

Speakers, Panelists and Moderators Biodata

Gerasimos Avlonitis, Senior Director, Market & System Development, DESFA SA, Greece



Gerasimos is a Senior Director of Market and System Development at the Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator (DESFA), responsible for the design and management of market development, market re-organization and system expansion projects. He also represents DESFA at the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Energy Exchange (HEEx) since 2008.

Prior to joining DESFA in 2013, he held the position of the Head of the Gas Department in the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE) since 2005, playing a key-role in the liberalization of the Greek gas market. From 1999 until 2002, when he joined RAE, he worked in numerous gas and power projects as a member of the business development team of Prometheus Gas S.A., a joint company of Gazprom and Copelouzos Group.

He 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 optimization projects in Europe, Middle East and Latin America. Since 2014, he is a visiting lecturer at the Master's program of the University of Piraeus in Energy.

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

Shkelqim Bozgo, Managing Partner, SEA Consulting, Albania



Education

- Petroleum Engineer graduated from l'Institut 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).

Prof. Pandelis Biskas, Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Greece


Pandelis Biskas was born in Serres, Greece, in 1977. He received his Diploma in Electrical Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece, in 1999 and his Ph.D., degree from the same university in 2003. He also performed his Post Doc research from March 2004 till August 2005 in the same university.

From March 2005 till July 2009 he was a power system specialist at the Hellenic Transmission System Operator (HTSO), Market Operation Department, where he worked on the development of the Greek wholesale electricity market and on the procedures for the auctioning of the Physical Transmission Rights (PTRs) in the interconnections with neighboring countries.

Currently, he is an Associate Professor at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. His research interests are in power system operation & control, in electricity market operational and regulatory issues, and in transmission pricing. He was a Principal Investigator in more than 55 research projects and participated as a senior researcher in another 30 projects. He has 47 papers in international peer-reviewed journals and above 55 papers in international conference proceedings. He is a member of the Technical Chamber of Greece, IEEE and CIGRE.

Dr. Teodor Chirica, Chairman of the Board of Directors Nuclearelectrica


Teodor Chirica (PhD) is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nuclearelectrica. An engineer with extensive experience in nuclear energy, actively involved in the development of CANDU projects in Romania since the early '80s, Teodor worked for ISPE, CITON and RENEL, as well as for CANDU Owner Groups. From 1998 Dr. Chirica served in different managerial positions at Nuclearelectrica, a company that he also led as CEO (2005-2009). He also acted as Managing Director of AMEC Nucleare Romania (2009-2013), as CEO of EnergoNuclear – the SPV for Cernavoda Units 3&4 (2013-2017) and as advisor to the CEO of Nuclearelectrica (2017-2019). Mr. Chirica was President of the European Atomic Forum (FORATOM, now called Nuclear Europe) between 2018-2019 and a member of the FORATOM board between 2006-2023. His international experience includes also a year spent with CANDU Owners Group (COG) in Canada (1992-1993), negotiation (for the first time in Romania), on the international nuclear insurance market, of the insurance policies related to Units 1 and 2 of Cernavoda NPP, negotiation with international banks for financing Cernavoda Unit 2, but also with EURATOM, as well as the negotiation of the first Investor Agreement for Units 3 and 4, involving international partnerships, in 2008. He holds a PhD in nuclear sciences from the “Politehnica” University of Bucharest, on the management of radioactive waste, focusing on the decommissioning of nuclear installations. He is also one of the founders of the Romanian Atomic Forum - ROMATOM (2000) and was instrumental in affiliating ROMATOM to FORATOM. Since 2019, Teodor Chirica is the honorary president of ROMATOM.

Michael Christides, Ambassador (a.h.) Co-Chair Organizing Committee, Balkan and Black SEA Forum, Greece

Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES is the Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), headquartered in Istanbul, Turkey. Born in Thessaloniki, Greece in 1949, Ambassador Christides joined the Hellenic MFA in 1976 as first in his Class and served with distinction until his retirement in August 2014. Among other assignments he served as Ambassador of Greece to Bulgaria, to Turkey and to Argentina and held senior posts in the Hellenic MFA as

Political Director for South East Europe, as Director General for International Organizations, International Security & Cooperation and as Director General for International Economic Relations.

Ambassador Christides participated in many international meetings and conferences and has spent more than 20 years dealing with S.E. European / Balkan issues, while travelling extensively in the region. He acquired a broad knowledge of the political and economic realities there and established a wide personal network of high-level political, business, academic and media contacts. He speaks fluent English, German, French, Italian and moderately good Spanish.

After his retirement Ambassador Christides was elected by the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs as Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, assuming his duties on 1 July 2015. After the unanimous endorsement by all BSEC Member States, the same Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs reappointed on 15 December 2017 Ambassador Christides for a second three-year term-in-office, as of 1 July 2018 until 30 June 2021.

Dr. Ioannis Desypris, Special Advisor to EVP, Regulatory Affairs, Metlen Energy & Metals, past Chairman, IENE, Greece

Born 1952, a Chemical Engineer (UK), PhD in fuels and energy (Leeds, UK), Member of the Hellenic Chamber of Engineers, Chartered Engineer in UK, Member of Association of CEOs in Greece, Member of BoD of Hellenic Association of Cogen Producers.

An energy business analyst and expert over the years widely known in the country. Has scientifically researched coal, then worked with oil following up with gas and currently with electricity. Currently Director for Institutional and Regulatory Affairs of Endesa Hellas, Member of the BoD of Endesa Hellas and Energy Advisor to the Chairman and CEO of Mytilineos Holdings. Member of the BoD of various companies.

In the past has worked in various companies in Greece and abroad, specifically in Greece reference is made to Mytilineos Holdings as Director General to Energy Division, Managing Director to Mytilineos Power Generation and Supplies and to all RES companies, in METKA as General Manager, and earlier in companies of HELPE Group specifically to ASPROFOS as Managing Director and in DEPA as responsible engineer for gas supply negotiations and the project of introduction of gas in Greece.

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 \(IENE\)](#)

Mr. George Drosos, Founder and Manager, ReGreenIT, Greece



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- GREENTOP ENERGY SYSTEMS S.A (www.greentop.gr) – Managing Director – Dec 2017 till today.

Greentop is developing more than 500MW of renewable energy projects, starting from greenfield, aiming to play a key role in the Greek energy market.

