institute from the Deputy Head of Energy Systems Planning Department in Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar position. Currently, Mr Bosnjak holds position as Head of Strategic Development Department in Plinacro, Croatian TSO. He participated in more than 100 technical studies, more than 20 scientific or technical papers, and was co-author in 5 books. During his professional carrier he participated on several advanced trainings of which the FOIP – business and company development – Preparation and evaluation of investment projects, RUHRGAS Gas Distribution System Planning Software and Market Research, Information and Optimisation System training, IAEA expert MAED – Model for Analysis of Energy demand training and ENERDATA s.a. France – Training Seminar on Energy Demand Forecasting and Energy Efficiency Evaluation are most important. Beside different office software tools he is educated and competent user of different CAD and GIS software tools. He is specialised in energy consumption and gas and heat system development aspects: Energy consumption analyses, Energy consumption forecasting, Gas and heat network development projects planning, Pre-feasibility and feasibility studies development.

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**Mr. Julian Bowden**

**Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, UK**



Julian Bowden is currently a senior research fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES). For OIES he has published reports on gas in SE Europe and on energy implications of the Azeri-Armenia conflict. Before OIES he worked for BP on downstream oil and gas, mainly in planning and strategy roles. On gas, he was heavily involved in marketing and transportation aspects of the southern gas corridor project.

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**Mr. Shkelqim Bozgo**

**Managing Partner, SEA Consulting, Albania**



**Education**

- Petroleum Engineer graduated from l'Institute Algerien du Petrole and Master in Bussines Administration graduated from the University of Tirana and Lincoln, Nebraska

**Experience**

- Senior Executive with long experience managing large and medium size commercial, public and non for profit projects and organizations. Country Manager for Albania of the mega project Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) 2013-2017.
- Co-author of the Final Joint Opinion, the joint project of the Greek, Italian and Albanian energy regulators for awarding the third party access exemption to TAP.
- Author of several regulatory acts for the Albanian natural gas sector and familiarity with the energy and natural gas sector in the Energy Community. President of the Energy Community Regulatory Board (March 2012 – November 2013).
- Rich experience in the area of stakeholder management, sustainable development, poverty reduction, renewable and energy efficiency projects. Shkelqim lead CAFOD Albania (9years) and the Albania EU Energy Efficiency Centre (2 years).

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### **Prof. Pantelis Capros**

**Professor of Energy Economics, National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Scientific Coordinator, E3Modelling and Chairman of IENE's Scientific Council Greece**



Pantelis Capros heads the E3MLab, a research laboratory operating, since 1988, within the Institute of Communication and Computer Systems of the National Technical University of Athens. He is full-tenured Professor of Energy Economics and Operation Research at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens.

He holds an engineering degree from NTUA, three Master Degrees in Economics, Informatics and Operations Research from ENSAE, the University of Dauphine and a Doctorat d'Etat (PhD) in Mathematical Economics from the University Pierre & Marie Curie.

He has been the first Chairman of the Regulatory Authority for Energy in Greece (2000-2005), a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Power Corporation (1995-2000), a visiting Professor at University of Paris Sorbonne for five years and a researcher at CEA in France (1979-1984). He is a founding member of the European Energy Institute.

He has more than 30 years of experience in research, consultancy and studies, in particular for the European Commission, several governments and major companies in Europe. He specialises in the field of energy systems analysis and economics, environmental and climate policies, macroeconomics and industrial economics. He performs empirical research in these fields using and developing large-scale mathematical models. He has widely published (more than 100 publications) in the areas of Energy Modelling, Climate Economics, Empirical Macroeconomics, Operations Research and Mathematical Programming.

The E3MLab, led by Prof. Capros, develops, since 1990, large-scale energy-economy modelling for many countries, scenario building and impact assessment studies that support the European Commission in impact assessments of legislation initiatives. Indicative studies are the Reference energy-transport projections (published every two years), and a series of policy reforms, such as the 20-20-20 package, the Winter package (in 2016), the Energy and Climate Roadmaps, the recent mid-century strategy, electricity and gas market directives, the ETS and others. The support relies on complex models, such as PRIMES, PRIMES-TREMOVE and GEM-E3, which have been exclusively developed by the E3MLab and are widely used for energy, transport, climate policies and economic assessments of the EU policy, also in national energy planning studies, roadmaps by Eurelectric and Eurogas and in

studies for large private corporations. The E3MLab, using the models, is leading several consultancy projects on energy policy, electricity markets and economic development for most of the European governments, major energy companies, the World Bank and several other institutions outside Europe. E3MLab is a provider of studies and services to the IPCC.

