German-Hellenic ECONOMIC FORUM

VISION & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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The German-Greek economic relations turn over a new chapter. The positive economic development in Greece and the numerous projects planned by the new Greek government bring up wind in our bilateral cooperation. This is good news for the numerous German companies in Greece that have faced big challenges in the last ten years. Many more companies here in Germany look with interest to the new developments in the Greek economy and to the planned measures to boost growth.

The Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK) is fully engaged in supporting this dynamic. This is important for the economic relations between both countries – and for the European Union. In times of increasing protectionism and trade conflicts, and even more after Brexit, it is essential that the EU members join forces and develop a common vision for the EU. The new focus of the EU on energy and climate is just one of many examples where the combined potential and knowhow from Greece and Germany can lead to successful cooperation.

The German-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Greece) will continue supporting companies in both countries with its wide range of services and thus contribute to this success. For this task, the Chamber can also count on DIHK and on the network of 79 Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Germany as well as the network of German Chambers abroad in 92 countries worldwide, of which it is an important member since almost 100 years.

As the main organizer of the “German-Hellenic Economic Forum”, the AHK Greece has made a huge contribution to the German-Greek economic relations today. Greece is back on the screen. Let us take up this momentum for a good and lasting cooperation to the benefit of the companies in both countries and for the benefit of a strong EU.
The German-Hellenic Economic Forum “Vision & Investment Opportunities” is held in the context of the joint initiative of German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis to strengthen economic and investment relations between Germany and Greece and endorsed by the German Federal Minister of Economy and Energy, Peter Altmaier and the Greek Minister of Development and Investment, Adonis Georgiades.

Germany has been Greece’s most important strategic economic partner over the years, providing valuable assistance in its effort to achieve higher growth rates. Especially in recent years and notably during the critical period 2008-2018, Germany ranked first as country of origin of investment capital with 6 billion euros in net inflows of foreign direct investment, according to Enterprise Greece data. In fact, according to official data of the Federal Bank of Germany, German companies currently based in Greece account for 3% of Greek GDP.

Both Germany and Greece face common European challenges in the fields of energy and environmental protection. These challenges undoubtedly offer considerable prospects for investments in Greece. The energy market is one of the most attractive sectors for investment initiatives. In particular, the climatic conditions with long periods of sunshine and high wind potential ensure generous returns on investments in wind and solar parks. Significant opportunities are also provided for gas installation and infrastructure projects, as well as the connection of the islands to the mainland power grid.

The declared objective of the Greek government to support new foreign investment, the revised and markedly improved legal framework, the call for new international tenders and the privatization procedure of state-owned assets create a particularly attractive investment environment.

The organization of the German-Hellenic Economic Forum affirms Germany’s willingness to play an important role in Greece’s steadily and constantly growing economy.

In view of its firm commitment to strengthen bilateral economic relations, the German-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry has undertaken the organization of the German-Hellenic Economic Forum in close cooperation with the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK), with the aim of providing a stimulus for both countries accelerate joint investment cooperation.

The Forum “Vision & Investment Opportunities” is expected to open a vibrant dialogue between funding mechanisms, market players, representatives of key economic sectors as well as investors, effectively leading to new areas and opportunities for major projects to be developed with the support of the Governments of Germany and Greece.
Welcome Notes

Peter Altmaier
Federal Minister for Economic Affairs & Energy

The German-Hellenic Economic Forum hosted by the Association of German Chamber of Commerce and Industry together with German-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry marks the beginning of a special year in German-Greek relations. Our countries have been close partners for a very long time, both bilaterally and in the European Union. This is reflected in longstanding ties on many levels: existing and new German investments in Greece, Greek professors in Germany, co-operation between our businesses, universities and societies, to name but a few. Germany continues to be one of the most important trading partners for Greece. Also, there is a high level of foreign direct investment by German companies in Greece. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy co-funds together with the European Commission several bilateral projects to foster this economic cooperation and to share best practice in the area of export promotion and energy.

In 2020, a number of high level events aim to further deepen our economic relations and direct investments:
Today’s German-Hellenic Forum brings together business representatives, policymakers and other stakeholders from Greece and Germany in Berlin to address innovation, (green) growth and energy – major topics in the current debate in the EU and in our countries. Innovation is a key driver for businesses, industry and SMEs to secure growth and competitiveness. Together, we aim to unlock the potential of green growth and the energy transformation and overcome the challenges on the way.
In September 2020, Germany will be the partner country at the International Thessaloniki Fair. At the same time, Germany will hold the rotating EU Council Presidency in the second semester of 2020.
Taken together, these events shape a year that can be a milestone in our joint relations. The timing is right: after years of crisis, expected growth rates around 2.4% for 2020 provide a solid basis for recovery. Furthermore, the Hellenic government is aiming to improve the investment environment and foster more growth. I very much welcome these efforts. The current performance of the Greek economy provides good momentum for businesses and investors to get together.

I wish all the participants a successful German-Hellenic Forum today with good discussion and new business contacts and opportunities.
Adonis Georgiadis
Minister of Development & Investments

The German-Hellenic economic forum emerges as a landmark in the new era of stronger bilateral relations and enhanced business cooperation between the two countries. On the one hand, Germany is Europe’s largest and healthiest economy with a powerful industrial base, Europe’s leader in R & D and by far the top source of investment capital in Greece. On the other hand, Greece is being rebranded by Mitsotakis administration to a business friendly country and to a more attractive place to invest through cutting taxes, reducing red-tape and simplifying licensing procedures. Furthermore, it has regained its credibility by implementing a bold reform agenda and prudent fiscal policy and now appears as the new hot-spot for investments worldwide. So, I strongly believe that is to our mutual benefit to gain momentum and to further bolster this win-win cooperation, as Greece offers unique opportunities for high return on investments. At the same time, it comes out as a safe haven while entering a new virtuous cycle of political stability and growth. Furthermore, privatization agenda and public-private partnerships (PPPs), which Mitsotakis administration strongly advances, create more profitable investment opportunities. Therefore, my key message to German investors is: “now is the time to invest in Greece; for those of you that have never stopped investing in our country, even in the midst of the worst economic crisis, it is time to reap the benefits. For those of you who have never invested in our country, now is the time to take advantage of the growth potential and the unique opportunities, as the first ones will be rewarded with the biggest profits”. Finally, in business, success is identified not just on economic fundamentals, but also on one’s ability to build partnerships. And to that direction the role of German-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry in cooperation with the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry is valuable and I would like to thank them for their constructive contribution.
Keynote Speakers

Kyriakos Mitsotakis
Prime Minister of Greece

Dr. Angela Merkel
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

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Speakers Biographies
Since 14 March 2018 Peter Altmaier is Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy.