- AEIFOROS KYKLOS PPC (Regreenit!) (www.regreenit.org) – Founder & General Manager – Mar.2024 till today. Regreenit operates on an innovative platform-based business model that connects buyers and sellers in the energy sector, facilitating the exchange, sale, repair and recycling of almost new, used, unused and refurbished electrical and electronic equipment

- GREENTOP ENERGY SYSTEMS S.A (www.greentop.gr) – Business Development Manager – Development, Construction & Management of wind & solar projects, November 2010 till Dec 2017
- DROSOS G. DROSOS A. Co. Ltd – Family Company - Owner & General manager – Solar Energy production/distribution - January 2011 till today
- SYSTEMS SUNLIGHT S.A – (www.systems-sunlight.com) – Sales Manager, Grid Tied & Autonomous energy projects, July 2008 – October 2010
- KALIVIOTIS BROS S.A. (www.kaliviotisbros.gr), Field Supervisor Engineer for Renewable Energy Projects, November 2006 - June 2008
- RAYCAP S.A (www.raycap.com), Research and Development Engineer, Energy Division, October 2004

– October 2005

- PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC), unsalaried practical exercise, June 2001 - August 2001.

EDUCATION

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Graduation in 1996 from the 4th Lyceum of Lamia, Greece

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE, FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ENERGY DIVISION (Member of Technical Chamber of Greece – TEE 2004). On October 1997 I started to attend the School of Mechanical Engineering and after 5 years of studies on 20/11/2002 I graduated with an overall mark 6.5 (Very good). Specialized in Renewable Energy Sources (RES) as well as in Energy Sparing – Energy Management – Environmental Engineering and Solid Waste Management.

Graduation paper: «Environment and technology – Solar Thermal Systems – Energy analysis – Life Cycle

Analysis of a solar collector», supervised by Professor Dr.-Ing. habil Nicolas Moussiopoulos, and received an overall degree 9,5 (Excellent).

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS, SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING, INTERDEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE – MBA – (Engineering – Economic Systems). On February 2003 I started to attend the Interdepartmental Postgraduate course of Engineering and Economic systems with the

direction of Production Systems Management and after two (2) years of studies on March 2005, I obtained my diploma with an overall degree 8.27 (Excellent). Collaborating Universities: National Technical University of Athens - School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, National and Capodistrian University of Athens, University of Piraeus- Department of Industrial Management Graduation paper: «Design and Cost analysis of a desalination system in Patmos Island powered by Renewable Energy Sources (wind power) supervised by Emeritus Pr. E.Protonotarios with a degree 10 (Excellent).

Dr Charles Ellinas, Senior Fellow – Global Energy Center, Atlantic Council, USA, Senior Research Associate, IENE



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, Cyprus' national hydrocarbons company, 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 Fellow, Global Energy Center, Atlantic Council.

Georgios Exarchou, Business Development Manager, Hydrogène de France (HDF Energy), Greece & Cyprus



Georgios has been involved in the energy transition across both traditional and innovative technologies in a plethora of markets, both developed and emerging. Having completed his studies in international and comparative business law (Paris 2, Pantheon-Asas) he lead the regional development in South East Asia and the Pacific for a European EPC contractor with 15 GW of CCGT references globally, while having spent some in a regional law firm time advising two IPPs in their investment in LNG-to-power projects in Vietnam, including the negotiation of LNG SPAs and PPAs. Upon his return to Europe, he was involved in the development of solar PV & storage project for Greece and neighbouring markets. Given his strong interest in the promotion of non-intermittent & carbon free baseload power generation technologies, he joined Hydrogène de France (HDF Energy), a French IPP and fuel cells manufacturer, spearheading the company's ambitions in Greece &

Cyprus, where he is currently developing a pipeline of power-to-hydrogen-to-power projects aiming to accelerate the energy transition process in delinignitization areas & propose carbon free alternatives for the decarbonization of non-interconnected islands' grids. Given his broad experience across all the energy transition technologies and his role in the hydrogen economy, he is looking forward to contributing at the 15th SE Europe Energy Dialogue event organized by IENE.

Theodora Georgieva, Executive Officer and Board Member ICGB, Bulgaria



Theodora Georgieva has more than 20 years of experience as a strategic manager, leading significant projects in various economic sectors. Currently, Mrs. Georgieva is the Executive Officer of the Bulgarian side of ICGB AD and is also a member of its Board of Directors. ICGB is responsible for the overall management and development of the gas pipeline between Greece and Bulgaria and is Bulgaria's second independent transmission system operator. From 2012 to 2014 Teodora Georgieva was Managing Director of Nabucco Bulgaria, and before that she worked at OMV Bulgaria for 13 years, 8 of which she was Managing Director

of the company holding cluster positions for Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia. Georgieva was the coordinator for Bulgaria of the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) in 2009 and was among the top 10 Bulgarian managers for 2 consecutive years.

She graduated from the University of National and World Economy and has a master's degree in Finance. Married, with two children.

Kostis Geropoulos, Journalist, NE Global Media, Greece

Kostis Geropoulos is the co-founder and the Director for Energy & Climate Policy and Security at NE Global in the



UK. A member of the Foreign Press Association of Greece, he is an experienced journalist, moderator and columnist covering energy and climate issues, geopolitics and security. He has covered and reported from many areas around the world, including Central Asia, Russia, Northern Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Balkans, and Central and Eastern Europe. His weekly column Global Energy Insider analyzes energy and geopolitics, including interviews with European leaders, politicians and experts. He has also been a guest or contributor for BBC TV and BBC Radio, Austrian radio ORF, LBC Radio, and Sky News, UK.

Dr William Gillett, Director of EASAC Energy Programme, European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC), Brussels



Since he retired in 2014 after 14 years as a European Commission official in Brussels, where he was head of a renewable energy Unit, William works part time for the European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC), managing projects that produce science-based advice for policy makers in the fields of climate and energy. William started his career as a graduate apprentice with Rolls Royce aero engines, and spent 7 years as a researcher and lecturer at University College Cardiff, 11 years in a private consulting company, and 8 years in the UK national energy agency. He is a Chartered Mechanical and Electrical Engineer. William has advised UK and Netherlands governments, European Commission, IEA, and World Bank, and worked on energy projects in Africa, Caribbean, Europe, and Pacific regions. He has published over 80 papers, books and conference proceedings on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy planning.

Liana Gouta, Director General FuelsEurope & Concawe, Brussels



Liana Gouta is the Director General of the European Fuel Manufacturers Association.

Her key areas of expertise are Energy Policy, Governmental Affairs, Advocacy, Communications, Business Strategy, Change Management, Project Management and Engineering.

She has served as a member of the Board of Directors in various organisations, including corporate entities and professional associations.

Liana, Ms Chemical Engineer with honours, from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, is an executive with more than a 30 years career at HELLENiQ ENERGY Group, with strong management and engineering background. She started her career as a field process engineer in refining and petrochemical plants in various technical positions. She then advanced to Group positions in managerial roles, leading major change initiatives and key projects by successfully managing high-performing cross-disciplinary teams. She was the Energy Policy and International Affairs Group Director before she took over her current position at European Fuel Manufacturers Association.

She furthermore worked as an EU Parliamentary Policy and Communication Advisor on Energy, Environment, Industry, Research & Innovation and Regional Development.