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#### **Dr. Gina Cohen**

**Lecturer & Consultant on Natural Gas, Israel**



Gina Cohen has been working as a gas analyst and consultant in the Eastern Mediterranean for over 20 years, with a focus on Israel, Jordan, Cyprus, Turkey, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority.

During this time, she has been involved in projects spanning the full natural gas chain: from exploration & development; to involvement in legislation by the Knesset of the Gas Law-2002 and to the Petroleum Profit Taxation Law-2011; to conducting Gas Sales and Purchase negotiations on behalf of both gas producers as well as major buyers; to assisting the Ministry of Energy in its regulatory and permitting work; to projects relating to the establishment of natural gas generated power stations, or FLNG facilities.

Gina represents and consults many large international oil and gas corporations that have operations in the region, as well as governmental entities, such as the Ministry of Finance, Israel Electric Corporation and others.

In addition, Gina lectures at the Haifa Technion University's M.Sc. Graduate program for Petroleum Engineers where she lectures on gas laws, regulations, contracts, pricing and international relations, etc.

She is the author of the energy lexicon ([www.hebrewenergy.com](http://www.hebrewenergy.com)) published both on the internet and in book form and of the book published by IENE (Institute of Energy for South-East Europe) entitled "Long Term Gas Contracting - Terms definitions, pricing, theory and practice".

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#### **Dr. John Desypris**

**Special Advisor to EVP, Regulatory Affairs, Mytilineos SA & IENE Partner and Past Chairman, Greece**



Born 1952, a Chemical Engineer (London South Bank, UK), PhD in Fuels and Energy (Leeds, UK), Chartered Engineer in Greece (Member TEE), Chartered Engineer in UK, Member American Energy Society, Member of Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers in UK (MIGEM), Member of the BoD of Institute of Energy of SE Europe, served as BOD Member to various professional organizations.

An energy business analyst and expert over the years widely known in the country, the last 20 years with Mytilineos, has served as Director for Institutional and Regulatory Affairs of Mytilineos S.A., Member of BOD of Endesa Hellas, Member of the BoD of Protergia S.A. and M&M S.A. and Energy Advisor to the Chairman and CEO of Mytilineos Holdings. Member of the BoD of various other companies. Before 2000



Managing Director of Asprofos Engineering S.A., BOD of DEPA S.A., and Advisor Energy & Environment at PMs Office for Economic Affairs.

Long professional experience in managing and introduction of new methods and applications with verified results. Member of various Boards of Directors and committees, project management in various countries of SE Europe, and co-organizer of Greek and European Conferences.

Widely published and speaker in a wide range of conferences and seminars in Greece and abroad.

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#### **Mr. Christodoulos (Christos) Dimas**

**Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of IENE's Geopolitics Committee, IENE, Greece**



- Topographer (1972) & Civil Engineer (1974), National Technical University of Athens
- He has 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.)
- Christos Dimas represented the Greek Ministry of Development for international energy issues and 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  
Among others he has held the Following positions:
  - 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 \(IENE\)](#)



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**Dr. Charles Ellinas**

**Senior Fellow – Global Energy Center - Atlantic Council, Senior Research Associate – Institute of Energy for South-East Europe (IENE), UK**



Over 35 years experience in the oil & gas sector in senior management positions. Currently CEO of e-CNHC (E-C Cyprus Natural Hydrocarbons Company Ltd), providing management and advisory services in the oil & gas and energy sectors in Cyprus and the region. A lot needs to be done and the aim of the company is to contribute to the successful development of these sectors for the future of Cyprus.

Prior to this, as CEO of KRETYK I was responsible for implementing Cyprus government's strategy for the development of its hydrocarbons sector.

Until 2012 I was a Director of Mott MacDonald for 25 years and the Managing Director of Mott MacDonald's Oil, Gas & Petrochemicals business world-wide.

Charles Ellinas is also Features Editor, Natural Gas World, and Senior Associate, Atlantic Council.

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**Dr. George Filis**

**Assistant Professor of International Relations and Strategy in the Ledra College, Nicosia, Cyprus**

Dr. Georgios K. Filis is Assistant Professor of International Relations and Strategy in the Ledra College, Nicosia where he teaches interdisciplinary courses in the fields of European Political



& Economic affairs, International Relations and International Political Economy, he is also a Professor in the International Baccalaureate Diploma of the Hellenic American Educational Foundation (Athens-Psychico College). Dr. Filis is a visiting Professor of geostrategic issues and energy security in the Hellenic National Defence College and of geostrategic issues in the postgraduate program of the Faculty of Turkish Studies & Modern

Asian Studies of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. Dr. Filis acts also as a scientific & policy advisor of relevant issues & government planning on top political-executive level.

