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Opening Session

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



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).

Prof. Nikolas Farantouris Member of the European Parliament - Jean Monnet Professor of Energy Law Greece



Member of the European Parliament (2024-2029).

Member of the European Parliament's Committees on:

Budgets (BUDG)

Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) as a Coordinator

Security and Defence (SEDE)

Member of the EU-US Parliamentary Delegation.

Member of the EU- African States Parliamentary Delegation.

Professor at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus Greece. Jean Monnet Chair in European & Energy Law. Founder and director of the international Master's Program in Energy. Attorney at law since 2001.

He studied law at the University of Athens and completed a Master's degree (MJur) in European and Comparative Law and a Doctorate (DPhil) in European Law, both at the University of Oxford.

He has held posts as adjunct professor, research associate or visiting professor in top Universities in the US and Europe including NYU, Rotterdam, Dresden, Pqris, Oxford et al. He has worked in Goldman Sachs' Legal & Compliance Department in London and in Norton Rose LLP Competition & EU Law Department in London, Brussels and Athens, where he handled major antitrust, merger control and state aid cases in the banking, energy and transport sectors, before national and international authorities, the EU Commission and the European Court of Justice.

He has also gained experience as a Board member of Hellenic Competition Commission and a member of the Board of Directors, General Counsel and Chairman of the Board of the Public Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA) S.A. (2019-2019) and Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee of EUROGAS, the association of 45 energy companies in Europe (2016-2019).

He is a member of the Energy Committee of the Academy of Athens.

Prof. Yannis Maniatis, MEP, Vice Chair – Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Member ITRE, former Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, Greece



Dr. Eng. Yannis Maniatis is a Rural and Surveying Engineer (National Technical University of Athens).

He was an Assoc. Professor at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and since 2002 is Assoc. Professor at the University of Piraeus.

Visiting Professor at the Institute of Economic Geography, University of Bonn.

Director of the MSc “Climate Crisis and Information and Communication Technologies” Director of the “Environmental and Energy Policies and Systems” Laboratory.

Political and Social

- Dr. Maniatis was elected as a Member of the Greek Parliament during the elections 2004 - 2019. He was appointed:

- Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2009 - 2015)

- Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (1998 - 2001)

Academic Fields

1. Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) and Remote Sensing,
2. Energy and Transportation Policies and Systems,
3. Environmental Management and Climate Change
4. Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
5. EU Structural Policies and Land Uses
6. Innovation Management and Digital Entrepreneurship
7. Systems and Policies of Smart Energy, Digital Agriculture, Smart Cities

Publications

1. Maniatis, Y. (2020). “Green Development: the Answer to Climate Crisis”, diaNEOsis Eds, Athens

2. Maniatis, Y. (2016). “Structural Reforms and Progressive Patriotism”, Papazisis Eds, Athens.
3. Maniatis, Y. (2012). “Energy and Natural Resources: National Pillars for Development”, Livanis Eds, Athens.
4. Maniatis, Y. (2009). “The Challenge of Green Development”, Livanis Eds, Athens.
5. Maniatis, Y. (1993). “Geographic Information Systems and Environmental Monitoring”, Ziti Eds, Thessaloniki.

John Roberts, Energy Security Specialist Methinks Ltd., & Research Fellow IENE, Scotland, 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).

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



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>

Dr. Charles Ellinas, Senior Fellow, Global Energy Center of the Atlantic Council, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, IENE, UK



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

Prior to this, as CEO of KRETYK, 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.

SESSION B - The Energy Security Dimension in SE Europe

Michael B. Christides, Ambassador (a.h.) Co-Chair Organizing Committee, Balkan and Black SEA Forum, c/o Geo Routes Institute NPO, 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.

Cristina Lobillo Borrero, Directorate F - Energy security and international relations, DG Energy, European Commission

Originally, from Cordoba in Spain, Cristina Lobillo Borrero is a lawyer with qualifications from Spain, Belgium, and the Harvard Business School.



Having previously worked in the Spanish government for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, she joined the European Commission in 2004, working originally on agriculture policy and then moving to trade issues.

From 2014 to 2019 she was the Head of Cabinet to the then EU Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, Miguel Arias Cañete. As Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete was the EU's chief negotiator in the COP, she was present in Paris for parts of the COP21 session and therefore had an important role in the EU team. Former Commissioner's term in office was also noted for its successful overhaul of EU energy legislation under the so-called Clean energy for all Europeans package.