She is a partner at IENE-Institute of Energy for South - East Europe and she served as the Chairwoman of the Downstream Committee.

She has been active in professional associations and social organizations, holding leadership positions, engaged in energy transition, climate and environment, entrepreneurship, leadership and women's empowerment.

Yiannis Grigoriou, VP Continental Europe Energy Council (CEEC), IENE Partner, Greece



Yannis is Mining Engineer (NTU of Athens, 1978) and Geophysicist (MSc Applied Geophysics, University of Leeds, UK, 1979) with c. 45 years' experience in oil and gas industry.

He began his carrier in 1979 at DEP S.A (State E&P Company) as geophysicist and gradually was developing as explorationist in upstream business. Since 1998 he joined Hellenic Petroleum Group participated in numerous M&A projects, both in upstream and downstream sector in SE Europe and N. Africa, undertaking also various managerial positions. In parallel during 1997 – 2003 he served as advisor to EU Commission in the energy sector. Been

appointed General

Manager and then CEO of Hellenic Petroleum Upstream (2012 - 2020) focused in the growth of the Greek upstream market, where Hellenic built a promising portfolio of 10 blocks mainly offshore and onshore Western Greece, as Operator and partner in international JVs (with Total, ExxonMobil, Repsol, Edison and Energean).

Yannis is elected Vice President of the CEEC (Continental Europe Energy Council – members 75 energy companies) and is partner of IENE (Institute of Energy of SE Europe).

Eugenia Gusilov, Director, Romania Energy Center (ROEC), Romania



Eugenia Gusilov is the director and founder of Romania Energy Center (ROEC) - the first independent English language think tank in the country, specializing in energy, international affairs, regional security, and interdisciplinary area studies. Eugenia authors think tank publications as well as special reports, studies, outlooks, market and price forecasts for public and private entities alike. She worked with NATO, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the World Bank, IFC, European Commission (DG Reform), Romanian government, embassies, companies and NGOs on a variety of topics. She specializes in energy economics, policy, markets, investments and infrastructure. Between 2005 and 2008, Eugenia worked as an analyst for the Romanian Diplomatic Institute (Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), in the Department of Political and Strategic Analysis, where she focused on

politics and energy in post-soviet countries (Belarus, Ukraine and Russia). Eugenia holds a Master of International Affairs with a concentration in International Energy Management and Policy from Columbia University in New York (2010) and a Certificate in Eastern European and Russian Studies from the Harriman Institute in New York (2011), and a B.A. in European Studies from Bucharest University (2005). Eugenia is a recipient of the Fulbright award (2008-2009, USA).

Anton Ivanov, Chief expert Analyses and Planning Department National Revenue Agency, Bulgaria



Mechanical Engineer, graduate Department of Thermal and Nuclear energy in Sofia. He has over 35 years of experience in the energy sector of Bulgaria, including work at the Technical University - Sofia, as well as in a specialized design organization and Project management unit in the field of nuclear and conventional energy. He has experience in developing systems and safety analyses, energy efficiency analyses and renewable energy.

He took managing positions in major state-owned enterprises in the nuclear energy sector as well as in the private sector. He is author of a number of publications in the energy sector and has participated in a number of analytical teams in developing plans and strategies for development of the sector. Senior Advisor and Deputy Chairman of the Bulgarian Energy and

Mining Forum Managing board.

Eng. Dr Nicolas Katcharov, CEO of Energean International, Cairo, Egypt



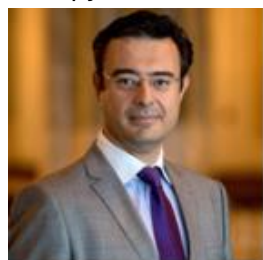
Nicolas Katcharov is CEO and Chairman of Energean International E&P SpA, Energean's, Country Manager in Egypt and Head of Energy Transition. He is also CEO and Chairman of EEES Ltd., an Energean subsidiary based in Cairo and specializing in energy efficiency and downstream developments, and well as Board Director at AbuQir Petroleum and Rashpetco.

Nicolas has over 30 years of extensive international experience in the energy sector, most of which as executive officer and board director in various companies operating in the fields of power and heat generation, distribution, services and, since 2017, in oil and gas exploration and production. He holds a degree in Electronics Engineering and is a Doctor of Science in Applied Physics (Hons) from the State University of Limoges, France.

He started his carrier in Gaz de France in Paris, before joining in succession EDF (France), Budapest Power Plants ZRt. (Hungary), Fenice SpA and Edison SpA (Italy).

Spyros Kiartzis, Manager New Technologies & Alternative Energy Sources, HELLENiQ ENERGY Group, Greece

Dr. Spyros Kiartzis is the New Technologies and Alternative Energy Sources Manager, for the HELLENiQ ENERGY



Group. He received his Diploma and his PhD in Electrical Engineering from the School of Engineering; and his degree in Economics from the School of Law and Economics; all from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and finally his MBA from the Hellenic Open University. Following a period in the construction sector supervising restoration projects in Mount Athos, he served as a part-time instructor in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in the University of Western Macedonia and in the International Hellenic University. He joins the HELLENiQ ENERGY Group in 2001 where he held a range of posts in maintenance and project construction sections (including the Project Management Team for the construction

of a 390 MW CCPP), before becoming Manager of New Technologies and Alternative Energy Sources. He is Managing Director of ElpeFuture an e-mobility service provider (Subsidiary of HELLENiQ ENERGY Group), and also Managing Director of Energiaki Pylou-Methonis SA and of ELPE Renewables Aioliika Parka Evias SA wind park owners. He is also member of the Board of Directors of "ELPEDISON S.A." and "HELLENiQ Renewable Energy Sources S.A." (Subsidiary of HELLENiQ ENERGY Group) and has served as member of the Board of Directors of "EKO Bulgaria S.A." (Subsidiary of HELLENiQ ENERGY Group).

Antonis Kontoleon, Chairman of the Board of the Hellenic Union of Industrial Consumers of Energy (UNICEN), Greece



Education:

- ✓ Diploma Mechanical- Electrical engineer NTUA, 1979.

Professional (1982–today):

- ✓ Heracles Cement Company (1982-2012), Maintenance and New projects Manager (1989-2008), Energy Director (2006-2012)
- ✓ Board Member (2010- 2019)
- ✓ Chairman of the board (2019-today)

- ✓ SIDENOR S.A, Energy consultant (2012- today)

Dr. Stelios Kromlidis, Director of Operational Business Department, Southeast Electricity Network Coordination Center, Thessaloniki, Greece



◆ Director Of Operational Business Department (10/2020-to date) at SouthEast Electricity Network Coordination Centre (SEleNe-CC) Responsibilities include the set up, management and operation of the Regional Control Centre of SEleNe-CC. Over 3 years, all 6 services (CGM, CSA, CCC, OPC, STA, CGS) have been set up and operate without fail 24/7/365 for the TSOs of the SEE region, in a way that safeguards the security of the European electricity network and promotes the flow of clean energy. Managing a team of 15 engineers/operators that work on shifts. Reporting directly (and only) to the CEO and Chairman of the company/centre and participating in the Board of Directors.