Dr. Filis is a member of the Athens-based Academy for Strategic Analyses and Institute for Security & Defence Analysis, he acts as a contributing expert (European Affairs and Energy Security desk) at the international consultancy organization Wikistrat, and he is the director of AEGIS Publishing which operates the news portal "www.defence-point.gr". His research interests and publications focus on matters of geopolitical theory & analysis, geoeconomics & energy security, and the developments on the Black Sea-Straits-Aegean-Eastern Mediterranean maritime axis and its broader space.

Dr. Filis holds a Ph.D. (2010) in International Relations focusing in the systemic geopolitical analysis of the quadrangle Greece-Turkey-Russia-West from Durham University (UK), while

he holds a Masters Degree (2003) in International Studies from the same University and a Bachelors Degree (2002) in Economics from Deree-The American College of Greece. He graduated from Athens College in 1994.

He is married to Ms. Krystallia Apostolou M.Sc. Psychologist-Child Psychologist and they have a son (8 years old)

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**Ms. Tereza Fokianou**

**President & CEO, Flow Energy ans Environmental Operations SA, Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of IENE’s Upstream Committee, IENE, Greece**



Mrs Fokianou is a graduate from the University of Athens with a degree in Geology and postgraduate studies at Imperial College. She has an academic experience and more than 25 years of executive management experience both in the Public and the Private Energy sector. She is co-founder and a member of the Board of the Institute of Energy of South East Europe (IENE).

Mrs Fokianou served as the Managing Director of the Public Petroleum Corporation – E&P for H/C (DEP-EKY) in Greece, and was responsible for the 1st International Licensing Round in Greece in 1996, which was completed successfully in 1997. Among others, Mrs Fokianou is an active member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), the Energy Institute of London and the Geological Society of Greece.

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**Ms. Liana Gouta**

**Group Director Energy Policy & International Affairs, Hellenic Petroleum, Greece**



Liana is the Group Director of Energy Policy & International Affairs at HELLENIC PETROLEUM Group of Companies, and alternate Board member of the European Petroleum Refiners Association, with many years of ample experience in several Managerial positions in the petrochemical industry, such as Energy Policy, Change Management, Operations & Process Design, Product Development, Industrial Safety, Health and Environment and Quality Management. Board member of HELPE Kyparissiakos Gulf SA.

Chairwoman of Downstream Committee at IENE, Institute of Energy for South - East Europe.

Parliamentary Advisor in European Parliament, on Industry, Energy, Environment & Regional Development (2005-2007).

President of Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy-Northern Greece Branch (2009-2011).

Invited by the US State Department to represent Greece in the “International Visitor Leadership Programme” (IVLP), in a group of 10 Environmental Policy makers in the EU on “Development of Green Technologies and Policies in the post-Carbon Age”, 2009.

Vice-President and Secretary-General of the Hellenic Association of Chemical Engineers (2005-2007).

President of Women's Organization of Managers & Entrepreneurs, Hellenic Management Association-Macedonia Branch (2011-2017).

Honored to be selected as one of the nine Greek women presented in the "Women Changing Greece" mini-documentary series of the US Embassy Athens and Huffington Post on the occasion of International Women's Day 2017, under the US State Department's global campaign #BeBoldForChange.

Awarded by the Google Developers Group and the Women Techmakers Greece (global Google's initiative) for her support and contribution to have more Women in Technology, 2018.

Speaker in numerous conferences with more, than 300 articles and interviews on Energy, Environment, Growth & Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship, Women Empowerment.

She holds a Chemical Engineering Degree, MSc, with Honors (valedictorian), while she had many academic distinctions during her studies.

Married, mother of two children.

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#### **Dr. George Ioannou**

##### **Chief Executive Officer, EnEx Group, Greece**



Dr. George Ioannou is the Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Energy Exchange S.A. and the EnEx Clearing House S.A. He is the Leader of the implementation of the target model, through which all energy participants can be part of the new Energy Markets. He is also Professor of Operations Management at the Department of Management Science and Technology of the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), and Director of the Management Science Laboratory of AUEB.