**Previous positions:**
- 2013-2018 Head of the Federal Chancellery, Federal Minister for Special Tasks and Refugee Coordinator of the German Federal Government (since 2015)
- 2012-2013 Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- 2009-2012 Chief Whip of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group
- 2005-2009 Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of the Interior
- 2004-2005 Parliamentary Legal Counsel of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group
- 2002-2003 Spokesman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the First Investigation Committee
- 1999-2003 Delegate of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group to the European Conventions on the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and on the Constitutional Treaty
- 1994-2004 Member of the Committee on European Affairs
- 1994-1998 Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs

**Education and Professional Career:**
- Legal studies at the Saarland University (First and Second State Exam 1985 and 1988)
- Certificate in European Integration studies (1986)
- 1985-1990 Research assistant for Public and International Law at Saarland University and later at the European Institute of the Saarland University
- 1990-1994 Official of the European Commission; Secretary-General for the Administrative Commission on Social Security for Migrant Workers

As of 2006 Peter Altmaier has been the President of the Europa-Union (German branch of the Union of European Federalists) and since the end of 2011 he took over the office as Honorary President.

Peter Altmaier was born on June 18th, 1958 in Ensdorf (State of Saarland).
Dimitris Andriopoulos
CEO, Dimand SA

Born in 1961, Mr. Dimitris Andriopoulos has significant experience in the real estate, tourism, shipping and food industries. For more than 30 years he has been the head of major corporations and projects in Greece and abroad for McDonald’s, Superfast Ferries, Elliniki Technodomiki - TEV and Intracom GoC.

Mr. Dimitris Andriopoulos is founder, main shareholder and Chief Executive Officer of Dimand SA, a leading, Athens based real estate development company specializing in large scale sustainable (LEED Gold) office developments and urban regeneration projects.

Dimand has strong partnerships with institutional investors and organizations. In year 2016 it initiated development partnership with Grivalia Properties (Eurobank) and NBG Pangaea (Prodea Investments). In year 2018 Dimand and EBRD established a joint venture to invest in sustainable commercial real estate and hospitality projects in Greece, with a focus on brownfield projects. On Dec-2019 Dimand and H.I.G. Capital entered into a strategic debt and equity financing agreement, which in combination with the EBRD agreement enhances the firm’s investment reach.
Ulrich Benterbusch
Deputy Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Following positions in the Economic Affairs Ministry, the Federal Chancellery, the International Energy Agency in Paris and as director of the German Energy Agency (dena), Ulrich Benterbusch is now serving as Deputy Director-General in the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. His portfolio includes energy efficiency in industry and households and sustainable mobility.
Passionate about the topic of hydrogen, I believe that it offers us a chance to finally reach the solution for an effective climate policy while maintaining EU’s technological advancement. In my work, I don’t stop searching for new ideas, trying to bring creativity and thoughtful analysis in everything I do.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

11/2016 – current Berlin, Germany  Senior Manager in Energy and Climate Policy The Federation of German Industries (BDI)

10/2014 – 08/2016 Berlin, Germany  Associate Research Fellow in European Energy Policy Jacques Delors Institut – Berlin

09/2015 – 12/2015 Moscow, Russia  Consultant in Energy and Environment Department United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

03/2014 – 07/2014 Berlin, Germany  Research Assistant German Bundestag, MP office of the CDU/CSU Party Vice-Chairman Dr. Georg Nüßlein

06/2013 – 11/2013 Essen, Germany  Analyst in Special Projects, Mergers & Acquisitions E.ON Connecting Energies

**MEMBERSHIP IN ADVISORY BOARDS**

09/2019 - current Carbon2Chem, thyssenkrupp AG led research consortium on circular use of CO2-emissions from steel manufacturing

12/2019 - current KBI Cottbus, competence centre on climate protection in energy intensive industries

06/2018 – current SynEngie Kopernikus Project of the Federal Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF) on demand-side-management

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND POLICY CONTRIBUTIONS**

11/2019 BDI position: Priorities of the German industry for the national hydrogen strategy (DE)

07/2019 BDI position: An industry-roadmap for the market ramp-up of climate-neutral gases (DE)

09/2016 Jacques Delors policy paper: Starting a new chapter in EU-Algeria energy relations

05/2016 Jacques Delors background note: Nord Stream 2 – opportunities and dilemmas of a new gas supply route to the EU

05/2016 Jacques Delors policy paper: Capacity mechanisms in the EU: nationalizing energy security?

**UNIVERSITY EDUCATION**

09/2014 – 06/2016 Berlin, Germany  Master of Public Policy Hertie School of Governance

10/2009 – 06/2013 Birmingham, United Kingdom  Bachelor of Science in International Business and Modern Languages Aston University

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

02/2016  Junior Ambassador at the Munich Security Conference

2016 09/2014 – 08/2016 Scholarship holder of the Hertie Foundation ‘Future of Europe Stipend’

03/2014 – 07/2014 Member of the International Parliamentary Scholarship of the German Bundestag (IPS)

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Russian  Mother tongue

Latvian  Fluent professional

German  Fluent professional

Spanish  Intermediate

English  Fluent professional

Jekaterina Boening
Senior Manager in Energy and Climate Policy at the Federation of German Industries BDI
Robby Bourlas started his career in 1999 as Senior Analyst at First Manhattan Consulting Group in New York. In 2003, he moved to London and joined the easyGroup as Commercial Director. In 2006, he joined Olympia Group, an international investment group with a strong presence in 10 countries through subsidiaries in various sectors. At Olympia, Mr. Bourlas started at Public, a leading omnichannel retailer in Greece and Cyprus, where he stayed for 9 years in various positions up to the CEO role. In 2015, he assumed the position of CEO at Westnet, a technology distribution company within Olympia Group. Since 2018, he is the CEO of Olympia Group and a board member of Play Communications, the leading mobile operator in Poland and part of Olympia.

In 2019, Mr. Bourlas also assumed the role of CEO at Sunlight, a global leader in manufacturing of batteries for industrial and advanced technology applications. He holds a BSc and an MSc in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University in New York and an MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston.
Bernhard Brenner was appointed Executive Vice-President Marketing & Sales in March 2017 and in this function he is a member of the Executive Committee of Airbus Defence and Space.

Before this nomination he led the Intelligence Business Cluster of Airbus Defence and Space since March 2013.

Bernhard started his career in Airbus in 1993 (former EADS) in the Young Management Programme of Deutsche Aerospace, holding various marketing & sales positions in Munich, Rome and Paris.

In 1999 he joined Eurocopter (now Airbus Helicopters) in Marignane, France, to take over various sales and communications activities and, five years later, he was appointed CEO of Eurocopter Chile S. A. in Santiago de Chile and Eurocopter Cono Sur S. A. in Montevideo, Uruguay. Here, he was responsible for the sales, after sales, training, MRO and logistics for helicopters in Chile, Argentina, Peru, Bolivia and Uruguay.

In late 2008, he assumed the helm at Eurocopter South East Asia in Singapore being responsible for its helicopter sales and marketing activities in 15 countries in the region.

Since many years Bernhard Brenner is board member of several aerospace companies around the globe.

Educated at the Technical University of Karlsruhe as an Industrial Engineer, Bernhard Brenner worked for three years after his university studies as a Business Consultant in Germany. Then he joined CNRS, a French Research Centre in Aix-en-Provence, before receiving a Doctorate in Economic Science from the University of Aix-Marseille III (France) and the “Doctor Europeus” degree with excellence.
Vasilis Danias is the General Manager of Greece at Beat (formerly known as Taxibeat), since 2018. Beat is part of the leading European mobility provider, FREE NOW, a joint venture of the BMW Group and Daimler Mobility, based in Hamburg.