- ◆ Senior Power Systems Engineer and consultant for National Grid (U.K.), for over 10 years
- ◆ Power Systems Consultant for Coreso SA (Belgium) for nearly 4 years (2015-2019)
- ◆ University Lecturer for the International University of Greece (2006-2009)
- ◆ PhD Electrical Engineering and Electronics from the The University of Manchester (2005) PhD thesis title: “Energy Storage for Power Quality Improvement”.
- ◆ MSc Electrical Power Engineering from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (or UMIST) (1999) MSc dissertation title: “Battery Modelling for Energy Storage”.
- ◆ Member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (T.E.E.) (2006)

Dr. Nikolaos Koukoulas, Director of Research, Dr. Geologist, Centre for Research and Technology-Hellas (CERTH), Greece



Dr Koukoulas holds a PhD in Industrial Mineralogy from the UK and has over 27 years of experience in industrial geology, energy technologies, geomechanics, applied petrology and CO2 geological storage. Since 2003, he is the Director of Research at the Centre for Research & Technology Hellas / Chemical Process and Energy Resources Institute (CERTH/CPERI) and Scientific Responsible at over 55 EU research projects, with a team of more than 40 scientists. Previously, he held positions as Policy Officer, Detached National Expert in the European Commission, Direction General for Energy (DG ENER) (2020-2022), Coordinator of EU experts and Gulf countries experts on Carbon Capture and Storage for the EU-Gulf Countries Clean Energy Network (2010- 2013) and, Scientific Officer, Detached National Expert in the European Commission, Direction General for Energy and Transport (1999-2003). Furthermore, Dr Koukoulas has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greek Institute for Geology and Mineral Exploration (IGME) and a Consultant to energy, construction and cement industries.

He has over 300 publications in Scientific Journals, 3500 citations and is a member of various University Boards and Editorial Boards in International Magazines including the International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control.

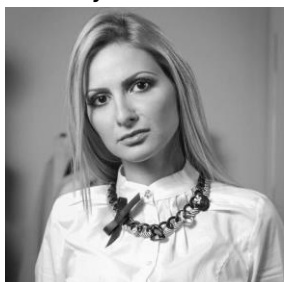
Antonis Koumpias, Senior Associate, KG Law Firm, Greece



Antonis is a member of the Energy, Utilities & Infrastructure Department of the firm. His practice focuses on regulatory issues pertaining to the applicable framework of energy activities with special focus on licensing / permitting issues related to electricity generation from Renewable Energy Sources (RES) projects. Antonis is heavily engaged in legal due diligence assignments in the context of M&A transactions in the energy sector (domestic and cross-border) as well as in contractual work, including development services agreements (DSAs) as well as contracts for securing land usage rights for the installation of photovoltaic power plants, wind parks and battery storage projects.

Ms. Kristina Lazarova, Founder and General Manager, Environmental Group for Global Solutions (EGGS), Sofia, Bulgaria

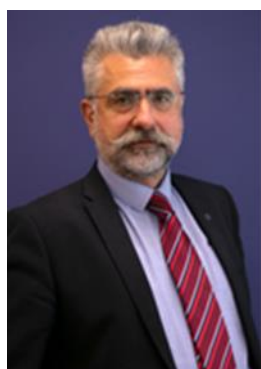
Kristina Lazarova is an expert in the field of environment, climate and process of transition to a low-carbon economy. She is Founder and General Manager of EGGS (Environmental Group for Global Solutions) Ltd., which is a consulting company in the field of environment.



Kristina is the former chairperson of Board of the directors of TPP Bobov dol (Bulgarian Southwestern coal region).

She is a Master of Ecology, majoring in “Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development” from the University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy; further, she holds Master of Economics, majoring in “International Economic Relations” with specialization in “Management of International Projects” from the University of National and World Economy; in addition, she holds a bachelor’s degree, major “Political Science” from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”.

Dr. Nikolaos Liapis, Energy and Business Consultant -Managing partner, ActaNonVerba, Greece



Dr. Nikolaos Liapis is a Mechanical Engineer, MEng NTUA and he holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering. His main areas of specialization are fuels, biofuels and lubricants, tanker ships management and logistics. He is an Energy and Business consultant, specialized in Green Transition. He has worked for more than 29 years in managerial positions in the Oil Sector. For the last 15 years he was occupied as COO in ELINOIL, an oil distribution company and as General Manager to ELIN SHIPPING, an affiliate shipping company, operating small tankers. He is highly experienced in project management, overseeing projects as biodiesel production plant design and construction, fuel depots construction and tanker design and construction.

Dr. Liapis is the President of the Hellenic Institute of Marine Technology (HIMT), MoB of Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association (HSSA), member of the Downstream Committee of Southeast Europe Energy Institute (IENE) and member of the Lloyd’s Register Technical Committee. He has been the Coordinator of the Energy Products Committee of the Hellenic Petroleum Marketing Companies Association (SEEPE), now being a Consultant to SEEPE. He is a founding member of the Greek Association of Biofuel Producers (now SVIVE) and has been Chairman of the Marine LNG Network, Chairman of the Biofuels Technology Platform and the representative of the European Biodiesel Board (EBB) in Greece.

He is a lecturer at University of Piraeus, at University of Limassol and at Business College of Athens and has been a lecturer at Athens Metropolitan College, teaching Energy Policies, Decarbonization of Shipping, Maritime Logistics, Shipping and Strategic Management. He was a speaker at a significant number of conferences on energy, fuels, biofuels and shipping.

H.E. Mr. Matthew Lodge, His Majesty, British Ambassador to Greece, Athens, Greece

Matthew Lodge became Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, Greece in September 2021.



Matthew was commissioned as an officer in the Royal Marines on leaving school in 1986. He was sponsored through Birmingham University from where he graduated with a BA (Hons) in Modern Languages (French and Russian). Subsequent duties with the Royal Marines included service in Norway and the United States, and a secondment to the Army which included an operational tour in Northern Ireland and service in Kenya.

Matthew joined the Foreign and Commonwealth office in 1996. His early diplomatic career included work on the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean, service in Georgia and Armenia, and postings to Athens (1998 to 2000), Paris (2001) and the UK Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels (2001 to 2003). From 2004 to 2007 he was Private Secretary to the FCO Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service. In March 2007 Matthew was appointed as Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in Baghdad. On his return from Iraq, Matthew attended the Higher Command and Staff Course (2008) at the UK Defence Academy before being appointed as Head of the FCO's Afghanistan Group.