He holds a diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, a M.Sc./DIC in Robotics and Automation from Imperial College, UK and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park, USA. He served as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering of Virginia Tech, directing the Manufacturing Systems Integration Lab, as well as a GRA at the Institute for Systems Research (University of Maryland, USA) and was the Recipient of the Microsoft Excellence in Education Award. He has also been honored with many Teaching Excellence Awards for his MBA courses and innovative developments practicing his duties as Director of the MBA International Program of AUEB and Academic Coordinator of the Energy Club of AUEB's MBA International.

Dr. George Ioannou was an Executive member of the Board of Directors of Hellenic Railroads SA as well as of the Innovation Council at the Ministry of Development, of AUEB's Senate and of AmCham's Innovation Committee. He has served as Head of the Evaluation Committee of ΣΥΖΕΥΣΙΣ II (Information Society SA) and received several sponsorships by research organizations and private companies from the US and Europe.

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**Mr. Fotios Kalantzis**

**Senior Economist, European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg**

**Fotios Kalantzis** is a senior Energy Economist at the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank (EIB), since September 2017. Prior to the EIB, he worked for the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN), the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy, the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research, the Center of Financial Studies of University of Athens and as a business consultant in KPMG. He holds a PhD and MSc. degree in energy economics from the National and Kapodestrian University of Athens, Department of Economics, in which, since 2017 delivers a course in energy economics. During his career, he has conducted extensive scientific research and published various papers and reports on energy and climate topics. His special fields of interest include energy and climate economics and modelling, regulatory matters and econometrics. During his studies, he received scholarships from the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) and the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Foundation (Sylff), for academic excellence.




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**Dr. John Kambouris**

**Chairman & CEO, Southeast Electricity Network Coordination Center, Greece**



Yannis Kabouris was born in Athens on 1962. He received the Diploma of Electrical Engineering in 1985 and the Doctor of Engineering degree in 1992, both from National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). From 1991 until 2001 he was working in the Public Power Corporation (PPC) - System Studies Department. On 2001 he joined the Hellenic Transmission System Operator (HTSO) where he served as Director of System Planning Department. On February 2012 he joined the Independent Power Transmission Operator S.A. (IPTO S.A.); until May 2015 he was Director at the CEO office of the Independent Power Transmission System (IPTO S.A.). From May 2015 until February 2017 he served as Director of the Transmission System Planning Dprtm. From February 2017 to June 2017 he was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IPTO S.A. From June 2017 until today he is member of the Board of Directors of IPTO S.A. and the Chief Officer for Operation, Infrastructures and Development.

From 1988 to 1996 he was Research and Teaching assistant at the NTUA, School of Electrical, Electronic & Computer Engineers. From 2002 to 2011 he was associate Professor at the Technological University of Piraeus.

His main activities include system studies, transmission planning, generation simulation, generation adequacy, market design, interconnections and integration of renewables into EPS.

Yannis Kampouris is a member of the Technical Chamber of Greece, IEEE, CIGRE, and CIGRE Hellenic Committee since 1992; since 2008 he is member of the BoD. He is also Senior Member of IEEE. He has served Entso-e from various positions (member of the System Development Committee and member of the Research and Development Committee, member of the Ten Year Network Development Planning Group, e-Highways Group and Convener of the South East European Continental Regional Group from 2009 up to 2016).

He is Author or co-author of more than 150 publications in international journals, national and international conferences.

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### **Dr. Sotiris Kapellos**

**Operation & Development Manager, BoD Member, ELPE Renewables, Hellenic Petroleum, Greece**



Dr S.Kapellos is a graduate of the Chemical Department of the University of Athens. He received a PhD on the field of Physical Chemistry from the same Institution. Between 1993 and 2007, he had the opportunity to fill various managerial posts within the BP Hellas Organization: Quality, Health, Safety and Environment, Human Resources, Customer Services, Pricing and Credit, Retail Fuels District Manager Northern Greece.

In 2007, he is appointed as the CEO of BP Solar Hellas, to setup the new business.

Since 2010, he works for ELPE Renewables (100% owned by HELPE Group). He currently holds the position of the Operation and Development Director of the company, being a BoD member of the company. The current RES portfolio of ELPE Renewables is comprised of 796 MW of PV, 77 MW Wind and 10 MW Biomass, of which 19 MW PV and 7 MW wind in operation. In February 2020, the acquisition of a 204 MW PV project in Kozani is signed to be constructed and connected to the Grid in 2021. This is the largest RES in Greece and one of the largest PV projects in Europe. Dr.S.Kapellos has been, on behalf of HELPE, the Lead Negotiator and the Project Manager of the currently under construction Kozani Project.