He has previously worked in operations at Uber in Athens and Singapore, as a consultant at Accenture in Athens, as an analyst at UBS Investment Bank in London as well as in various startups in Greece and the UK.

Vasilis holds a B.Eng. with honours in Artificial Intelligence & Software Engineering from the University of Edinburgh and an MBA in Strategy from HEC Paris.
Andreas Feicht
State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Economics & Energy

Born in Bogen, Bavaria, on 20 February 1971

1992 to 1999  Distance study of economics at the Fernuniversität in Hagen
1992 to 1994  Press officer of Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG
1994 to 1996  Assistant to the member of the board responsible for sales at Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG
1996 to 1998  Director of the office of the board of Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG
1998 to 1999  Development of the Technische Werke Dresden GmbH company group
1999 to 2000  Project director for local public transport and utility projects at Berliner Beratungsdienste, Stobbe & Sachs GbR, Berlin
2000 to 2005  Managing partner of BBD Verkehrscounsil GmbH
2005 to 2006  Managing Director of BSL Management Consultants GmbH & Co. KG
2007 to 2019  CEO of WSW Energie & Wasser AG (previously Wuppertaler Stadtwerke AG), Chairman of the Board of WSW Wuppertaler Stadtwerke GmbH and Chairman of the Board of WSW mobil GmbH
2019  State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
Kostas Fragogiannis was born in 1959, in Kavala, where he completed his basic education. After graduating from the British Institute of Marketing (HND), he continued his studies in the U.S., earning a BS in Business Administration and an MBA in International Management & Computer Systems from the University of San Francisco.

For over 30 years, he has held senior executive positions in major companies and groups, such as Emporiki Bank, Interbank, Delta, the Vasilakis Group, Ant1, the Viohalco Group, Vivartia, and the Chipita Group, where he was also a founding member of the Group’s international operations 24 years ago. Before assuming his duties as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economic Diplomacy and Openness, he was the Development Manager of the Chipita Group, contributing significantly to the further growth and development of the Group’s international operations.

Having successfully handled development projects worth hundreds of million of euros throughout the world, he has gained invaluable experience in negotiating with organizations in countries where he has overseen investments. Through his role in the development and internationalization of companies, he has contributed to the creation of thousands of jobs, while also creating considerable added value in each country where he has been active. He has led a total of 18 productive investment projects in 16 countries, 9 investment consortiums, 5 buyouts and, finally, the founding of multiple commercial enterprises in dozens of countries.

Through his many years of international experience, he has gained a full and up-to-date perspective on what is required to effectively attract foreign investments and to promote exports and growth in the international economy.
Dr. Lutz-Christian Funke is the Secretary General of KfW Banking Group. He acts as Chief of Staff being responsible for German Governmental and European Affairs, Holdings and Subsidiaries as well as Corporate Communications. Dr. Funke completed his undergraduate and graduate studies in law at the universities of Freiburg, Frankfurt and Geneva. Having completed his second state examinations in Berlin, Dr. Funke received a German doctorate in law from the University of Frankfurt. In 1996, Dr. Funke joined KfW Banking Group in Frankfurt, initially as a Project Manager in the Office of Management Affairs, subsequently as a Senior Project Manager and Vice President in KfW’s export and project finance group.

In 2003 he was promoted to the position of First Vice President responsible for Management Affairs. In 2007, Dr. Funke was seconded to IKB Deutsche Industrie AG as an Authorised Representative and Senior Vice President responsible for the Office of Management and Legal Affairs as well as Corporate Communications. In 2009, he returned to KfW as Senior Vice President of Corporate Management and subsequently as Secretary General.

Dr. Funke is Managing Director of KfW’s Beteiligungsgesellschaft, a group holding of KfW’s subsidiaries, i.e. KfW IPEX-Bank. He is member of the Supervisory Board of IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG and member of the Supervisory Board of 50hertz Transmission GmbH as well as Deputy Chairman of Eurogrid Board of Directors and member of Eurogrid Audit Committee. Additionally, Dr. Funke is Managing Director of KfW’s GZBV, which manages KfW’s stake in Airbus, and a Board Member of KfW’s non-profit foundation “KfW Stiftung”.
Adonis Georgiadis
Minister of Development and Investments

Vice President of Nea Demokratia, MP of 2nd District of Athens Adonis Georgiadis was born on November 6th, 1972, in Athens.

He graduated from the Faculty of History & Archaeology of the School of Philosophy of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens.
In 1993, he took over the management of publications ‘GEORGIADIS-LIBRARY OF GREEK’. In 1994, he founded the Liberal Studies Center “GREEK EDUCATION”.
Elected MP in Athens B region in the elections of 2007 and 2009 with the LAOS political party.
In February 2012, he joined the Nea Demokratia political party, having resigned from the parliamentary office.
In 2011, he was Vice Minister of Shipping in the Government of Lucas Papademos and in 2013 he was appointed Minister of Health in the Government of Antonis Samaras.

On January 18th, 2016, he was appointed one of the two Vice-Presidents of the Nea Demokratia by decision of Kyriakos Mitsotakis, the President of Nea Demokratia.
On July 9th, Adonis Georgiadis was appointed as Minister of Development and Investments after the 2019 Greek elections.
He is married to Eugenia Manolidou and they have two children, Perseus and Alcaeus.
Thomas Jarzombek
Commissioner of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy for the Digital Industry and Start-ups, MdB

Born in Düsseldorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, on 28 April 1973
Member of the German Bundestag since 2009

Career
Since 31 July 2019
Commissioner of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy for the Digital Industry and Start-ups
Since 11 April 2018
Federal Government Coordinator of German Aerospace Policy
2005 - 2009
Member of the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia
1996
Pre-diploma in economics and foundation of an IT services company
1993
Study of economics at Düsseldorf University

Thomas Jarzombek’s work as Commissioner for the Digital Industry and Start-ups will focus on dialogue with the stakeholders in the digital sector and with start-ups. He aims to make the digital market even more accessible for start-ups and to improve the policy environment for an international market.

As the Federal Government Coordinator of German Aerospace Policy, Thomas Jarzombek coordinates and brings together the Federal Government’s measures to strengthen the international competitiveness of Germany’s aerospace sector in the fields of research and development.
He has served as Senior General Manager, Head of Group Corporate and Investment Banking, Capital Markets & Wealth Management and member of the Executive Committee (2014-2015), General Manager and member of the Executive Committee (2005-2013), Deputy General Manager and Treasurer (2002-2005) at Eurobank.


He holds a Diploma in Chemical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, a Master’s and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He has published several papers on topics concerning his academic research.