From December 2019 to June 2020, she was Principal Adviser at the Directorate General for Agriculture and, from June 2020 to June 2022, she was Director for Energy Policy: Strategy and Coordination in the European Commission's Directorate General for Energy. In this role, she was heavily involved in the preparations of the legislative proposals of "fit for 55" package. Her responsibilities as Director also included overseeing EU international relations on energy issues, coordination with Member States as well as with the EU institutions, together with the communication, legal and economic aspects of EU energy policy.

Since June 2022 she is Director – Head of Directorate F - Energy security and international relations in DG ENER, European Commission.

Ronald Pinto, Principal Insight Analyst- Gas & LNG, Kpler, Paris, France



Ronald Pinto is Principal Analyst for European Gas Markets at Kpler, where he leads analysis on gas and LNG market dynamics across Europe. With 15 years of experience in the energy sector, he specialises in forecasting supply-demand fundamentals, analysing pricing formation, and assessing the impact of infrastructure and regulatory developments on market behaviour.

Prof. Ionut Purica, IENE Partner, Executive Director, Advisory Center for Energy and Environment - 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.

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).

Jakub Przyborowicz, Brussels Representation Office Manager, Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A., GIE, Chair of the CEE-SEE Working Group, Brussels, Belgium

Jakub Przyborowicz is a Manager in the GAZ-SYSTEM Brussels Representative Office – the Polish Gas Transmission System Operator. He has been actively involved in the European energy policy and legislation since 2006. He started his professional path with a traineeship in the European Institutions. Then, taking a post of Policy Advisor in the European Parliament in the ITRE and TRAN Committees where he served during the VI and VII term of the Parliament.



In 2014, he joined the International Association CEEP (Central European Energy Partners), representing energy and energy-intensive companies from the CEE region where he worked as Coordinator in charge of contacts with the European Institutions, steering the work of the association and preparation of the relevant positions and reports produced by CEEP.

Jakub Przyborowicz joined GAZ-SYSTEM in 2017, first as a senior specialist in the Brussels Office. He built his expertise working for a number of development, regulatory and policy projects.

He is involved in the activities of a number of Brussels-based sector organisations such as ENTSOE, GIE, Hydrogen Europe. He is active as Chairman of the CEE & SEE Decarbonisation WG in GIE, Co-Chairman of the Strategy TF within GIE, and Member of the GasNaturally Steering Committee.

Since 2021 he is the Manager of the company Representative Office with the main responsibilities in the European energy agenda and relations with the EU institutions.

Prof. Neven Duić, Co-Chair Energy Steering Panel, European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC)

Prof. dr. sc. Neven Duić (Croatia) is co-chair of the EASAC Energy Programme and a full professor at the Power Engineering at the Department of Energy, Power Engineering and Environment, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture (University of Zagreb).



He is Member of Strategic Committee for research infrastructure since 2017, Member of National committee for tracking European Commission's Framework programs for research and technology development since 2011, Co-ordinator of Croatian participation of 40 international scientific research projects.

Prof. Neven Duić published over 350 research papers, of which 154 in journals (of which 108 in journals referred in SCI/CC). He was cited 2173 times in Scopus and 1779 times in WoS. He gave more than 167 invited and keynote lectures.

He has organised several of the series of conferences on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems and was a member of organising scientific and programming committees of more than 57 research conferences.

His main areas of interests are energy policy and planning, energy economics, sustainable development policy and resource planning, climate change mitigation, combustion engineering and modelling, research and innovation policy.

Full CV: <http://powerlab.fsb.hr/nduic/>

Roundtable Discussion Group A - Oil & Gas

Maria Karagiannidou-Rosiek, Head of Policy, IOGP Europe, The International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP), Brussels, Belgium



Maria Karagiannidou-Rosiek joined IOGP in 2020 and currently serves as Head of Policy Europe, overseeing a diverse portfolio of EU policy areas including energy, climate, sustainability, and environmental regulation. She brings more than a decade of international experience in the oil and gas industry, with a strong emphasis on EU regulatory affairs and stakeholder engagement.

Maria began her career within the EU institutions, holding roles at the European External Action Service (EEAS), the European Parliament, and the Greek Permanent Representation to the EU.

She later gained experience with FuelsEurope, the refining industry association, before joining MOL Group in Budapest, where she spent over six years leading the company's EU regulatory affairs and advancing key public affairs and business initiatives.

A graduate of the College of Europe, Maria holds a Master's degree in EU International Relations and Diplomacy. She is fluent in English, Polish, and Greek, and has a working knowledge of French.