From 2010 to 2013, Matthew was Her Majesty's Ambassador to Finland and from 2014 to 2017 Matthew was Her Majesty's Ambassador to the State of Kuwait. In 2017, Matthew was appointed as Minister at the British Embassy in Paris, serving concurrently as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (2017 to 2021). In August 2021 Matthew was appointed as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic.

Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna, Austria

Artur Lorkowski is an accomplished diplomat with expertise in energy and environmental protection, climate change, and public administration. Currently, he holds the position of Director of the Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna, Austria. Previously, he served as the Vice-President of the Management Board of Poland's National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, where he oversaw crucial areas such as climate change adaptation, water protection, and zero-emission transport.



Throughout his career, Mr. Lorkowski has also held several important diplomatic positions, including serving as the special envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Climate Affairs and as the Ambassador of Poland in Austria. Prior to his diplomatic assignments, he served as the Deputy Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Committee for European Integration, where he was responsible among others for energy security and climate change.

Mr. Lorkowski is an accomplished alumnus of the Warsaw School of Economics and the National School of Public Administration.

H.E. Mr. Arif Mammadov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, to the Hellenic Republic, Athens, Greece



Education:

1999-2003-Bachelor in International Relations, Baku State University, Azerbaijan
2003-2005-Master in International Relations, Baku State University, Azerbaijan
2008-2010-Master in International Relations and European studies, Prague Metropolitan University, the Czech Republic
2014-2017-Master in Business Administration, Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa, Canada.

Work experience:

2004-2007-Attaché, Department of Human Rights, Democracy and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2007-2012-Attaché/ Third Secretary/ Second Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Czech Republic
2012-2016- Second Secretary/ First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Canada
2017-2018-Head of Humanitarian Affairs Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2018-2020-First Secretary and Counselor, Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Switzerland
2020-2021-Senior Counselor / Head of Section, Administration of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2021-2023-Chairman of the Governing Board of the State Maritime and Port Agency, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Since Oct. 2023-Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Hellenic Republic

Dr. Muhsin Mazman, Director, Energy Storage Division, T-Dynamic, Turkey



He graduated from Çukurova University Department of Chemistry, worked as a research assistant during his master's and doctoral studies in this department. In this period, his research subjects were on thermal energy storage systems. After receiving his Ph.D. degree, he worked in TUBITAK MAM Energy Institute Battery Group. Although the work within the battery group generally focuses on Li-ion batteries/batteries, besides lithium batteries, he had been working on NiMH, Mg-Cu, Ag-Zn, Pb-Acid; Li-air etc.

He left his position at TÜBİTAK MAM in 2014 and started to work as R&D New Technologies Manager at Mutlu Battery. He had active roles in the group's lithium program as well as lead acid technologies at Mutlu Akü.

He has been working on utility scale energy storage systems in Tdinamik Enerji company since 2019.

Aleksandar Mijušković, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Montenegrin Transmission System Operator (CGES), Montenegro

Aleksandar Mijušković is a graduate in Electrical Engineering, with twenty-nine years of work experience in the energy industry. Since June 2021 he has been performing the function as Chairman of Board of Directors of CGES for several terms, with a short break, until 25 January 2024.



He previously worked for the Coordinated Auction Office in South East Europe (SEE CAO), which allocates cross-border transmission capacities between transmission system operators in Southeast Europe, which are also the company's founders. In the period 2014-2019, he was the Executive Director of SEE CAO, and as a continuation of a significant role in the formation of this successful regional company, he held numerous positions, from Project Team Chairman to the Executive Director of the Project Company in charge of establishing SEE CAO in the period 2012-2014. In the period 1995-2009, he covered numerous positions in the National Dispatching Centre (EPCG) from Operational Dispatcher to Chief Engineer for Analytics, Energy Billing and Forecasts in which he gained extensive experience in electric power transmission system control. In the period 2009-2012, he was the Director of the Sector for Regulatory, Legal, Personnel and International Cooperation Affairs. He is a member of ENTSO-E Assembly and Med-TSO Assembly.

Mr. Mijušković was a member of SEETSO TF (South East Europe Transmission System Operators Working Group), a member of ENTSO-E (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity), the Market Committee and the ENTSO-E Regional Group for South East Europe, as well as a member of EUROELECTRIC (European Electricity Industry Association), a task force for Southeast Europe. Aleksandar Mijušković is one of the initiators of the Montenegro –Italy submarine cable interconnection project and a member of the negotiating team with the Italian transmission system operator Terna. As a member of the Montenegrin delegation, he participated in the meetings of the plenary subcommittee and sector meetings of the Enhanced Permanent Dialogue between the European Commission and Montenegro on transport, energy, environmental and regional policy. He has been a participant in all Athens forums since 2003. In his career so far, he has achieved successful cooperation with transmission system operators, energy companies, the Energy Community Secretariat, as well as international financial institutions. He is a partner of the Institute of Energy for Southeast Europe (IENE) from Athens. In addition to the above, he has been an invited speaker at numerous conferences and seminars throughout Europe.

His professional development abroad includes the following:

- Operational Staff Training Program - Red Electrica, Spain - Madrid, June 2003;
- Market Facilitation Group, SEETEC, Slovenia - Ljubljana, April 2004
- Seminar Electricity Market – Norway, October 2007 and
- Managing your business, managing yourself, JVI Austria – Vienna, October 2008.

Ms. Effie Milioni, Market Analysis & Back Office Department Manager, ELPEDISON, Greece



Mrs. Efi Milioni joined Elpedison in 2014 as an Energy Management Portfolio Engineer and currently holds now the position of Market analysis & Back office Section Manager. Her area of expertise is the monitoring and analysis of electricity markets and has deep knowledge of the gas sector. She started her career as a Project Manager for Photovoltaic installations. She holds an MEng degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Patras and an MBA from NTUA and AUEB.

Dr. Amit Mor, CEO of Eco Energy Financial & Strategic Consulting and a Senior Lecturer at Reichman University, Israel

Amit Mor, an energy & environmental economist, energy strategist, and financial analyst, is the **CEO of Eco Energy Financial & Strategic Consulting**. He earned his Ph.D. in Energy, Environmental & Mineral Economics at Penn State University (1997). He studied Economics, Finance and Psychology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Dr. Mor served as a consultant to governments, financial organizations, public and private companies. He specializes in Middle East and European energy including Israel, Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, and other countries in the region. During the past 35 years he worked intensively on issues concerning the development of the East MED renewable energy and natural gas sectors and led the team that prepared the Energy Master Plan for the State of Israel and participated in the World Bank team that prepared Energy Master Plans for the Palestinian Authority.

He is also serving as a **Senior Lecturer at the Reichman University and the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology** - and teaches courses on Middle East energy and environmental economics, geopolitics, Strategy and Security. He is also serving as a Senior Research Associate at the Institute of Policy & Strategy (IPS) at Reichman University.