He was born in Athens in 1964. He is married and has two children.
Riccardo Lambiris
CEO, Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund

He studied Electronic Engineering at the University of Sussex and has obtained a MSc. postgraduate degree in Project Management from the University of Birmingham. He has also obtained an MSc. in International Trade, Transport and Finance from City University in the United Kingdom. Initially at Rockwell Golde he then moved into investment banking (initially Telesis / Eurobank and later HSBC) covering a wide number of industries, products and sectors, focusing on Greece, Cyprus and the wider South-East European region. Since October 2017, he is the Chief Executive Officer of the Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund, charged with privatizing State Assets.
Konstantinos Marangos was born in Thessaloniki, Greece in 1958 and graduated from Anatolia College, the American High School of Thessaloniki.

He completed his studies in Germany at TH Darmstadt as a Dipl. Mechanical Engineer and holds an MBA from INSEAD - Fontainebleau in France. He is fluent in English and German.

Konstantinos Marangos worked in Germany, for the companies «FAG Kugelfischer Georg Schaefer & Co» and «Carl Freudenberg» and in the USA for the company «FAG Bearings Corporation» Stamford-Connecticut.

In 1989 he was assigned the role of Managing Director for SkaMa E. SCAZIKIS – L. MARANGOS S.A., based in Athens in order to develop the company’s activities in Southern Greece. SkaMa is an import, trading company, operating in the Industrial Power Transmission sector, providing simultaneously a comprehensive range of Technical Services and in the Automotive Spare Parts sector with nationwide coverage. Since 2002 Konstantinos Marangos is the CEO and President of the Board of Directors of SkaMa E. SCAZIKIS - L. MARANGOS S.A.

Konstantinos Marangos has served on the Board of ACCI (Athens Chamber of Commerce & Industry) from 2002 to 2005, as a board member of YPO (Young Presidents’ Organization) Aegean Chapter from 2000 to 2004 and as a president from 2004 to 2005. He has also been a member of the Board of Ergotruk S.A. (member of the group S & B Industrial Minerals SA) from 2002 to 2008. Furthermore, he was a member of the Board of FING (Federation of Industries of Northern Greece, Thessaloniki) from 2009 to 2014.

Konstantinos Marangos was a member of the Board of SEV (Hellenic Federation of Enterprises) from 06/2012 and from 2016 until 02/2019 he was the Treasurer.

Since 07/2019 he is the President of AHK (German-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Athens). He previously served as Vice President from 06/2015 and as a member of the Board and Executive Committee from 2011.
Mr. Christos Megalou is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Board Member of the Board of Directors of Piraeus Bank SA. From 2013 to 2015 he was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Eurobank Ergasias SA. On 2015 and 2016 he acted as a Senior Advisor of Fairfax Financial Holdings in Toronto and London and from May 2016 was engaged as Senior Advisor of Advent International in London. Mr. Megalou held senior positions at Credit Suisse Investment Banking for over 16 years in London, UK. He was elected, for two consecutive runs, Chairman of the Hellenic Bankers Association in the UK (2010-2013), Deputy Chairman of the Hellenic Bank Association in Greece (2013-2015), Deputy Chairman of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in Greece (1993-1997), Distinguished Fellow of the Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils (GFCC) in Washington USA (since 2016). He graduated with a BSc of Economics from the University of Athens (1981) and holds an MBA in Finance from Aston University in Birmingham, UK (1982).
Pavlos Mylonas was appointed Chief Executive Officer of National Bank of Greece in July 2018. He joined NBG in 2000 and served, inter alia, as Deputy CEO, CRO and Head of Strategy. He worked on the staff of the OECD from 1995 to 2000, and at the International Monetary Fund from 1987 to 1995. In the years 1985-1987, he was visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics in Boston University.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics-Economics (Magna cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa) from Brown University, as well as a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University.
Evangelos Mytilineos is the Chairman and CEO of MYTILINEOS S.A., one of Greece’s leading industrial groups. Born in Athens in 1954, Mr. Mytilineos holds a BSc in Economics from the University of Athens and an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics. In 1978 he took over the family business, which was founded in 1908 representing metal and steel product manufacturers, whereas in 1990 he established MYTILINEOS Holdings Group, which has evolved into the largest private group in Greece in the sectors of power and gas, metallurgy and mining, and EPC projects, with a turnover of more than €1.5 billion in 2018. Through strategic decisions, he expanded the company’s operations by acquiring the majority of the shares of the listed specialized construction company METKA S.A., as well as Aluminium of Greece, eventually making it the largest vertically integrated alumina and aluminium producer in Europe. In the early 2000s, MYTILINEOS Group entered the energy sector with Protergia being the Group’s flagship company. In 2017, a wide corporate transformation was approved by a vast majority in the General Meetings of MYTILINEOS Group and METKA, through which all main subsidiaries METKA, Aluminum of Greece and Protergia merged into a single corporate entity, MYTILINEOS SA. Moreover, 2018 featured the acquisition of EP AL ME S.A., operating in industrial production, processing and trading of metals, as well as the full absorption of M&M Gas S.A. (today MNG Trading). In 2019, MYTILINEOS announced that it will become the sole shareholder (100%) of METKA EGN Ltd., a company focused on development and construction of utility scale projects for the global solar power and energy storage markets. Today, Evangelos Mytilineos is Vice President of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV), simultaneously serving as President of SEV’s Energy Committee.
Till Oberwörder, born February 1, 1971, is Head of Daimler Buses and Chief Executive of EvoBus GmbH. He started his career at what was then DaimlerChrysler AG in 1998 after studying business management at the Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg. He became Assistant to the Vice President Sales Mercedes-Benz Trucks in the following year before assuming a management role in Sales Controlling in 2003. Later the same year he was appointed Senior Manager in Sales Controlling and Market Management for Northern and Western Europe in the Mercedes-Benz Trucks unit. In 2006 he was appointed Chief Executive of Mercedes-Benz Česká republika in the Czech Republic. Till Oberwörder returned to Stuttgart in February 2011 to take charge of Sales and Market Management at Mercedes-Benz Vans. In April 2012 he moved to Daimler Buses as Head of Sales at EvoBus GmbH, where he was responsible for the Marketing, Sales and After Sales unit. In July 2015 Till Oberwörder returned to the Trucks unit as Head of Marketing, Sales and Services Mercedes-Benz Trucks. In this position, he was responsible for the worldwide sales and service activities of Mercedes-Benz Trucks. Till Oberwörder was appointed Head of Daimler Buses and Chief Executive of EvoBus GmbH on April 1, 2018. In this position he is responsible for the Daimler Group’s worldwide bus business.
Dr. Katerina Panopoulou was appointed as managing director of OHB Hellas on August 1, 2018. She has a PhD degree in Structural Health Monitoring systems for aerospace structures sponsored by European Space Agency (NPI initiative, ESA-University of Patras, EADS Casa Espacio). She is Dipl. Eng in Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens with a first MSc. in Operational Research and Industrial Management and a second MSc in Space Studies at International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Dr. Panopoulou joined OHB System in 2011 and since then has supported many programs, e.g. SmallGEO Hispasat 36W-1, Meteosat Third Generation, PLATO in the Structural Verification Division as well as in the Procurement Management Division. Dr. Panopoulou is a core founding member of OHB Hellas.
Nikos Papathanasis presently holds the office of the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Development and Investments responsible for the portfolio of the Industry, the Commerce and the Consumer’s Protection.