Dr.S.Kapellos has published several scientific articles in international magazines during his academic career and several articles on subjects related to RES, Solar Technology and Energy Policy for newspapers, relevant magazines and e-media.

Since 2008, he is being an elected member of the board of the Hellenic Association of PV companies (HELAPCO) and since April 2013 Chairman of the board of the Association.

Linkedin Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sotkap/>

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**Dr. Marika Karagianni**
**Energy expert, PEDIS, Univ.of Peloponnese, Greece**


Dr. Marika Karagianni is a legal and international relations expert, specialized on energy.

She holds a PhD on “The institutional aspects of off-shore hydrocarbons development in the Caspian Sea” from the Democritus University of Thrace and a Post- Doc on “The EU Southern Gas Corridor as an alternative to Russian gas supplies for Europe” from the University of Peloponnese. She has been trained on energy security at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government- Energy Program, NATO SCHOOL OBERAMMERGAU, at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation with full scholarship and at the Baku Summer Energy School of Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy.

She has served as special advisor on energy diplomacy and bilateral relations with Russia/ CIS to Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic (2000-2006) and is currently a permanent expert at the Hellenic Government Administration. She is a visiting lecturer and an external research fellow at the University of Thessaly-Department of Economic Studies and at the University of Peloponnese- Department of Political Science and International Relations. Also, a research associate at IENE (Institute of Energy of South Eastern Europe) and a member of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations.

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**Mr. Konstantin Konstantinov**
**CEO, IBEX, Bulgaria**


Konstantin Konstantinov, CEO of Independent Bulgarian Energy Exchange EAD (IBEX) since its establishment in 2014, has a Master’s degree in “Electrical engineering” from the Technical University of Sofia. He also holds a Master’s degree in “International Business Relations” from the same university. Konstantinov has got a solid experience in energy sector. Prior to this role, he was an Electricity trade director at the Bulgarian electricity public provider - National electricity company EAD (NEK) and a member of the board of directors of NECO S.A. From 2005 to 2013 Konstantinov was a member of the Management board and a Deputy executive director of Enemona Utilities EAD. Prior to joining Enemona Utilities he was a senior specialist Geographic Information Systems at Electricity Distribution Sofia EAD.

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**Mr. Kieran McNamara**

**Senior Analyst, IEA, Paris**

Kieran McNamara is a senior energy analyst in the IEA’s Directorate of Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks. As part of the World Energy



Outlook team, he contributes the development of the energy efficiency, renewables and electricity outlooks. Previously, Kieran was a senior analyst in the Directorate for Energy Markets and Security with responsibility for energy policy reviews of IEA member countries. Prior to joining the IEA, he worked with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in Ireland.



**Mr. Aleksandar Mijuskovic**

**Advisor to the Executive Director, Coordinated Auction Office in South East Europe, SEECAO, Montenegro**

Mr. Aleksandar Mijuskovic, electrical engineer, is Advisor to Executive Director of a Coordinated Auction Office in South East Europe (SEE CAO) since May 2019.

He was Executive Director of SEE CAO (2014 – 2019) as a logical sequel of his important role on various positions from Chairman of SEE CAO Project Team Steering Committee to Executive Director (2012 - 2014) of the Project Team Company in Charge of Establishing a Coordinated Auction Office in SEE.

Prior to SEE CAO, he was working for Montenegrin TSO (CGES) since 1995, and last position he was covering was the Director of Department for Regulatory, Legal, Personnel and International Affairs. While working in National Dispatcher Centre for many years, he gained valuable experience in running the system in difficult condition of poor connectivity with the neighbouring transmission systems.

He was a member of SEETSO TF (SEE Transmission System Operator Task Force) which was in charge of developing methodologies for transits, congestions and establishing balancing market since 2003 until SEETSO TF transforming in ENTSO-E. He was a member of ENTSO-E Market Committee and ENTSO-E Regional Group South East Europe.

He was one of initiators of project for undersea cable interconnection between Montenegro and Italy, and member of Montenegrin team for negotiations with TERN (Italian TSO).

As a member of Montenegrin Delegation he took part in three meetings of the plenary subcommittee and sector meeting of the enhanced permanent dialogue between European Commission and Montenegro on transport, energy, environmental and regional policy.