Dr. Mor published the book **“Renewable Energy in the Middle East - Enhancing security through regional cooperation”**, Springer, October 2009, under the “NATO Science for Peace and Security Series: Environmental Security” (co-editor with Michael Mason). Please see <http://www.springer.com/978-1-4020-9890-1>

Slavtcho Neykov, Chairman of the Board of Managers, Energy Management Institute, Bulgaria

Mr. Slavtcho Neykov has more than 30 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 Director of the Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna.



His area of activities has been linked to international and EU energy law, energy diplomacy and energy policy matters. He was the leader of the Bulgarian negotiation team on Chapter “Energy” during the Bulgarian accession to the EU. Mr. Neykov was also part of the intragovernmental team

for the accession of Bulgaria to NATO.

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

His university level education in Bulgaria includes a law degree and 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, Mr. Neykov acts as a Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Energy Management Institute (www.emi-bg.com).

Mr. Neykov is a member of the Board of Directors of EURELECTRIC. He is also a member of the National Consultative Committee of the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute.

Kostis Oikonomopoulos, Petroleum Geoscientist - Research Fellow, IENE, Greece

Before joining IENE as a Research Fellow in September 2023, Kostis Oikonomopoulos spent over six years at HEREMA SA, Greece, where he served as the primary seismic interpreter and petroleum geoscientist, specializing in prospectivity analyses and regional understanding. In this capacity, he also coordinated two important oil and gas Lease Agreements (“West of Crete” and “Southwest of Crete”), offering technical subsurface expertise on licensing matters, stewardship and monitoring of licence work programmes and activities. Also, he assisted in compiling and reviewing contracts regarding seismic acquisition and processing projects and at the same time supervised and managed HEREMA’s data repository as well as its digitization and restructuring.



Prior to his tenure at HEREMA SA, Kostis worked as a Business Development geoscientist in the UK, for Spectrum Geo Ltd (TGS) from 2012. In this role, he managed, initiated, and evaluated seismic acquisition and processing projects while liaising and engaging in negotiations with government authorities and National Oil Companies in the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and sub-Saharan Africa.

Kostis holds a Bachelor’s degree in Geology from the University of Athens and pursued further education with two Master’s degrees—one in hydrocarbons management from the University of Aberdeen and another in petroleum geoscience from the Royal Holloway, University of London. His career began in 2007 as a Petroleum Geologist

with Hellenic Petroleum SA (HelleniQ), where he contributed to hydrocarbon exploration work (geological and geophysical) in Egypt.

Prof. Agis Papadopoulos, Chairman of the Board, EYATH S.A, Greece



Agis M. Papadopoulos graduated from the German School of Thessaloniki. He obtained his Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the Aristotle University Thessaloniki (1989), his Master of Science in Energy Conservation and the Environment from Cranfield University (UK), in 1991, and his Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering, specializing on solar thermal systems, from the Aristotle University Thessaloniki in 1994. Since 1998 he is Professor on Energy Systems at the Department of Mechanical Engineering of the Aristotle University Thessaloniki and since 2013 Director of the Process Equipment Design Laboratory. His main research interests lie in the fields of (a) Energy conservation and renewable energy resources, (b) Energy and environmental design of buildings and (c) Energy and Environmental economics and policies.

He has coordinated more than 65 national and international research projects and has authored or co-authored more than 120 papers published in peer reviewed journals and 270 papers in conference proceedings. He is Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Sustainable Energy. He has been a board member of the Regulatory Authority of Energy (2003-2005) and the AHEPA Hospital in Thessaloniki (2005-2007).

He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Cyprus (2012-2013) and at the International Hellenic University (2011-2019) and is lecturing since 2015 at the Technical University of Hamburg, Germany. Between 2014 and 2018 he was Vice-Chairman of the Governing Board of the Open University of Cyprus. Since August 2019 he is Chairman of the Board of EYATH S.A. – Thessaloniki Water and Sewage Company.

Gus Papamichalopoulos, Lawyer, Senior Partner, KG Law Firm Member of the BOD, IENE, Greece



Gus is with the Energy and Infrastructure department of the firm. His main area of practice focuses on the energy industry and as a corporate-business lawyer he provides corporate, commercial, transactional and regulatory advice to multinational clients in the energy sector. Due to the complexity of the issues associated with the energy market regulations he is advising on regulatory issues of the electricity and gas market, including oil & gas. Gus is mandated by key international energy companies investing in Greece in the early stages of their investment program for the implementation of important projects (such as, oil and gas investments, licensing and development of gas pipelines, CCGT power generation plants, wind parks, gas distribution networks, gas interconnection systems, etc.).

Gus has a strong track record as to public sector-privatization projects for which he is regularly mandated by the private sector. Energy financing is a strong practice and leading financial institutions, as well as a variety of local banks and private equity funds in their many roles as lenders, arrangers, issuers of letters of credit and as investors, are instructing the team.

Gus acted as the Vice Chairman of the Institute of Energy of South East Europe (IENE) which has a dynamic presence in the region of south east Europe promoting the cooperation of institutions and serving as a forum for experts and professionals in the energy sector. Gus also acts as co-chair of SEE LEGAL Group and heads the Energy Infrastructure Practice Group of SEE LEGAL. He is also a founding member and a non-executive Director of the Energy Center of Europe (ECE) which promotes the cooperation of institutions/organizations in the energy sector and is a venue for experts and professionals active in the energy sector. Gus also serves as Chairman of the firm's Management Committee.

John Roberts, Energy Security Specialist, Scotland, UK, Senior Research Fellow IENE,



John M. Roberts is an energy security specialist with Methinks, focusing on the inter-relationship between energy, economic development, and politics. He is a member of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Group of Experts on Gas. He is a Senior Research Fellow with the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe (IENE) in Athens and a Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Centre in Washington, DC.

Roberts is one of Europe's leading energy security specialists and has testified to UK parliamentary committees on Mideast, Russian, Caspian, Turkish and Kurdish energy security issues. He has a particular expertise in the development of energy in Central Asia and the Caucasus and in the pipelines designed to connect the Caspian to Europe, Russia,

China and India.

He is the author of *Caspian Pipelines* (The Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1996) and *Visions and Mirages: The Middle East in a New Era* (Mainstream, 1995).

His view on the current energy crisis is this. We face a paradox: we have never needed fossil fuels so much; we have never needed to get out of fossil fuels so much.