During his thirty-five-year career, he served as a C-level executive for large corporations with a successful track record in developing business plans, reorganizing and streamlining operations that led to significant positive economic outcomes.

He received Graduate and Post Graduate education in Engineering at the Institute of Aerospace studies of the University of Toronto followed by Management Post Graduate studies at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

He commenced his career at deHavilland Aircraft Company (Bombardier Aerospace) in Toronto while later he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Aerospace Industry (HAI) and executive Vice President of Olympic Aviation, a regional airline company. During his professional years, he worked mainly in the private sector while he reached high executive and C-level managerial positions in companies in Greece and abroad.

He managed companies in the fields of construction, real estate development to public transportation operations as he served as a CEO in major metro and light rail companies of public interest. From 2008 to 2010, he served as a President-elect of the Center of Public Companies and Organizations of Public Interest while in 2017 to 2019, as a President of the Institute of Democracy “Konstantinos Karamanlis”. From 2016 and up to his appointment as a Deputy Minister, he served as a General Director of the Political Party of “New Democracy”. 
George Peristeris is the Chairman and CEO of GEK TERNA Group of Companies, one of the leading business groups in Greece with operations also in Central and Southeast Europe, the USA and the Middle East. He is also the Chairman of TERNA ENERGY, a pioneer player in the development of the RES Industry in Europe, with a strong portfolio of technologies and geographical exposure across Europe and the USA.

Major achievements through his career include:

- In 1993 TERNA S.A. IPO in the Athens Stock Exchange.
- In 1997 he founded TERNA ENERGY S.A. to enter the renewable energy production sector. TERNA ENERGY is since a leading company in RES in SE Europe. IPO in Athens Stock Exchange 2007.
- In 1999 GEK and TERNA consolidated, forming GEK TERNA Group.
- In 2000 he was elected President of the Hellenic Association of Renewable Energy Producers.
- In 2002 he became Chairman of GEK TERNA S.A.
- In 2003 HERON THERMOELECTRIC S.A. was established to become the first privately owned Greek thermoelectric plant, which was followed by the establishment of HERON II.

Born in Athens, Greece in 1957, he received his degree in Civil Engineering in 1980 from the National Technical University of Athens. His professional involvement with Terna S.A. began in 1981. From 1982 through 1984 Mr. Peristeris was the Construction Director of major construction projects. In 1984 he became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Terna S.A.
Marios Psaltis
Managing Partner, PwC Greece

Marios is the Managing Partner of PwC in Greece, leading a practice of 1200 professionals.

Started his professional career in 1992 in the UK and subsequently worked in Cyprus and Greece and was admitted to the partnership of PwC Greece in 2004. Prior to becoming the Managing Partner in 2009, he held a number of positions within PwC, such as Leader of the Advisory practice (2008-2009), elected member of the Firm’s Oversight Board (2006-2008), Head of Thessaloniki Office (2003-2004), Assurance partner and Head of IFRS accounting practice (2004-2008).

Marios has extensive experience in the areas of auditing, IFRS accounting and corporate finance and worked across a wide variety of businesses gaining invaluable experience in various industries especially in the financial services.

He holds a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Economics & Accounting from the University of Bristol, is a UK qualified Chartered Accountant and member of Certified Public Auditors in Greece and Cyprus. He is also member of various Commercial bodies in Greece.
He was born in Athens in 1968 and holds a PhD and an MBA from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. He has worked as Deputy (acting) Chief Financial Officer at Emporiki Bank and at ABN AMRO Bank’s Financial Institutions Group in London. He joined Alpha Bank in 2007. In 2010 he was appointed Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and in 2012 he was appointed General Manager. Through these posts, he spearheaded capital raisings of several billions from foreign institutional shareholders, diversifying the Bank’s shareholder base, as well as significant mergers and acquisitions that contributed to the consolidation of the Greek banking market, reinforcing the position of the Bank. He was voted seventh best CFO among European banks (2014 and 2018) and best CEO in Greece (2019) by institutional investors and analysts in the Extel international survey. He has been a Member of the Board of Directors of the Bank since November 2018 and Chief Executive Officer since January 2019.
Simon Schaefer started his career as a designer in 1997, working for German startups with his own interactive agency. He has invested in about 50 angel- and seed-stage companies and in 2011 he co-founded Factory, a campus model for Startups, launching the very first of Europe’s mega-campuses. After launching the world’s first startup policy conference Startup Europe Summit with the European Commission first taking place in 2015 the Factory team launched the next Berlin Campus “Silicon Allee” in 2017. Him and his partners launched Factory Lisbon in 2018 as the anchor of Camera Municipal de Lisboa’s innovation district Hub Criativo do Beato. Simon is driving the Portuguese Initiative for Entrepreneurship Startup Portugal as President of the Association and is a member of the Atlantic Council of Allied for Startups, and is a member of the investment Committee of the 200M co-investment fund.
Carolin Schenuit has been working for the German Energy Agency (dena) in the department for energy systems and energy services since 2014. In her function as Teamleader System and Market Integration Renewable Energies, her activities cover a wide range of topics from the design of future integrated energy markets to the industry political framework for the energy transition in Germany and Europe and to multilateral think tank work with Chinese institutions.

Carolin Schenuit has been working in international contexts with European, Asian and US-American business partners on the implementation of renewable energies both in practical application and in strategic consultations on energy and climate policy frameworks. Further areas of activity are the identification of suitable market structures for grid-oriented flexibility options, the potential and rollout pathways for power-to-gas applications to the implementation of demand side management measures in companies and the development of progressive, transition-oriented grid tariff structures.

She is experienced in managing teams and projects, enjoys interaction with different stakeholders and is a seasoned speaker and moderator.

Before joining dena, she gained 8 years of industry experience working for project developers for renewable energies in different functions from product management to strategic purchasing and quality management. She studied industrial engineering with a focus on environmental technologies at the University of Applied Sciences in Trier.
Dr. Rolf Martin Schmitz, born in 1957, is Chairman of the Executive Board of RWE AG. He studied Mechanical Engineering Studies at RWTH Aachen University. After that he did his doctor’s degree (Dr.-Ing.) at Aachen University. Until 2009 Rolf Martin Schmitz worked in different companies at the energy industry. Amongst others he was Member of the Executive Board of rhenag Rheinische Energie AG in Cologne, Board Member of Thüga AG in Munich, Chairman of the Management Board of E.ON Kraftwerke GmbH in Hannover and CEO of RheinEnergie AG, Cologne and CEO of the Management Board of Stadtwerke Köln, Cologne.

Since 2009 Rolf Martin Schmitz has been working at RWE AG in Essen. He served as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of RWE AG from 2010 and as Deputy CEO of the Executive Board of RWE AG from 2012 until October 2016. Since October 2016, Rolf Martin Schmitz is Chairman of the Executive Board (CEO) of RWE AG and in addition since 1 May 2017 Chief Human Resources Officer (CHO).