He participated in all Athens Forums since 2003. As an associate member of Institute of Energy for South East Europe (IENE) he speaks in SEE Energy Dialogues since 2007. He has very good cooperation with power systems organizations and companies from the region, as well as with the international financial institutions. He participated as a speaker in numerous workshops, seminars and conferences all around Europe.

**Mr. Slavtcho Neykov**

**Chairman of the Board of Managers Energy Management 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.

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.

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### **Mr. Spyros Paleoyiannis**

**Managing Partner, Medgas & More Services Ltd & IENE Partner, Greece**



Spyros Paleoyannis was born in Greece in 1953.

He is married and has two children.

He holds a Degree in Chemistry and Master of Business Administration with a specialization in strategic and energy management.

Today, he serves as Managing Partner at MEDGAS & MORE SERVICES LTD, a consultancy firm based in Cyprus.

Previously, he had worked for years at Public Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA) S.A, where he possessed various high-level managerial positions including the ones of Vice Chairman and Deputy CEO (2009-2014) and CEO (2014-2015).

Mr. Paleoyannis has been a member of the Executive Management Committee of the International Group of Liquefied Natural Gas Importers (GIIGNL) in the period 2014-2015 and he has served as Deputy Chairman at the Institute of Energy for South East Europe (IENE) in the period 2013-2019.

In the past, he has also been a non-executive member of the Board of Directors in DEPA's subsidiaries IGI Poseidon and ICGB EAD as well as a senior executive in other enterprises of Greece's private and public sector.

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### **Mr Binu Parthan**

**Head of Regions Unit, IRENA, Abu Dhabi**



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Since February 2010 he works at ELPEDISON S.A. (*Joint Venture of EDISON SpA & HELLENIC PETROLEUM S.A.*) as its *Energy Management Director*. In this context he is in charge of the management of the commercial operation & economic optimisation of the current asset infrastructure (Two Power Plants of 830MW installed capacity), the management of the Dispatching Team/Strategy, together with the management of Natural Gas wholesale activity as well as the Cross Border Activity (IT, South East Europe) & CFDs.

From June 2005 to January 2010 he was Commercial Manager of ELPEDISON Power S.A. (Former: Thessaloniki Power S.A). He was responsible for the commercial organization and business development of the first IPP, 400MW CCGT, in Greece.

From January 2003 until June 2005 he worked in the Hellenic Transmission System Operator (HTSO) as a *Senior Energy Analyst* in the Power Exchange Department responsible for wholesale and retail market measurements.

*From June 2001 until January 2003* he was Project Engineer of TITAN Cement S.A. with responsibilities involving system studies, design and project management of new projects of the TITAN Cement factories in Greece and abroad.

*From November 1999 until June 2001* he worked in ALSTOM (Greek Branch) as a Sales Engineer. His responsibilities involved promotion of Power Generation and T&D products like: Medium voltage Indoor and outdoor Switchgear for primary and secondary distribution, Distribution and Power transformers, M.V & H.V Substations. Furthermore, was responsible for the after sales service and customer care of MV & HV transformers.

He served as Member of the Transmission and Distribution Networks committee of National Technical Chamber (TEE) of Greece (2005 -2008)

He contributed in the Master Plan research into the International airports of Corfu in cooperation with the Spiekermann GMBH (consulting engineers). (1999)

He worked for the Business Plan of the Ithaca Airport in cooperation with the Spiekermann GMBH (consulting engineers). (2001)

He worked at M.A.K as Energy Systems Engineer participated in electrical-mechanical studies with a total budget of 1.000.000 Euro. (1998-1999)

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### **Prof. Ionut Purica**

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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 President (state secretary) of the Romanian Agency for Nuclear Energy and Radioactive Waste, and a counselor of the Minister of Research and previously the Minister of Economy and 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 also a Professor teaching a course in Risk management to masters of science in the Polytechnic University of Bucharest and Hyperion University. He was 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 is also President of the Romanian Association for Energy and Economy.

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**Mr. John Roberts**

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**Energy Security Specialist, Scotland, UK, Senior Research Associate, IENE, 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).

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**Mr. George Polychroniou**

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**Executive Director, Strategy, Business Development, Administration & IT, & Corporate Secretary, Public Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA) S.A., Greece**



Born in 1963 in Athens, George Polychroniou graduated from "Lycee Leonin" Franco-Hellenic high school, Nea Smyrni in 1981 and then earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) in 1986. He completed his studies at the Federal Polytechnic School of Lausanne (EPFL) and obtained his Master's of Science degree in Energy Systems with a specialisation in Economics in 1994.

