

**Friday May 24th**

**5<sup>th</sup> Section: 16:15 – 17:15**

Topic: **“Green mobility: Electric traction, batteries and hydrogen”**

**Speakers' CVs:**

### **Christina Alexopoulou**

Christina Alexopoulou is Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, responsible for Transport.

She was born in October 1978 and grew up in Patras. She attended the 7th Lyceum of Patras and studied at the Civil Engineering Department of the University of Patras, where she obtained her Diploma in Civil Engineering. In this capacity, she was active professionally and entrepreneurially in the wider region of Western Greece, the Central Greece, the Peloponnese and the Ionian Islands from 1998 to 2019, implementing numerous projects of local, regional and national scope.

She has developed a strong social and political activity in the field of the center-right since her student days, playing a leading role in the MAKI, the DAP-NDFK and the ONNED. From 2004 to 2010 she was President of the ONNED of Achaia and Member of the Central Committee of ONNED. In 2006 she ran for public office for the first time, being elected Prefectural Councilor of Achaia, the first in her combination.

Alongside her professional and family career, since 2010, when she completed her term of office in Local Government, she has been systematically involved in the field of Civil Engineering, rising to positions of responsibility in the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE), in the Achaia Branch and the Central Administration. Among other things, she was elected Member of the Central Delegation of the Technical Chamber of Greece with the DKM, the party supported by New Democracy.

In 2019, she ran for the first time and was elected Member of Parliament for Achaia of the New Republic. During her first parliamentary term, she was elected Secretary of the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and the Library Committee of the Parliament. She was a Member of the Special Standing Committee of the Regions. She was also President of the Greece-Switzerland Parliamentary Friendship Group and a Member of the Friendship Groups with the countries of India and Slovakia.



She was re-elected first in terms of crosses in the elections of 21 May 2023 and 25 June 2023. By decision of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, she was appointed Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport on 27 June 2023.

Her personal interests include politics, activism, volunteering, gender equality and support for vulnerable social groups. She devotes her free time to family, reading, music and sport. She is married to Theodoros Tzamaloukas, a lawyer from Patras, with whom she has a 6-year-old daughter, Penelope.

### Vasiliki Panaretou

Mrs. Vasiliki PANARETOU is a Technical Expert in the EU Affairs Directorate of Motor Oil and a registered member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (2009), holding a Diploma in Chemical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens, Greece and an MSc in Water & Environmental Engineering from the University of Surrey, UK. She obtained a solid technical background on the state-of-the-art technologies for resource efficiency & sustainable waste management and thorough knowledge on Union policies and legislation for environmental and climate issues by working in multi-disciplinary environments with academic, industrial, national and international organisations. She has offered research and consultancy services as an experienced project manager by contributing in the implementation of more than 15 national & EU funded projects, focusing on solid waste and wastewater management, bio-based industries, circular economy, industrial symbiosis, sustainable development, international cooperation, as well as in projects exploring strategies and practices for addressing climate change. She has also participated in several training workshops and activities for capacity building and raising awareness of various stakeholders on environmental policy for Greece and EU networks (i.e. ISWA, TAIEX-EIR P2P, GIZ/SENECA). She publishes papers in peer reviewed journals and counts several participations in international conferences, presenting the findings of innovative projects. She speaks fluently Greek (native) and English and she has a good knowledge of French.



## Vassilios Kappatos

Dr. Vassilios (Vassilis) Kappatos is Research Director and the Head of Constructural and Infrastructure Research in Maritime and Air Transport Laboratory at Hellenic Institute of Transport (HIT), Center for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH), Greece. He is a member of the board of CERTH, the President of the Hellenic Institute of Electric Vehicles and Visiting Fellow at School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing, Cranfield University, UK and member of oN DuTy program supported by the Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) of the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and industrial partners.



He is currently Fellow of The Welding Institute (FWeld) and Member of the - Engineering Council of United Kingdom (CEng) / Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE-TCG)/ Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (MIEEE)/ International Society for Condition Monitoring (ISCM) / Hellenic Society for Non Destructive Testing (H.S.N.T)/ Hellenic Institute of Acoustics (HELINA)/ Danish Center for Applied Mathematics and Mechanics (DCAMM)/ Society for Machinery Failure Prevention Technology (MFPT)/ Greek-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He obtained his PhD in the area of Non Destructive Evaluation (NDE) and also holds the Diploma of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering (MEng) since 2002. His research areas are NDE, Structural Health Monitoring, Condition Monitoring, Structural Integrity, Pattern Recognition and Signal Processing. His research has been supported by the European Commission and other organizations.

As a research leader, he has delivered and coordinated 79 European (European Defence Fund, Horizon Europe, Erasmus, H2020, FP7), 16 UK (TSB, Innovate UK), 5 Danish and 11 Greek National funded research projects with a total budget of more than 150 million €. He has extensive expertise on proposal writing for European funded projects and in developing partnerships within the industry. Throughout the years, he has reviewed and submitted many proposals, providing technical input, writing proposals and sections, forming partnerships, securing funds of around 20 million €. He has over 145 publications in International Journals, Conference Proceedings, Book Chapters and Articles. He is a reviewer of several international journals and conference proceedings.

Throughout his career, he has lectured at University level on a broad range of modules in the area of Applied Engineering in Denmark, the United Kingdom and Greece. He was Associate Professor (permanent position) at Mechanical Engineering Section, Department of Technology and Innovation, University of Southern Denmark (SDU), Denmark. He has managed more than 100 Research Fellows, Associates and Assistants, Technicians, PhD Students and Project Technical Assistants (Placement Students) over his career.

## Charalambos Marmaggelos

Charalambos Marmaggelos has a bachelor's and a master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) and a master's degree in Logistics.

From 2000 to 2019 he held positions as a Salesman, Supply Chain, and Marketing Director in multinational and national companies in the electrical hardware sector.

In 2019 he founded MC CHARGERS company with Panagiotis Christodoulou which specializes in the development and production of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.



## Flavio Grazian

Flavio Grazian works as a project manager in the Bus Unit of the Knowledge and Innovation Department at the International Association of Public Transport (UITP). He works on innovation and sustainability in urban transport, with a particular focus on Zero Emission technologies applied to urban buses. In his role, he is the reference person of the unit in relation to Fuel Cell Buses and he is the project coordinator of the eBRT2030 project to support sustainable urban transport by proposing innovative solutions for electric Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

He has several years of professional experience in the management of long-term complex programmes and projects. An Italian native, he speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish.

He is a graduate from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

