

SPEAKERS

John Roberts

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



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).

John Chadjivassiliadis

Chairman of IENE



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.

Dimitrios Mavrakis

Director of KEPA



Director of KEPA, coordinator of PROMITHEASnet, the Energy and Climate Change Policy Network, consisted of academic institutes from S.E. Europe, Black Sea and Central Asia, coordinator of the “BSEC – Green Energy Network” focused on RES and Energy Efficiency for scientists, market stakeholders, and policy makers, mainly from the countries of BSEC under the supervision of BSEC – PERMIS. He is the chief editor of the “Energy View of the BSEC countries”, the “Euro-Asian Journal of Sustainable Energy Development Policy”, the worldwide disseminated “PROMITHEAS newsletter” and chairman of the annual international scientific conference on “Energy and Climate Change”. His main studies and activities are related with energy geopolitics, development of regional energy markets, energy interconnections, transcontinental energy corridors, design of climate policy instruments, exploration of interactions between climate policy tools, development and assessment of mitigation/adaptation policy mixtures. He currently promotes regional cooperation on Climate Change Policy issues among academic institutions, governmental authorities and market stakeholders from the countries of EU and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) and is currently organizing the 2nd Green Energy Investments Forum. He was appointed by EC as member of the Advisory Groups on Energy (AGE) of E.C. for FP6 and FP7. Prof. Mavrakis was the Project Coordinator of several FP6 Project PROMITHEAS-2 (6 partners); ii) FP7 Project PROMITHEAS-4 (16 partners, only 4 partners were from EU Member States) and H2020 Project HERON (8 partners, 7 from EU Member States and 1 from candidate EU Member State).

Michalis Verriopoulos

Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Environment and Energy

Michalis Verroioopoulos was born in 1964 in Athens.



He holds a degree in Civil Engineering, University of Patras (1989).

In 2002 he obtained a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Economic University of Athens. In 2000 he acquired a Diploma in "Quality Management System" by the European Organization of Quality (EOQ) and the HMA

Since November 2015 is Secretary General of Energy and Mineral Resources at the Ministry of Environment & Energy of the Hellenic Republic.

From June 2015 to November 2015 was Chief Executive Officer of the company PPC Renewables.

From 2010 to May 2015 he worked at the company Conergy Energy Systems as Project Manager in Greece and the United Kingdom.

From 1999 to 2010 he worked at Athens International Airport SA "Eleftherios Venizelos" where he was Design and Construction Manager.

From 1991 to 1999 he worked as Project Manager in the Design, Construction, Commissioning and Operation on Building and infrastructure projects.

In 2014 he was elected City Councillor in the Municipality of Vrilissia. He is married and has a son and a daughter.

Costis Stambolis

Executive Director of IENE



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).

Dimitrios Mezartasoglou

Head of Reserch, IENE



Dimitrios is currently Head of Research at the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe (IENE), in Athens. He has full exposure across the energy sector specifically for Greece/SE Europe. Whilst at IENE, Dimitrios has been part of a variety of projects, including:

1. **SE Europe Energy Outlook 2016/2017** focusing on the European Union and Greece (the project involved: energy policy, energy security, country energy surveys, legal framework, regional economic issues, sectorial analysis and energy investment outlook).
2. The **Greek Energy Directory 2016** which describes the current state of Greece's energy sector for all the forms of energy separately and also projects an outlook of likely developments in the years ahead.

In parallel, Dimitrios works as an external freelance analyst at BMI Research (A FitchGroup Company), London where he analyses the transport and energy infrastructure sectors, as well as the construction industries of several European countries.

Dimitrios holds two Master's degrees from the University of Strathclyde on Global Energy Management and from the University of Exeter on Money and Banking.

Spyros Paleogiannis

Managing Partner, MEDGAS & MORE SERVICES LTD, ex-CEO DEPA, Greece



Spyros Paleoyannis was born in Greece in 1953. He is married and has two children.

He holds a degree in chemistry and a Master in Business Administration with a specialization in strategic and energy management.

Today he is an Independent Energy Consultant.

In the past he has worked for years at Public Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA) S.A. He joined the company upon its establishment in 1988 and has since held various high level managerial positions namely Head of the Company's Strategic Planning and Development Department (1991-1993), General Manager (1993-1996),

General Director of Trading Division (1997-2004), Senior Advisor to CEO (2005-2009), Vice Chairman and Deputy CEO (2009-2013) and CEO (2014-2015).

He has also been a non-executive member of the Board of Directors in DEPA's subsidiaries IGI Poseidon and ICGE EAD from 2010 till end 2015.

He has also been a member of the Executive Committee of the International Group of Liquefied Natural Gas Importers (GIIGNL).

In the past, he has been member of the Board of Directors of Public Petroleum Corporation of Greece (DEP) SA (today Hellenic Petroleum SA), General Manager in Asprofos Engineering SA, as well as senior executive in other enterprises of Greece's private and public sector. Also, in the period 2003-2009 he served as Deputy Chairman at the Institute of Energy for South East Europe (IENE).

Dimitris Manolis

International Activities / Projects, Head, DEPA S.A.



Mr. Manolis is the Head of the International Activities / Projects of DEPA S.A, the Public Gas Corporation of Greece.

He first joined DEPA in 1998, where he worked in the Finance Division, focusing mainly on the planning and monitoring of the EU funding mechanisms for the co-funding of projects.

From 2004 up to 2007 Mr. Manolis held the position of Procurement Department Head, carrying out all Project tenders related to EU co-financed Operational Programs. In 2007 he was appointed Manager of the Greece - Italy Interconnector Project, the new offshore pipeline that will connect the Greek and Italian natural gas transportation systems and, as of 2011 forged the development of the Eastern Mediterranean Pipeline (Eastmed) Project, the new offshore and onshore pipeline that will connect the Cypriot and Israeli gas findings to Europe. Mr. Manolis also holds the position of Deputy Development Director in IGI-Poseidon S.A., the equally owned by DEPA and the Italian Edison S.p.A holding company.

Mr. Manolis introduced in June 2009 the launch of the new Greece – Bulgaria Gas Interconnector (IGB Interconnector), a project developed on an equal basis by IGI-Poseidon S.A. and the Bulgarian Energy Holding, and has been involved as from the beginning in the Northern Greece LNG Terminal project concept.

Since 2013, Mr. Manolis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Athens Gas Distribution Company and as of January 2017 holds the position of Vice Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Manolis has graduated in Economics and holds an MBA.

Dr. Marika Karagianni

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

Marika Karagianni is a law graduated and political scientist with expertise in European and international energy issues. She has studied at the Law School of the ECIA, the College of Europe (Bruges), the European Political and Administrative Department, and the Democritus University of Thrace, Department of Black Sea Countries. She has been trained by scholarships at the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Foreign Ministry (2002) and at the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry Diplomatic Academy (2011) on the Caspian Energy Sector at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (2014) on International Energy Security and NATO SCHOOL OF OBERAMMERGAU (2014) on energy security and supply to NATO in times of war or crisis.



Between 1998 and 2006 he was a lawyer, member of the Athens Bar Association. She has served at the Press Office of the European Parliament in Athens (1999), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece (2000-2005), (Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Counselor of the Deputy Foreign Minister for Energy, BSEC Scientific Co-Operator, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization Coordinator of the Greek Chairmanship in the BSEC).

Since 2006 she is a permanent expert at the Ministry of Public Order - Citizen Protection. She regularly reports to the Greek and European energy press and travels to the Caspian and Middle East regions. She speaks English, French and Russian. She is married.