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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 \(IENE\)](#)

Dr. Charles Ellinas, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, 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 a Non-resident Senior Fellow, US Atlantic Council

Dr. Konstantinos Filis, Director at the Institute of Global Affairs, Greece

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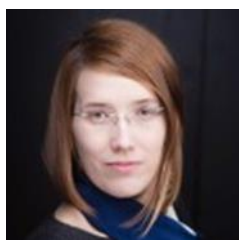
of Greece. President of the Foundation for Thracian Art and Tradition and member of the Hellenic Olympic Committee. Also, commentator for Ant1 Group. Member of the Advisory Committee at the Institute of International Relations, Panteion University. Former Executive Director and Director of Research at the Institute of International Relations, Panteion University.

Elected in November 2007 and served for two years as Senior Associate Member at St Antony's College, Oxford University and as Research Fellow at South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), Oxford University.

He lectures at the Hellenic Naval Staff and Command College, at the Hellenic National Defense College and at the Police Academy. He is currently member of: the BoD of Piraeus Asset Management, the Greek-Turkish Forum, The Institute of Energy for South-East Europe, and the board of the Delphi Economic Forum. He is also Director of the International Olympic Truce Centre, energy and geoeconomics advisor to the Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association and Advisory Board member of DiaNEOsis Research and Policy Institute.

His most recent books/monographs are: "Assertive Patriotism", "Greece in its neighbourhood", "A Closer Look at Russia and its Influence in the World", "Turkey, Islam, Erdogan", and "Refugees, Europe, Insecurity".

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



Eugenia Gusilov is the director and founder of ROEC. A Fulbright alumna and a graduate of Columbia University, New York (USA), she has a Master of International Affairs with a concentration in International Energy Management and Policy and a Certificate from the Harriman Institute with a thesis analyzing the Russian Production Sharing Agreements. Her work experience includes political analysis, energy consulting, academic and business research, and business strategy. Her areas of expertise cover: strategic and commercial analysis of energy markets, oil and gas policies, and energy economics.

Eugenia leads and represents the center, forges partnerships and maintains relationships with all relevant stakeholders. Responsible for planning, coordination and effective implementation of ROEC projects and events, she oversees and enforces QC for all ROEC analytical work. She charts the course for organization development and chooses the strategies used to achieve that vision. As a fellow energy analyst, she carries out research and analysis work, and contributes to all ongoing projects.

Mr. Mihailo Mihailovic, Independent Consultant, Serbia



Mihailo Mihailovic has over 35 years of professional and business experience in Power Industry of the Republic of Serbia. He possesses extensive knowledge and skill in covering national electricity system dispatching, short and long term operation planning and long term corporate strategic planning. As an evaluator of new energy concepts or technologies, he was involved in the energy strategy development and market projections, along with policy related activities on both national and regional levels. During his career, he was

- a cross-functional leader in strategic planning, mapping potential and reviewing RES output in the power industry on company, national and regional level.
- Team leader for harmonization and implementation of modern energy statistical methodologies.
- Contributing editor on energy developments and trends in Serbia and SEE countries for the European annual publications.

Mihailo also authored or co-authored numerous papers and presentations for international conferences and was a reviewer on many national and regional policy studies regarding energy efficiency, climate-energy changes and regional electricity market development.

Graduated and received his M.Sc. degree in Power Engineering at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at University of Belgrade. After retiring from his position at the

Electric Power Industry of Serbia, he works as an independent energy consultant and has been appointed as the Partner and member of the IENE's Board of Directors.

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.

Mr. John Psaropoulos, Independent Journalist



I am an independent journalist based in Athens, with two decades of experience covering Greece, Cyprus and southeast Europe.

2009 - now: Freelance correspondent for Al Jazeera International, NPR, the Daily Beast and others.
1999-2009: Editor-in-chief of Athens News, Greece's historic, English-language newspaper
1994-1999: Associate Producer at CNN International
1992-1994: Freelance

correspondent for The European

I went to Marlborough College and received my BA and MA in ancient Greek from King's College London.

Prof. Ionut Purica, Member at Prime Minister's Advisory Council for Sustainable Development, INCE-Romanian Academy, Romania

Presently an Executive Director of the Advisory Center for Energy and Environment,



Dr.Purica was also personal adviser of the Minister of Research, the Minister of Economy and, previously, the Minister of the Environment and an expert for the Parliament of Romania, also President (State Secretary) of the Romanian Nuclear Energy Agency (top level security clearance). He is a member of the EU Advisory Group for Energy and of the World Energy Council study group for energy scenarios 2050 and was a member of the

steering committee of the Global Threats Study Network financed by Dpt.of Defence and managed by Virginia Tech. USA, also a senior researcher in the Romanian Academy's Institute for Economic Forecasting. Moreover, he is a corresponding member of the Academy of Romanian Scientists (AOSR) Section of Technical Sciences.

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 (under the ICTP TRIL Program) 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 e.g.(Imperial College Press, Academic Press, etc.) and published articles in journals like Risk Analysis, IEEE Power Engineering Review, Foundations of Control Engineering, Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting, etc. He took his second PhD in economics, (the first one in Nuclear Energy Engineering) and, he is also Professor, teaching a course in Project Risk management to masters of science programs.

Mr. John Roberts, Energy Security Specialist, Methinks Ltd, Scotland and Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Washington DC, UK



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

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

Roberts has recently completed studies for the Atlantic Council on oil and gas in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, on gas interconnectors in Europe, and on the development of Russia's Turkish Stream pipeline and its impact on the development of the Southern Gas Corridor to connect the Caspian to Europe. Private consultancy work has included investigation of investment conditions in Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 programme. He is currently preparing a study on the Russia-China-Turkmenistan gas triangle.

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

Mr. Costis Stambolis, Chairman and Executive Director, 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. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden, Independent Energy Advisor and Former Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environment Activities, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Ankara

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).