George Satlas, Co-Chief Executive Officer, ICGB AD, Bulgaria



George Satlas is an accomplished professional with a diverse background and extensive expertise in various industries. Currently serving as the Executive Officer and Board Member of ICGB AD, he plays a crucial role in overseeing the operations of the IGB gas pipeline, as the independent transmission system operator. Additionally, Mr. Satlas holds the esteemed position of Vice Chairman of the Hellenic Business Council in Bulgaria, further highlighting his influential presence in the business community. With a strong educational foundation, George Satlas holds a Mechanical Engineering degree and has complemented his technical expertise with an MBA degree. This unique combination of qualifications allows him to excel in both technical and managerial aspects of his career. His wealth of managerial experience in the financial sector has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of investment

principles and real estate management, gained through his involvement in a wide array of projects. Prior to his current roles, Mr. Satlas has held high-ranking executive positions in notable organizations, including the Greek sovereign wealth fund and subsidiaries of all four systemic Greek banks. These esteemed

positions have provided him with valuable insights into the intricacies of the financial industry and further honed his leadership abilities. Overall, George Satlas stands as a highly accomplished professional, leveraging his extensive knowledge and expertise to drive success in the energy sector and contribute to the growth of business relations between Greece and Bulgaria.

Kostis Sifnaios, Vice President and CEO, Gastarde, Greece



Education: Mr. Sifnaios graduated from the school of Mathematics and Applied Sciences of the University of Athens. He went on to work as a research and faculty assistant at Columbia University, New York, U.S. where he received a Master of Science (MSc) in Operational Research and Applied Business Administration.

Professional Experience:

Mr. Sifnaios started his professional career at Mobil Oil Hellas in 1987 as a Strategic Planning analyst. He continued in a number of positions within Sales and Marketing reaching the post of Sales Manager for South & Western Greece.

He was then transferred to Mobil Oil International in London and Madrid where he assumed posts in supply and trading.

In 1997 he moved to BP International, based in Brussels to work on the European restructuring of the company. He returned in Greece as General Commercial Sales Director for BP Greece (2000 – 2002) to then once more resume his international career within BP's European supply chain till 2007.

In June 2007, joined Copelouzou Group assuming initially the role of New Projects Manager and then becoming Group Energy Director in the sector of Gas.

As of 2010 he manages the Alexandroupolis LNG Terminal Project and as of January 2022 he has been appointed as the Managing Director of Gastrade S.A., the project development and operation company.

Personal Info: Mr. Sifnaios was born in Athens in 1960 and originates from the island of Lesbos.

Nicolas Sofianos, IENE Partner and Chairman of the IENE Committee of Renewable Energy Sources (RES), Greece



Nikolaos Sofianos worked for IENE for ten years (2007 - 2017) firstly as a Researcher and later as Research Coordinator of the Institute. He is a graduate of the department of History and Philosophy of Science of the National Kapodistrian University of Athens while he holds a master's degree in Economic Development from the University of Glasgow in Scotland. He has carried out extensive research into Renewable Energy Sources and their implementation in SE Europe. He was the Coordinator of the EU funded research project Geofar. His main area of interest is energy policy issues. He participates as a publishing assistant in the "Energy Issues" (IENE Monthly Newsletter) and in the "SE Europe Energy Brief" (a series of newsletters issued by the Institute). In addition, he has written many articles on energy while he has participated as a speaker at numerous conferences, seminars and workshops in Greece and abroad. Since 2016, he participates in the Board of IENE as a partner. Finally, he is currently a permanent external research associate, regularly contributing to the analysis of energy market issues.

Costis Stambolis, Chairman & Executive Director, Institute of Energy for SE Europe (IENE), Greece



Mr. 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, international organizations and governments.

Costis has lectured widely on energy issues and has organised several national, regional and international conferences, seminars and workshops. He has published several books, conference proceedings, research

papers and studies on energy policy, solar energy, RES and energy markets. Among others he is the editor of the "S.E. Europe Energy Outlook (2011, 2017, 2022)", which considered a basic reference on energy for 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), which he currently chairs. He is a member of the Energy Institute (UK), the International Passive House Association (IPHA), The Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE). Since 2018 he also serves as a full member of the Greek government's standing committee on Energy and Climate Change (NECP).

Dr. Efthimios Tartaras, Head of Geoscience & Management Consultant, Hellenic Hydrocarbon and Energy Resources Management Company (HEREMA), Greece



Efthimios holds a BS in Geology from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and MS and PhD degrees in Geophysics from the University of Utah. He has conducted research in advanced data imaging and inversion algorithms for subsurface characterization and has worked on the modelling and interpretation of surface, borehole and airborne geophysical data for hydrocarbon, mineral and geothermal exploration. He has held senior management and business development positions in the Oilfield Services industry, where he managed large multi-disciplinary teams working on data integration and was responsible for global sales and marketing of multi-physics services, including software development, data acquisition, processing and interpretation. He returned to Greece in 2020 to manage HEREMA's Geoscience department and to provide management consultancy services in the fields of hydrocarbon exploration, CCS and emerging energy technologies.

Theodore Terzopoulos, Chemical Engineer (MSc), Gas Engineer (CEng), MBA, Energy & Renewable Gases Consultant, Chairman of IENE's Natural Gas Committee, Greece



He has worked in the gas distribution sector for 35 years, holding, between others, the position of the General Manager in Gas Distribution Dept. at DEPA SA and General Manager of Strategy and Renewable Gases at DEDA SA and ENAON SA.

He had a leading role for the introduction and application in Greece of modern gas distribution technologies, including polyethylene grids, 4bar distribution pressure, tree shaped grids, smart meters and underground boring technology.

He headed the Maintenance & Safety Planning Directorate at British Gas for two years.

CEO at EDA SA and DEDA SA (gas distribution companies).

Pioneered the need for partial substitution of natural gas with locally produced renewable gases.

Member of:

- The Institution of Gas Engineers (UK): Member
- The Engineering Council (UK): Chartered Engineer
- Eurogas (EU): Distribution Committee, Member,
- GEODE (EU): The Association of European Energy Distributors, Member
- ISTT (INTER): The International Society for Trenchless Technology. Member
- IENE (GR): Natural Gas, Biomethane and Hydrogen Committee, Chairman

**Costas Theofylaktos, Secretary General and Chairman of IENE's Energy Efficiency Committee
IENE, Greece**



Is a USA trained Mechanical Engineer with an MSc from the University of Evansville, Indiana, and has 25 years experience in the energy sector. Constantinos's special interests includes cogeneration and RES and was for many years chairman of Greece's Cogeneration Association and also member of the executive council of COGEN Europe. He has served as chairman and CEO of the Athens based Centre of Renewable Energy Sources (CRES).