Rolf Martin Schmitz is also Vice President of the Bundesverband der Deutschen Energie- und Wasserwirtschaft (BDEW – German Association of Energy and Water Industry).
Alexandra Sdoukou is a lawyer, permanent employee at the Management Organisation Unit of Development Programme (MOU S.A.) under the Ministry of Economy and Development. Since 2004, she is working as legal advisor in the public administration in various positions at the Ministries of Economy, Development and Environment, Energy & Climate Change.

She has been specialised as energy policymaker, working with all Energy Ministers from 2007 to 2015. From 2012 to 2015, she was Head of Cabinet at the Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, competent to develop policy formulation, implementation and monitoring on a wide range of energy and environmental projects.

From October 2007, she was Advisor to the President of Nea Dimokratia on energy and natural resources.

Alexandra holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Democritus University of Thrace, a Master’s Degree LLM in European Commercial Law from the University of Bristol U.K., a M.Sc. in international & Economic studies from the Athens University of Economics and Business and a Diploma from the Executive Program of Leading, Innovating and Negotiation of Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.
Andreas Shiamishis  
CEO of HELLENIC PETROLEUM

Chief Executive Officer of Hellenic Petroleum since August 2019 and a member of its Board of Directors as a representative of POIH. Mr. A. Shiamishis holds an Economics degree from the University of Essex and is a fellow member (FCA) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). He began his career in 1989 with KPMG in London, specializing in the banking sector and large multinational Groups before joining DIAGEO in 1993, to assume senior Greek and European positions in Finance and Business development. During 2000-2002 he worked as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Restructuring Officer in a high-tech ASE listed Group and in 2003 he joined PETROLA HELLAS as Chief Financial Officer. Following the completion of the legal merger and operational integration of PETROLA HELLAS with HELLENIC PETROLEUM, he assumed the position of the Group CFO in 2005 and became a member of the Group Executive Committee. In 2012 he assumed the responsibility for International subsidiaries and in 2014 he was appointed Deputy CEO of the Group. He is a member in various ICAEW specialized faculties, the Board of Corporate Governance of the AMHEC and the Economic Chamber of Greece.
Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Constantinos Sourkounis received the Dipl.-Ing. and Dr.-Ing. degrees from TU Clausthal, Germany, in 1989 and 1994, respectively; and the habilitation degree in 2003 from the Institute of Electrical Power Engineering, where he was a Chief Engineer. Since 2003, he has been a Professor at Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany, heading the Institute for Power Systems Technology and Power Mechatronics. Since 2017 he is heading the branch of Fraunhofer Institute for Wind Energy and Energy System Technology in Bochum, Germany. His main research interests include mechatronic drives, renewable energy sources (RES), decentralized energy systems supplied by RES, and energy supply systems for transportation.

He has initiated and led numerous research projects in cooperation with national and international industrial partners. Results of his research have been presented and published in international conferences and journals, in more than 340 publications. Beside his teaching and research activities, he has served as an expert in various voluntary positions including:

- Visiting Professor on the subject “RES Engineering” at TU Clausthal. Since 2004, Member of scientific advisory board of the journal “Drive Technologies” of VDI (Association of German Engineers). 2009 - 2014
- Member of the Managing Board of the NRW Research School ”Energy Efficient Production” 2009 -2016
- Member of the platform “Electromobility: Infrastructure” of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs (BMVBS) 2011 - 2014
- Member of the International Jury for the Research and Technology Programme “Energies 2020” of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency 2013 - 2017
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Fraunhofer Institute for Wind Energy and Energy System Technology
Mr. Georgios Stassis has been appointed as Chairman and CEO of PPC S.A., since August 2019.

Prior to joining PPC S.A. he worked for ENEL SpA, the Italian multinational energy company where among others he held the position of the Head of Enel Green Power responsible for the area of Eastern Europe and Middle East until 2015.

From 2016 until 2019 Mr. Stassis has been the President & CEO of Enel Romania SrL, the largest energy company in Romania.

He has more than 14 years of experience in the Energy market, and has served in the Boards of various organizations and associations of the Energy Sector in Greece, and abroad.

Mr. Stassis holds a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering and a master’s degree in management in Construction and Structural Design (Kingston University, UK). Moreover, Mr. Stassis has attended Executive Courses at Harvard Business School (US) and Elis Academy (Italy).
After completing his vocational training in banking at Sparkasse Ulm ("Bankkaufmann") Dieter Straub studied Finance & Accounting (Dual Bachelor Degree, Leeds University & Hochschule Bremen) and International Management (MBA, Golden Gate University, San Francisco) and joined Citibank Frankfurt’s Corporate Banking Team as Management Associate.

Following eight years in various capacities in lending and credit with Citibank, including two years at Citibank London, Dieter joined the European Investment Bank’s ("EIB") Credit Risk Department in 2002. After the first three years in credit Dieter joined EIB’s UK private sector lending team as relationship manager and subsequently Dieter joined EIB’s German private sector lending team. Since August 2017, and while based in Luxembourg, Dieter has been part of EIB’s Investment Team for Greece with responsibility for the Corporates and Banks Unit.
Antonios has been with Nomura for over 12 years, having worked in roles as Regional Head for Greece, Cyprus and Central Eastern Europe (CEE) across Global Markets and Investment Banking.

He is a Managing Director and member of the Investment Banking and Financial Institutions Group Management Committees in EMEA.

During his time at Nomura, the firm has arranged over €15bln of equity and debt financing for multiple accounts and advised on M&A transactions totalling over €10bln.

Prior to joining Nomura, Antonios was Executive Director at Lehman Brothers and previously worked at Alpha Bank as Head of Syndicate and DCM for Greece and Central Eastern Europe (2000-2007).

Antonios holds a bachelor in Business Administration and master’s degree in Banking and Finance from the Athens University of Economics and Business.
Graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering, 5 years Master Degree University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece. Building Energy Inspector. He has been working at ISOMAT S.A. and specifically at the Technical Support and Marketing Department since October 2014.

Main Responsibilities:
A. Technical Support Engineer
B. Corporate Product Certification Coordinator
C. Corporate Membranes Product Manager
D. Technical Consultant for energy reducing interventions
   - External Thermal Insulation Composite Systems – ETICS
   - Reflective Coatings – Roofing / Facades
   - Green Roofs

Further details:
Technical support of Sales Department, Exports Department and Subsidiaries, call-center, job site visits during technical applications, technical specifications and technical reports writing, training seminars instructor for a) customers, engineers, architects, constructors and applicators b) new colleagues and subsidiaries employees. Participation at building materials exhibitions and conferences of the construction sector, coordination of R&D Department and external independent bodies for company’s products and systems certification procedures (CE, ETAG, EMICODE, etc.), product management (waterproofing, floorings, concrete repairing, coatings, ETICS), editing and drafting commercial brochures, prospects and other marketing tools, competition’s research and control, writing and editing products’ technical data sheets and declarations of performance, participation at company’s meetings, speaker at conferences.