After beginning his professional career in the private sector, he joined the then newly established DEPA in the beginning of 1989. After having successfully served in various capacities and roles within the commercial arm of DEPA, he was appointed General Manager of the Commercial Branch in 2004, General Manager of Commercial, Financial and Administration in 2005, Chief Operating Officer in 2007 and Head of Strategy and Corporate Development in 2010. Since April 2016 he has been Executive Director of Strategy, Business Development, Administration and IT.

Since December 2014 he has been Corporate Secretary of DEPA. Mr. Polychroniou has considerable hands on experience with energy planning, commercial framework and pricing of energy resources and issues relating to the new legal and regulatory framework for the liberalisation of energy markets.

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#### **Mr. Nikos Satras**

**Head of Natural Gas Business Unit, MotorOil, Greece**



Nikos Satras, Msc Chemical Engineer (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), MBA Lancaster University, UK.

He leads the natural gas business unit of Motor Oil Hellas. He has over 27 years of extensive experience including oil refining, field operations, Project Development in USA and Italy with Chevron and Foster Wheeler respectively, strategic planning and new business development.

In the natural gas field he has been involved since 2004 from the initial connection agreement of Motor Oil Hellas Refinery with the natural gas grid and followed all the steps of the liberalization of the market since the emblematic import of the 1<sup>st</sup> private LNG cargo in 2010. Currently, he is developing a strategic project for the security of supply and the competitiveness of the natural gas market in Greece and South East Europe, namely "DIORYGA GAS" a Floating Storage & Regasification Unit.

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#### **Mr. Costis Stambolis**

**Chairman and Executive Director, 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](http://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).

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### **Mr. Nenad Stefanovic**

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Nenad Stefanović was born in Belgrade, Serbia. He graduated from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade in 1990. From 1990-93 he was employed in the Electric Power Industry of Yugoslavia (JUGEL), and from 1993-2005 in the Electric Power Industry of Serbia (EPS) within the Power System Control Department as the Chief Engineer for Power System Planning and Assistant for power system technological issues, and in Trading Department as the Chief of Contracting and Accounting Division. He was the Secretary of the South-East Europe regional TSOs organization SUDEL from 2003-05. After holding the position of the Secretary of the Study Committee „Electricity Markets and Regulation“ within the Serbian Committee of the International Council on Large Electric Systems (CIGRÉ) he was elected the President of this Study Committee in 2016. Since 2006, he has worked for the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia as Senior Expert for Electricity. He was the Chairman of the Internal Market Working Group within SEEER-CEER in 2006, and he was the Chairman of the Energy Community Regulatory Board Electricity Working Group (ECRB EWG) from 2007, after the ECRB was established, till 2018. He has been the member of the local Organizational Committee and of the International Honorary Committee of the South-East Energy Dialogue in the organization of the Greek Institute of Energy for South-East Europe (IENE) since 2008. He has been member of the South Eastern European Region of CIGRÉ (SEERC) Technical Advisory Committee since 2016. He is the author and co-author of numerous papers which were published in Serbian and within international conferences and symposia. He participated in numerous conferences in Serbia and abroad as a speaker, presenter or panelist upon invitation.

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### **Mr. Jeremy Sung**

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Assoc.Prof.Dr.Mustafa TIRIS has received BSc in Petroleum Engineering in 1987 from Istanbul Technical University; MSc. and Ph.D. from Ege University - Solar Energy Institute, in 1990 and 1992. He joined to the University of Leeds, Department of Fuel & Energy during his post-doctoral studies.

He worked for TUBITAK – Marmara Research Center (MRC) as the Director of the Energy Institute (1990-2011). He has moved to the private sector in 2011, he is the shareholder and the General Manager of T Dinamik Energy Investment Company and Tegnatia Solar EPC company.

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**Mr. Ahmet Türkoğlu**

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Ahmet Türkoğlu graduated from the International Relations Department of Boğaziçi University in 1996. In 2010, Türkoğlu was appointed to Turkish Petroleum Distribution Company (TPPD) as Vice General Manager. He worked as a CEO in Öztürk Group including companies like Opet, Regnum Hotels between 2013-2015.

Ahmet Turkoglu worked as a Member of the Board and General Manager of Turkish Energy Company (TEC) in 2016. In February 2017, he was appointed Turkish Petroleum International Company (TPIC) as a General Manager and Chairman of the Board. As by the 20 June 2018, Türkoğlu, appointed to Turkish Energy Exchange (EXIST) as a CEO. Also, he is still one of the Members' of the Board of TEC. Türkoğlu is married with four children.