Prof. Vassilios Vescoukis, Electrical & Computer Eng., Ph.D., National Technical, University of Athens, Greece



Prof. Vescoukis holds a Diploma and a Ph.D. in Engineering from the Electrical and Computer Engineering School of NTUA. Professor of Software Engineering and Geoinformation at NTUA. Visiting Professor at ETH Zurich and the University of Groningen NL (2014-2015). Executive VP of the National Cadaster and Mapping Agency S.A. (2015-2017). Chief scientific officer in funded research projects focusing on state-of-the-art technologies such as Blockchain, time series data infrastructures, distributed and heterogeneous systems, environmental simulation and crisis management, smart grids, optimization and multi-dimensional analytics. Worked as a special consultant on

Information Systems for public and private Greek and global entities including the Council of Europe and the World Bank. Since 2018 he works as a researcher and consultant in Energy Data Infrastructures, digital transformation and intelligent services, for operators and major participants in the Greek Energy market. Head of R&D in the development of tools for hybrid storage optimization, investment planning and policy making for RES with P2x applications, at the Hellenic Energy Competence Center, a spinoff company founded by NTUA with the participation of major research and industrial partners in the Energy sector. His professional and research interests focus on IT strategy and architectures, SaaS, spatio-temporal Energy data infrastructures and analytics, as well as optimization and forecasting problems for the Energy sector.

HE Mr. Xiao Junzheng, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, "People's Republic of China to the Hellenic Republic", Athens, Greece



Male, born in March 1970, Ji'an, Jiangxi Province, and holds a PhD degree in history

1997-1998 Assistant Research Fellow, China Institute of International Studies
1998-2002 Third Secretary, Second Secretary, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Islamic Republic of Iran

2002-2003 Assistant Research Fellow, China Institute of International Studies
2003-2008 Second Secretary, Deputy Division Chief, Division Chief,

the Department of West Asian and North African Affairs, MFA
2008-2012 Counselor, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Turkey

2012-2019 Counselor, Deputy Director General, the Department of West Asian and North African Affairs, MFA

2019-2021 Minister Counselor, Minister, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Arab Republic of Egypt

2021- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Hellenic.

Tim Yeo, Chairman, The New Nuclear Watch Institute (NNWI), Ex Secretary of Energy and MP, London, UK



Tim is a former Conservative MP for South Suffolk and former Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Since leaving the House of Commons in 2015 where Tim was Chair of the Energy of the Energy & Climate Change Select Committee (2010-2015), Tim has been working in various energy and climate change related roles in the business and academic worlds. These include Chairman of The New Nuclear Watch Institute (formerly New Nuclear Watch Europe), and Chair of the University of Sheffield Energy 2050 Industrial Advisory Board.

Tim remains a Director of Getlink SE (formerly Groupe Eurotunnel), one of the largest listed companies in France, where he chair's the Board Strategy and Sustainable Development Committee. In 2016 KOTRA, the Korean trade office, appointed Tim as the Honorary Ambassador of Foreign Investment Promotion for South Korea. Tim is also works with the UK-China (Guangdong) CCUS Centre on carbon capture projects, on the design of China's emissions trading system, and with business on inward investment from China to the UK.

Gökhan Yardim, Managing Partner, ADG Natural Gas Consultancy and Trade Ltd., Ankara, Türkiye



Gökhan YARDIM graduated from Ankara Middle East Technical University, Department of Chemical Engineering as a Chemical Engineer with a CENTO scholarship and started to work as a production engineer at Ankara Electricity Gas and Bus Corporation (EGO) Maltepe Towngas Factory. He successfully completed the State Investment Bank Project Evaluation Course and received a scholarship from OECD. After completing his Natural Gas on the Job training at Scottish Gas of British Gas, he joined BOTAŞ as an Engineer in 1983 when natural gas imports from the USSR came to the agenda, and served as Chief Engineer, Manager, Head of Natural Gas Department and General Manager and Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1999, respectively, and took part in or managed the negotiations of all natural gas Sales and Purchase Agreements of Turkey between 1983-2001. Between 1993 and 1994, he was the President of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Group of Experts on Natural Gas Distribution and Utilisation.

He served as the General Manager of a privately owned Natural Gas Import, Wholesale and Export Company between 2011-2018 and as the General Manager of Energy Investment Holding between 2016-2017. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of PETFORM (Petroleum and Natural Gas Platform Association), which has been operating for more than 23 years under the leadership of domestic and foreign companies operating in the fields of crude oil and natural gas exploration, production, processing, storage, transportation and refining and natural gas import and sale, for 4 years and has been a member of IENE since 2009. He is currently working as a partner and Manager of ADG Anadolu Natural Gas Consultancy and Trade Limited Company. He is married has a daughter who is a Chemical Engineer.

Dr. Yurdakul Yigitguden, Independent Energy Advisor and Former Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environment Activities, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Turkey



Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden is a Consultant on energy economics and a non-executive Board Member of CHS. From 2013-2017, he served as the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities in Vienna. Between 2004-2012 he advised several international companies on investment climate and geopolitics in the region and was Board Member of BorusanMannesman (2007-2013), BorusanEnBW Energy (2008-2012) in Istanbul and Senior Policy Expert of the EU MED-ENEC project promoting solar energy and energy efficiency in ten Mediterranean countries (2006-2008). He served from 1997-2003 as the Undersecretary of the Turkish Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources.

He took a leadership role in the Caspian region energy diplomacy and in implementing energy market reforms in Turkey. 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 Undersecretary 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 State Planning Organization (1987-89).

Milan Zdravkovic, DSO Executive Director, JP SRBIJAGAS, Novi Sad, Serbia



Milan Zdravković is a graduated mechanical engineer. He was born in 1964 in Belgrade. After graduating from the Mathematical Gymnasium, he graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Belgrade, Department of Aviation, in 1991. He began his professional experience during the preparation of his diploma thesis in the Technical Operations of Yugoslav Air Transport until the beginning of 1992, when he started working at the LOLA Institute, at that time the official IBM Center of High Technology Competence for Southeast Europe. In the period 1992-1998, he was hired as an expert associate on CIM systems (computer integrated production), within which he managed numerous projects

for the application of complex software systems for the design of industrial electromechanical systems. In the period 1998-2002, he held the position of Marketing Director and Project Manager at the LOLA Institute. In the company NIS-Energogas, the legal predecessor of the Public Company "Srbijagas", he has been working since 2002 as the Head of the Development Work Unit, and with the establishment of the PE "Srbijagas" in 2005 he was appointed Director of the Development Sector OD Belgrade. On that occasion, he performs the tasks of preparation, preparation of plans and programs for gasification of the territory of Serbia. In the period from 2014-2017, he was the Assistant General Manager for Economics, and since 2017 he has been the Executive Director of the Distribution System Operator.

He is a member of the International Gas Union (IGU) - Program Working Group A - Sustainable Development, where he has won two awards during his many years of engagement. He is an honorary associate member of the Greek Energy Institute of Southeast Europe (IENE). He is the head of the DVGW working group RG6 - Project for harmonization of legal and technical regulations in the gas sector of Southeast Europe. He is a member of several working groups in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Energy Community and the institutions of the European Commission.

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