Previous working experience:
Started his professional career during 2009 in the construction sector concerning building projects and passed in 2010 in the building materials sector working as a Technical Sales Engineer and Supervisor engineer for waterproofing and flooring technical application, receiving great experience and knowledge on prefabricated waterproofing membranes (bituminous & synthetic) and resin flooring systems for high demanding projects.

Georgios Syriopoulos
CTO, ISOMAT SA
Gerassimos Thomas
Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy

Gerassimos Thomas is Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy in Charge of Energy and Natural Resources of the Greek Government.

Prior to his current assignment G. Thomas had professional assignments as: Deputy Director General in the Directorate-General for Energy at the European Commission and Chairman of the Steering Board of the European Fund for Strategic Investments EFSI (2014-2019); Director Finance at DG ECFIN (2009-2014); member of the EIB and EIF Board of Directors (2009-2017); Head of cabinet of Joaquin Almunia, Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs (2005-2009); Deputy Spokesman for Commission President Romano Prodi; Spokesman for economic and monetary affairs under Commissioner Pedro Solbes (2000-2004).
Yannis Tsakiris holds a BSc and an MSc in Mining Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and an MBA degree from the Management School of the Imperial College in London. He started his career in 1995 in S&B Industrial Minerals, a European major industrial minerals producer where he spent 5 years in production, marketing and sales in charge of new products. From 2000 to 2006, he was Partner in Vectis Capital, a venture capital fund based in Athens with an investment focus in Greece and the Balkans.

He joined Europe Investment Fund in 2006 as a Principal involved in certain European venture capital markets that were under development phase. Then he continued as Head of Region in the Regional Business Development Division, responsible for South-Eastern Europe and Head of Unit for Special Programmes in the Institutional Business Development Division. He was appointed Head of Division for South-eastern Europe and EU Neighbouring Countries in the Mandate Management Department and he continued as Head of Division for Business Development.

He has set-up and developed several investment and SME financing initiatives and platforms such as Equifund for Greece, Western Balkan Enterprise Development & Innovation Facility, JEREMIE for Greece and Cyprus, Portuguese Venture Capital Initiative for Portugal, the Grater Anatolia Guarantee Facility for Turkey, DCFTA Guarantee Facility for Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova, etc.

From January 2015 until July 2019, he was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund (“GEEREF”) which is an innovative public-private Venture Capital fund of funds catalysing equity capital into clean energy projects in developing countries and economies in transition.

He is also an adjunct professor in Venture Capital in the Luxembourg School of Finance of the University of Luxembourg.
Dr. Martin Wansleben is the CEO of the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) in Berlin, a position he has been holding since November 2001.

Prior to being elected CEO of DIHK, he was the chief executive of the German Engineering Federation (VDMA e.V.) in Frankfurt from 1999 until October 2001.

He started his career representing business with the VDMA back in 1982 with different positions within the VDMA.

Born in Cologne in 1958, Dr. Martin Wansleben studied economics at the universities of Bonn and Cologne from 1977 to 1982.

In 1986, Dr. Wansleben obtained his PhD from the University of Tübingen. He wrote his doctoral thesis on “Productivity-Oriented Wage Policy.”

Dr. Wansleben is married and has three sons.
Elisabeth Winkelmeier-Becker  
Parliamentary State Secretary   
at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy

Born on 15 September 1962 in Troisdorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, Member of the German Bundestag since 2005

Background
Since 29 November 2019  
Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

- 1992 - 2005  Judge at a local court
- 1988 - 1992  Practical legal training
- 1987 - 1988  Administrative staff at the German Bundestag
- 1981 - 1986  Study of law at Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

In her capacity as Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Elisabeth Winkelmeier-Becker is acting as a political representative of the Federal Minister, in particular vis-à-vis the Bundestag and the parliamentary groups.

In her capacity as Federal Government Special Representative, she is also in charge of coordinating the implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Germany (D-EITI).
Dr. Matthias Zieschang has been a member of the Fraport Executive Board since 2007 and serves as Executive Director Controlling and Finance (CFO). From 2001 to 2007, Dr. Zieschang was Executive Board Member for finance and controlling at Deutsche Bahn Netz AG. After graduating from university in national economics and business administration, Zieschang started his career as an assistant lecturer at the Technical University of Darmstadt, specializing in macro-economics (economic theory), where he earned his doctorate.

Dr. Zieschang later worked as a specialist for capital market financing at BASF AG. In 1994, he joined Deutsche Bahn AG, where he served as the department head of financial strategy and planning. In 1997 he took over the project and investment financing department - also in the position of department head - and concurrently served in the position of managing director of Deutsche Bahn Projekt Finanzierungs GmbH. From 1999 to 2001, Dr. Zieschang held the executive board position for finance, controlling and information technology (IT) at Scandlines AG, one of the largest shipping lines in the Baltic Sea region.
Moderators Biographies
Graduate from the Law School of Athens, Irene studied Radio and Television in the Ecole du Louvre in Paris and then obtained the Diploma of the Institut Français de Presse at the University of Paris before. She got a Master Degree in the Communication and Information Sciences at the University of Paris II (Sorbonne). Irene has also followed courses at the Institut für Rundfunkrecht at the University of Cologne in Germany. Irene joined the Greek Department of the Deutsche Welle in 1984 as freelancer and then in 1991 until today as permanent editor.

Irene started her professional career in Germany as a correspondent for the Greek State Radio ERA, she was then accredited correspondent of the Greek TV Channel Antenna and from 2000 to 2002 Chief Editor of the TV Channel Tempo. Her next position was in the radiostation SKAI, in Athens and the newspaper KATHIMERINI (Skai Group).

From 2003 until 2013 Irene was offering her services at the Greek Parliament TV station where she had her own weekly emission on International and Greek political affairs.

Her professional interests drove Irene to places like Iraq, Venezuela, Afghanistan, Jordan, Israel, the West Bank, Egypt, Albania, North Macedonia, Ruanda, Kap Verde and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Irene has reported extensively on delicate subjects like the uranium enriched bombs used during the second Iraq War, the Ruanda genocide, the war in Tetovo, the ISAF in Kabul, the Israeli military operations in Jenin, the events in Bethlehem during the 2nd Intifada. Irene has also extensively researched on Stasi Archives in connection with the Greek Terrorist organization “17 November”, the terrorist Carlos and Johannes Weinrich. Irene has realized two documentaries on “10 Jahre nach dem Mauerfall”, and on the SOS Children Villages in Athens, which was presented at the 12th Filmfestival of Thessaloniki in 2010.


Irene is a professional piano player and a prominent member of the Deutsche Welle Choir. She is married and has 2 children.
Dr. Marc Beise
Journalist, Süddeutsche Zeitung

Born in 1959 in Mainz, has been working for „Süddeutsche Zeitung“, one of the leading newspapers in Germany since 1999. He joined the newspaper as deputy business editor and in 2007 went on to be Head of Economics and Finance Department, together with Ulrich Schäfer. He started his career as a journalist at the „Offenbach-Post“, where he was last responsible for politics, economics and news topics.