Liana Gouta, Director General FuelsEurope & Concawe



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.

Kostis Oikonomopoulos, Petroleum Geologist, Research Fellow, Research Coordinator, IENE

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, specialising 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 (now 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 was involved in hydrocarbon exploration work (geological and geophysical) in Egypt.

Murad Heydarov, Head of Regional Office for Balkan Region, SOCAR



Murad Heydarov is the gas industry professional bringing over 25 years of experience including as member of negotiating team for the development of cross border Southern Gas Corridor transportation system. Murad Heydarov serves as the Executive Director of SOCAR for the Balkans, overseeing SOCAR strategic energy projects in the region. Under his leadership, SOCAR has established offices in Bulgaria and Albania, expanding corporate presence in the Balkan region. In Bulgaria, M.Heydarov leads projects to develop an internal gas distribution network. In 2024 SOCAR started the implementation of a greenfield gasification project and kicked off direct supplies of natural gas to industry entities and social infrastructure through the “hybrid gasification” project. Both projects are being implemented in partnership with local entities. In Albania, M.Heydarov leads Nur project to gasify the city of Korça, aiming to provide natural gas to local businesses and households by the end of 2026. The project is implemented in collaboration with the Government of Albania and Albgaaz. With experience in both the public and private sectors, Murad Heydarov plays a leading role in SOCAR’s efforts to strengthen energy security and sustainable development in the Balkans. Currently, he is Chairman of Trans Adriatic Pipeline Board of Directors.

Roundtable Discussion Group B - Energy Efficiency, Renewables & Hydrogen

Nikos Sofianos, General Secretary, IENE, Chairman of the RES Committee, 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.

Konstantinos Theofylaktos, Deputy Chairman, IENE, and Chairman of IENE's Energy Efficiency Committee, 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. Konstantinos'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).

Ivan Delibasic, Executive Director EU Advocacy, Hydrogen Europe, Brussels, Belgium



Hydrogen Europe is the leading organisation representing European-based companies and stakeholders that are committed to accelerating the European hydrogen industry. With more than 600 members, Hydrogen Europe brings together diverse industry players, EU Regions and National Association, to combine efforts in support of clean hydrogen technologies across the value chain.

Mr Delibasic is a distinguished leader in the energy and Hydrogen sector, with close to 25 years of experience in both the private and public sector. His career includes over 10 years in consulting, where he led teams delivering political and policy analysis on energy topics from the Brussels bubble and European capitals. He has also been Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to Deputy PM responsible for EU integration in Serbia and advised a number of national ministers and Members of the European Parliament from across the EU.

Dimitris Triantafyllopoulos, Managing Director, Hellenic Hydrogen, Greece



Mr. Dimitris Triantafyllopoulos has more than 20 years of experience in the energy market. During the last years he has worked on the development of new activities related to clean, alternative energy sources, energy efficiency and energy management, focusing on energy

transition and sustainable development. In January 2023 he was appointed as the CEO of Hellenic Hydrogen SA.

Mr. Triantafyllopoulos is a graduate of the National Technical University of Athens (School of Mining-Metallurgical Engineering) with postgraduate studies in "Environmental Technology" from the University of UMIST and in "Engineering Business Management" from the University of Warwick.

Roundtable Discussion Group C - Electricity & Gas Grids

Panagiotis Panousos, Director, System Operation, ENTSO-G



Panagiotis (Panos) Panousos brings over 30 years of experience in the gas sector, having played a role in introducing natural gas to Greece and managing the daily operation of the transmission system. Throughout his career, he has held senior positions at the Public Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA) as Operation Manager for the High-Pressure System, and at the Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator (DESFA) as Gas Flow Management Director, IT and Communications Director, and Energy Transition Senior Manager. He has also contributed to shaping Greece's regulatory framework for hydrogen and renewable gases and served on the national committee for hydrogen strategy development.

Panos also worked with the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO-G) as System Operation Business Area Manager, where he oversaw technical coordination with members, the European Commission, ACER, and market participants. He led the development of the Interoperability and Data Exchange Network Code and the Transparency Platform.

He currently serves as Director of System Operation at ENTSOG, driving initiatives that strengthen system interoperability, transparency, data exchange, and security of supply, while supporting Europe's energy transition.

Panos holds an MSc in Chemical Engineering and an MSc in Total Quality Management.