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Dr Ioannis N. Tzortzis was born in Agios Nikolaos Crete. He is the Legal Counselor of the Steering Committee of the Just Transition Development Plan (JTDP), President of the JTDP Legal Experts Committee, Attorney at Law at the Supreme Court, Regulatory Authority for Energy and Associate Lecturer of the Law School of Democritus University of Thrace, specialized in Energy and Environmental Law, as well as Law of Public Procurement. He has been elected as a lifetime Member of the Board of Directors of the “Lilian Voudouri” Foundation. He is the representative of the “Greek In-house Lawyers Association” to the “European Company Lawyers Association (ECLA)”. He studied Law, Culture Management and Photography in Greece, England and Belgium. He is a Graduate of the Athens Law School. He holds a Phd of the Queen Mary College, University of London, an LLM of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), a DEA of the University of Brussels, an MA of Panteion University, Athens, and a Certificate on Regulation of Energy Utilities of the European University Institute, Florence. For many years, he has served as a General Secretary of “Hellenic Alumni Association of the LSE”. He has published numerous award winning monographs and scientific articles in Greek and in English. He is the President of the Non Profit Organisation “Green Project” for raising environmental conscience via the so called “green photo journeys”, which are being held under the auspices of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO ([www.green-project.org](http://www.green-project.org)). He is a Member of the “Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain”. He has gained international awards for his photographs, which have been exhibited in Greece, England, France, Austria, China, Colombia, Uruguay, Australia, etc.

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**Mr. Gokhan Yardim**

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1. Gokhan YARDIM is a chemical engineer.
2. During his university education, he was awarded with the CENTO scholarship (the Central Treaty Organization, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baghdad\\_Pact](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baghdad_Pact))
3. In 1979, He started working as an operation engineer in the Maltepe Town Gas Factory of the Electricity, Gas and Autobus Authority of Ankara (EGO).
4. He was awarded with the OECD (<http://www.oecd.org/>) grant in 1982 onsite training on natural gas (marketing, sale, distribution, storage and transmission) in the British Gas Corporation in Britain.
5. After his return, he left EGO in 1983 and started working as an engineer in the General Directorate of BOTAS. (<http://www.botas.gov.tr/>)
6. He worked as a chief engineer, director, coordinator, department chief, **GENERAL MANAGER and CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD** in BOTAS from 1983 to 2001.
7. During his employment with BOTAS, he took part in every type of natural gas related projects, starting from the preliminary studies for importing natural gas.
8. In addition to natural gas purchase, He was also involved in the marketing and sale of natural gas.
9. He took part in the drafting and signing of the intergovernmental and main

- contractor agreements regarding the BTC (Baku, Tbilisi, Ceyhan) Crude Oil Pipeline.
10. He retired in 2005, and started providing consultancy services to foreign and local companies through his consultancy firm ADG, Anadolu Natural Gas Trade and Consultancy Ltd. ([www.adgltd.com.tr](http://www.adgltd.com.tr))
  11. In January, 2011, He was appointed as the general manager of Angoragaz Gaz Ticaret Sirketi. Angoragaz is a wholesale company holding a spot LNG import license, and has been operating as a player in the Turkish natural gas market. It purchases natural gas from other wholesale companies and importers and sells it to distribution companies and industrial companies.
  12. He managed on 50.6 MW Wind Energy Project and 26 mW was put into operation in May this year in Turkerler Group.
  13. For the past 3 years, He's been elected as the Board Member of PETFORM (the Petroleum Platform Association)
  14. Since 2008, He's been an honorable member of IENE (the Institute of Energy of South East Europe, [www.iene.gr](http://www.iene.gr)) headquartered in Greece.
  15. He's participated in many conferences and made presentations in Turkey and abroad.

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#### **Dr. Halik Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**

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Since May 2017 Yiğitgüden serves as an international energy consultant based in Turkey.

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From 1995-1997 he held the position of CEO of Fenis Holding in Istanbul. Prior to that, he served as Chairman and Director General of the State Airports and Air Traffic Authority (1992-94), as Deputy Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (1991-92), as Vice-President of the mining, chemicals and banking Group Etibank (1989-91) and as Group Manager for Investment Promotion at the Turkish State Planning Organization (1987-89).

Yiğitgüden is an Eisenhower Fellow and holds a diploma and doctoral degree in engineering from RWTH Aachen University. He has published numerous articles on energy security and energy economics.

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