

Speakers



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

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

Costis has carried out numerous studies and projects on Renewable Energy Sources in developing countries. He has consulted widely on solar building applications for both private and institutional clients in various European countries. He has worked as a consultant and strategy advisor on natural gas, oil markets and energy security issues for large multinational companies, 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 pthers 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 sitewww.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. Christos Housiadas
Chairman of the Greek Atomic Energy Commission (EEAE), Greece

Christos Housiadas is the Chairman of the Greek Atomic Energy Commission (EEAE), serving since 2008. He has been instrumental in the evolution of EEAE into a modern regulatory authority for radiation and nuclear safety.

He is a Mechanical Engineer from the National Technical University of Athens and completed his doctoral studies at the Institute National Polytechnique de Grenoble (INPG), France. His career includes many years of research at the CEA in Grenoble, France, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission in Ispra, Italy, and the National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR) "Demokritos" in Greece. His scientific work is in the areas of reactor thermal-hydraulics and aerosol flows.

At the European level, he chaired the ATO Council Working Party during the 2014 Greek EU Presidency, achieving the adoption of the landmark Council Directive 2014/87/Euratom on nuclear safety. He also served for two terms as Vice-Chair of the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG), representing a non-nuclear EU Member State.



Georgios Papachristos, Mechanical Engineer and a Research Fellow at IENE, Greece

Georgios Papachristos is a nuclear energy strategy and business development professional with 19+ years of international experience across Europe and Asia. He holds an MSc in Energy Law, Business, Regulation and Policy from the International Hellenic University, with a thesis on Policy and Financing Mechanisms for SMR deployment. His engineering foundation includes a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from Fontys University of Applied Sciences (Eindhoven) and a BSc in Product Design Engineering from Hanze University of Applied Sciences (Groningen), both in the Netherlands, with his Mechanical Engineering final thesis completed at Monash University, Australia. Four years as sole European industry representative in South Korea, with executive training at Yonsei University, provided him with direct engagement experience across Asian markets. He was an invited speaker at the 2nd Nuclear Energy Conference in Greece, organised by the Foreign Affairs Institute and NCSR Demokritos, in Athens, in 2025. He serves as Research Fellow at the Institute of Energy for South-East Europe (IENE) and is the lead author of the present report.



Dr. Aliki van Heek Independent nuclear consultant, Bèta Research GmbH, Associate to Associate to Nuclear-21, Vienna, Austria, (online)

Aliki van Heek is a nuclear all-rounder with more than 30 years of experience in multiple areas: economics, sustainability, radioactive waste management, nuclear safety, high temperature reactors and other advanced reactor technology. She is an independent consultant with her own company Bèta Research, and joined the Nuclear-21 consultancy company in 2023 as an associate, carrying out various assignments in the fields mentioned above.

Prior to this, she worked for seven years at the IAEA in Vienna, on the interface of energy, economics and environment. Before that, she held positions including Team Manager Decommissioning & Radioactive Waste Management, Programme Manager on 4th Generation Nuclear Energy Systems and Project Manager High Temperature Reactors at NRG in The Netherlands. She holds an MSc degree in physics and a PhD in nuclear engineering.



Sofia Politopoulou
Executive Officer HEDNO and Member of the Board of Directors, IENE , Greece

Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator

2012-today: **Director of the Regulatory Affairs Dpt**

Processing Regulatory topics such as: The coordination and negotiations with RAE for HEDNO's Revenues and Distribution Network Tariffs. The adjustment of the Company's Units in the regulatory framework and the Compliance Program. The following of European & international regulatory practices and trends in order to configure the Company's positions and develop an appropriate strategy and targets on regulatory issues.

EU
2022-today: Vice Chair of Strategic Advisor Group to BoD of the EU DSO entity.
2022-today: Member of Country Expert Group EU DSO entity
2012-today: Member of Distribution & Market Facilitator Committee Eurelectric
2020-today: Member of Policy Committee of E.DSO

Public Power Corporation SA
1991-2011: Various positions at Strategy Dpt: Dealing with issues such Sustainability, CSR, Strategy, Business & Environmental Plan, Energy Market Analysis, Opportunities for expansion in SE Europe, Regulatory aspects.

Liaison Delegator of PPC in World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

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Master in Business Administration
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Simos Pantelidis, Account Manager, Defense & Security, Maritime & Energy, ONEX Technology Systems & Business Solutions SA

Simon Pantelidis holds the position of Account Manager at ONEX Technology Systems & Business Solutions SA, in the sectors of Defense & Security as well as Maritime & Energy.

He is an aeronautical engineer with 31 years of experience in the Hellenic Air Force, and 3 years in the private sector. His expertise includes aerospace sciences, aircraft airworthiness, safety management systems, and he has held leadership roles in the Hellenic Air Force and NATO Groups. He holds BSc in Aeronautical Engineering from the Hellenic Airforce Academy, MSc in Aerospace Vehicle Design from Cranfield University and has received training in Defence and Airworthiness fields from the UK Defence Academy.