Kristin Lucie Munthe, Board Member Referee to Security of Critical Infrastructures Task Force, ENTSO-E, Brussels, Belgium

Kristin Munthe holds a M.Sc in computer science and has also studied economics. She has worked as a consultant in the Norwegian company ECON. She worked in the energy sector and gave advice to commercial parties in the sector as well as Norwegian and Nordic authorities.



For almost 20 years, she has worked for Statnett, the Norwegian TSO. She has held various management positions: market design, development of system operation, digital transformation and is presently Senior Vice President for Regulatory and International Affairs. Her career includes substantial international experience, both in the Nordic region and Europe.

She has been Board member of Nord Pool, is presently chair of the Board of the Nordic Regional Coordination Centre (RCC). At this Roundtable she represents ENTSO-E. She is presently Board member with the particular role of Referee to the Task Force Security of Critical Infrastructures.

Davor Bajs, Electricity Infrastructure Expert, Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna, Austria

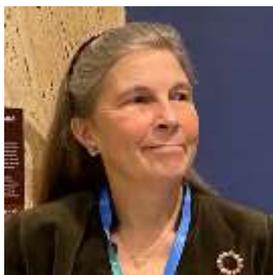


Electrical engineer with extensive expertise in electricity infrastructure, transmission systems, and energy market regulation. Over a decade of experience in research, international collaboration, and project coordination within the energy sector. Currently serving as an electricity infrastructure expert at the Energy Community Secretariat, overseeing key regional projects aligned with the TEN-E Regulation. Proven experience with international organisations, including the IAEA, in areas such as power system studies and nuclear power plant-grid interface.

Aliki van Heek, Independent nuclear consultant, Bèta Research GmbH, Associate to Nuclear-21, Vienna, Austria

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.

Roundtable Discussion Group D - Protection of Energy Infrastructure

Kristina Rimkūnaitė, Subject Matter Expert, Research and Lessons Learned Division, NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence, Vilnius, Lithuania

Kristina Rimkunaite is Subject Matter Expert at NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence (ENSEC COE) and Diplomat at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania.



ENSEC COE mission is to support NATO, Nations and Partners to meet the challenges of a dynamic energy security environment by addressing resilience, operational energy efficiency, and critical energy infrastructure protection. Ms. Rimkunaite worked with extensive scope of different energy projects from 2007. The sectors covered include oil, natural gas, shale gas, chemistry industries, and RES (e-fuels, wind, hydro, solar, biomass, hydrogen). As economist she planned “Achema Group” Klaipeda LNG import terminal studies and case analysis.

During her time with “Ignitis Group” Ms. Rimkunaite had different positions, among which was group’s Risk Management Lead, whose tasks included protection of four national Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) sites. While at “Ignitis” (former LITGAS), she set up small scale LNG value chain in Klaipėda. Ms. Rimkunaite also coordinated Lithuania’s National Energy and Climate Plan preparation for European Commission at Ministry of Energy. Using her vast practical knowledge, she currently focuses on EU energy sector policies and

strategies, with emphasis on energy transition, climate and their impact on global and national energy security.

Konstantinos I. Chatzifotis, European Affairs Manager, Motor Oil Group



Mr. Konstantinos I. Chatzifotis is Manager of European Affairs of MOH Group, Member of Directors of Hellenic Hydrogen, and registered lawyer in Athens Bar Association (2005). He has served as Member of Cabinet of EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (Brussels, 2016-2018), Head of Cabinet of a Vice President of European Parliament (Brussels, 2005-2014), as well as senior advisor of International and EU Affairs and Funding for various Ministers of the Greek Government (Ministry of Development, Ministry of Defence). He has also advised and supported as external EU funding expert numerous Greek Ministries, Regional and Local Authorities in strategic planning, developing, promoting and managing EU co-funded programs and he has participated as legal expert in international ICT projects. He holds a DES in EU Law (ULB – Belgium), an LLM in ICT Law (KULeuven - Belgium), and a Bachelor of Laws (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki –Greece). He has received scholarships from the Alexandros Onassis Foundation and the Church of Greece.

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Felipe Castro is a policy officer in the European Commission in the area of Energy Security and Safety, domain of cybersecurity. He joined the European Commission first in the Internal Audit Services and then the Directorate-General of Energy, dealing with technology and cybersecurity topics. Currently he is working on cybersecurity legislation and digitalization in the energy sector. He holds a master degree in telecommunication engineering from the University of Valladolid (Spain) and a second Master in Business Administration by the University UNED (Spain). He worked 17 years in telecommunications in the private sector in Germany, France and Belgium. He is also affiliated professor in the Business School SKEMA in France.

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