



Speakers Biodata

WELCOME ADDRESSES AND OPENING REMARKS

Ioannis Bratakos, President, Athens Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI)

Ioannis Bratakos was born in Athens in 1968. He has a Bachelor's degree in Production Engineering & Management and a Master's degree in Political Economy from the London School of Economics & Political Science. In 1999 he co-founded DD Synergy, a company that offers software and hardware solutions. He has been actively involved in the SAP software services field, from 1995 to 2022.



He has been a non-executive member of the Board of Directors of GREGORYS MICROMEALS and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the consulting firm CAPE CONSULTING.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors at the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 2006. In December 2017 he was elected as the Chamber's Vice President, supervising innovation, new technologies and investments, as well as the domestic start-up ecosystem.

During his service at the ACCI, he has been a member to numerous Committees, including the Steering Committee for Progress & Development and the Monitoring Committee of the National Reform Program for the Lisbon Strategy. Furthermore, he has been the ACCI's representative on the EuroCommerce Technology & Communication Committee.

In February 2021, he joined Athens University of Economics and Business as a member of its Strategic Advisory Committee for the Postgraduate Studies in Services Management.

In September 2021 he was elected President of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry and he served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Athens Association of Entrepreneurial Development, from November 2021 till August 2022.

In August 2022 he was appointed Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister, serving as the Secretary General of the Prime Minister until March 2024.

In December 2024 he was reelected President of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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).

PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION

Coordinator: 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.



Anna-Maria Spyriouni, Head of Europe, Climate Bonds Initiative

“Anna-Maria Spyriouni is Head of Europe at the Climate Bonds Initiative, with over 15 years of experience in EU public affairs, energy, and sustainable finance policy. She has played a leading role in advancing Europe's green transition, working to shift capital towards renewable energy and away from fossil fuels. Prior to joining Climate Bonds, she represented the Mayor of London to the EU institutions, advocating for urban sustainability and climate initiatives. Anna-Maria is fluent in English, French, and Greek, and is recognized for her strategic insight into European climate finance policy.”



Marina Strovalidou, Head of Certification, Climate Bonds Initiative, Cyprus

Marina Strovalidou is the Head of Certification at the global NGO Climate Bonds Initiative, since 2021. She heads the team that manages the Certification Scheme governed by the Climate Bonds Standard and oversees the network of Climate Bonds Approved Verifiers. She has substantial experience as Chief Financial Officer in the banking and insurance industries in Cyprus and 'Big 4' audit experience in London. She is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and holds a BSc from Imperial College, an MBA from the UK Institute for Financial Management and a Certificate in Climate and Investing from CFA UK.



Alexandros Floros, ESG Officer, Athens Exchange Group

Mr. Floros has been working at the Athens Exchange Group since 2020 and is a key member of the team responsible for developing and implementing ESG initiatives aimed at raising awareness within the ecosystem. He recently assumed the role of ESG Officer, with the objective of designing and executing the Group's sustainability strategy. Mr. Floros holds a degree in Banking and Financial Management from the University of Piraeus, an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business, and is certified in ESG Investing by the CFA Institute.



Dimitris Verelis, Senior Director, Development & Sustainable Banking, Piraeus Bank

Dimitris Verelis has been working in Piraeus Bank for the last 24 years. Currently holds the position of Senior Director of the Development & Sustainable Banking/ Financial Institutions of Corporate Investment Banking (CIB).



He is actively involved in the implementation of Financial Instruments for Small and Medium Enterprises, Small Midcaps and Large Corporates, in cooperation with Development Organizations such as the Hellenic Development Bank (HDB), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Investment Fund (EIF), the European Bank Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). In addition, he coordinates the Group's business involvement in issues related to the Recovery and Resilience

Fund. Moreover, he oversees the Group's business involvement in Sustainable Finance, and the Group's relations with other International Financial Institutions. In addition, he represents Piraeus Bank to the Hellenic Banking Association for issues related to its scope of work.

Panayiotis-Peter Contis, Vice President, Ameresco



A C-level executive with more than 25 years of experience in managing international operations in three continents. He is advising the CEO on business development, EPC ventures, renewable projects, energy efficiency, infrastructure and acquisitions. He is in charge of developing renewable energy projects, as well as energy efficiency initiatives since 2009.

Ameresco is the largest independent energy services provider in North America, founded in April 2000 and it is a public company (NYSE: AMRC) with 70 offices in 33 US states, 5 Canadian provinces, the UK, Greece, Italy and Romania.

Visiting Professor, Northeastern University, 2014 – Date, D'Amore-McKim School of Business, Boston, Massachusetts

Teaching at D'Amore-McKim School of Business where I taught in the past. Great to be back home, joining an exceptional faculty and staff at a time Northeastern has made it to the top echelon of U.S. Universities and continues its ride to the very top. Supporting excellence in education and research can make the world a better place. Northeastern University being the global leader in experiential education does just this, providing its students the knowledge and experience to succeed.