Afterwards he worked as chief business editor of the „Handelsblatt“. He studied law and economics in Frankfurt, Lausanne and Tübingen and wrote his PhD thesis on the World Trade Organisation. He has published four books: „Germany – wrongly ruled?“ (2006), „Plundering of the middle class“ (2009), „Having a lot of money“ (2010), „Long live the Euro!“ (2012), „We need the refugees!“ (2015). Together with Ulrich Schäfer he is moderator and manager of Germany’s annual leading business congress in Berlin „Süddeutsche Zeitung Economic Summit“, which is regularly attended by 300 top business leaders from Europe and European Prime Ministers, including Chancellor Angela Merkel. More information about the congress you will find on our English website www.sz-wirtschaftsgipfel.de/en.
Viktoria Dendrinou is a reporter for Bloomberg News in Brussels. She covers EU affairs and specialises in economic issues and the eurozone. Previously she worked for the Wall Street Journal as an EU correspondent focusing on the economy, financial regulation and trade. Before moving to Brussels she spent two years at Reuters Breakingviews in London and was a Nico Colchester Fellow at the Economist. She holds a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford and an MSc in Economics from University College London.
Katerina Douka is a Greek journalist with a broad experience across most media including television, radio, print and online. She has acted as a presenter, producer and editor in chief for various print and online publications, focusing on politics and governmental subjects. This season she is presenting weekly television talk show “Brainstorming” on Action24 channel, which has a political and news agenda, as well as doing interviews to government ministers and elected members of the Greek parliament. Furthermore, she is participating at the daily program “Briefing” alongside other journalists, also on Action24 as a commentator. Currently she is also the Editor in Chief of news site dailypost.gr
Dr. Evi Hatziandreou is a Health Care/Life Sciences, Research & Innovation Consultant. A graduate of Athens Medical School holds a joint Doctoral Degree in Health Policy and Management & Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. She has served as a visiting Lecturer at the Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, and as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Currently, she is teaching as Adjunct Professor at the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University in Bloomington.

Dr. Hatziandreou is a Scientific Advisor at Big Pi Ventures, (http://bigpi.vc) a newly EIF-EQUIFUND Venture Capital, for funding Greek Start Ups focusing among others in the Bio-digital and the Life Sciences areas. She is also serving as the Scientific Advisor at DIKTIO, Network for Reform in Greece & Europe, a Greek Think Tank (http://todiktio.eu/), dealing with European issues and studies.

She has worked in the United States, England, Sweden and Greece, in both public and private sectors and non-profit organizations. Her professional experience includes stints at the US Department of Health and Human Services, (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the U.S. Congress, (Office of Technology Assessment), tenure in leadership positions at multinational and Greek companies (ASTRAZENECA, INTERAMERICAN Insurance Co, member of ACHMEA), Greek Social Health Insurance Organization, RAND Europe, and as Senior Advisor to the Greek Minister of Education for Research, Technology and Innovation issues.
Victoria Alexandratou Kerner is a pioneer in the field of Renewable Energy and sole female self-made entrepreneur in Greece.

Founder and owner of the WRE Group in 1997, operating Wind Parks and Solar plants all over Greece as Independent Power Producer. For the period of 2001 - 2004 WRE belonged to the ABB Group.

She is co-founder and since 2001 member of the board of the Hellenic Renewable Energy Source Association and an active member of the Hellenic Wind Energy Association.

In 2007 she was awarded in Berlin with the “European Solar Prize” for outstanding individual commitment in the field of Renewable Energies, thus gaining international recognition. She holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration from the City University of Washington (USA) and a Master’s degree in engineering from the University of Kaiserslautern (Germany). She also worked as a PhD researcher at the Center for Building and Industrial Modeling in the field of Energy Saving and Application of Renewable Energy Systems.
Xenia Kounalaki was born in Hamburg in 1971. She has been a journalist in the daily newspaper Kathimerini since 1994 and a weekly columnist and foreign news editor since 2007. She contributes reports to Spiegel and Spiegel Online, Die Welt and the European. She has worked at the Greek Public Radio and Television as foreign news editor and presented her own TV program. She has co-authored the book “Βία” (Violence, Polis editions, 2012) on political violence. In 2012, she was awarded the international press freedom prize “Premio Internazionale Per La Liberta Di Stampa” in Florence. Her book “Στις ταινίες κλαίω στις πιο άσχετες στιγμές” (Irrelevant movie scenes make me cry, Polis editions, 2016) is a memoir, a journalist’s account of life and work in Greece during the crisis. In 2019 a speech of her on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Ioannina was published as a short essay on “Antisemitism in Greece” (Polis editions, 2019). “Οξυγόνο” (Oxygen, Polis editions, 2019) is the title of her first novel.
Antonios Timplalexis
Managing Director, Nomura International PLC

Antonios has been with Nomura for over 12 years, having worked in roles as Regional Head for Greece, Cyprus and Central Eastern Europe (CEE) across Global Markets and Investment Banking.
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Antonios holds a bachelor in Business Administration and master’s degree in Banking and Finance from the Athens University of Economics and Business.
PPC Group is the leading Greek electric utility, with activities ranging across mining, electricity generation, distribution network operation and supply of electricity to end consumers. It is the largest power generator in Greece with a total installed capacity of 12.2 GW including thermal, hydro and RES power plants in the mainland and in the islands. It is also the owner of the electricity distribution network with a Regulated Asset Base of c. € 3 bln, which is being operated by its subsidiary HEDNO S.A., and the largest electricity supplier, servicing approx. 6.9 million customers across the country.

Going forward, PPC’s strategic priority is the decarbonization of its business through accelerated lignite decommissioning and boosting Renewables investments, claiming a leading role in new Renewables development. In addition, PPC targets at the digitalization across all business segments.

PPC was founded in 1950 and is listed on the Athens Stock Exchange since 2001. In 2018, PPC Group total revenues amounted to € 4.7 bln and total assets to € 14.1 bln, having approximately 16,750 employees.
GreenCycle is a leading company among globally-active waste-disposal companies and is a driver of innovation in terms of technology, systems and processes in the fields of managing recyclable material and energy, environmental services and logistic solutions within the Schwarz Group in Neckarsulm, Germany.

The company was founded in 2009 and together with its subsidiary, PreZero, manages about 4 million tons of recyclable materials each year. The experts at GreenCycle also provide possible solutions on shaping the energy turnaround. What is more, over 2 million polymer load carriers with in-built RFID technology are controlled from Neckarsulm; these were specifically designed for the needs of the retail trade. GreenCycle is characterized by its openness towards sustainable development and also supports the sciences, research and start-ups with the further development of new ideas and technology.

PreZero, the waste management company of GreenCycle, is one of the leading waste disposal and environmental service providers in Germany. With innovative and sustainable approaches at 80 locations, and more than 3,000 employees in Germany and Europe, the company pursues the goal of reducing resource waste in waste disposal to nearly zero. Recycling cycles are closed, and smart solutions ensure that today’s waste becomes tomorrow’s raw materials.

As part of the Schwarz Group and REset Plastic, the Schwarz Group plastic strategy, GreenCycle pursue the idea of a smart cycle: from the fully recyclable product, to trade and disposal, and finally to sustainable recycling and reprocessing into new products.
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