

Saturday May 25th

4th Section: 15:00 – 16:00

Topic: “Bioeconomy and circular economy”

Speakers' CVs:

VASILEIOS VYZIRGIANNAKIS

Thalis Business Development Manager since Oct 2023. Accomplished executive with remarkable achievements that came across 30 years of working experience in Industrial and Oil & Gas facilities as well as in major Electricity Business Functional areas holding demanding managerial positions within Motor Oil Hellas group of companies.

Studied Electrical Engineering in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and having graduated with an MBA degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.



Effective development and optimized operation of key Business Operating Units creating always sustainable and long term valuable results derived from a strong technical & engineering background, contributing to and affecting company’s strategy & transformation plans driving business change process.

Dimosthenis Mavridis

Dimosthenis Mavridis was born in Neapoli, Kozani. He studied economics and law, with postgraduate studies in Business Administration.

He has served as Chief Financial Officer in large construction companies, listed on the Stock Exchange.

He served the Local Government for 23 consecutive years, 15 years as a Municipal Councilor and Mayor for 8 years, with parallel presence and participation in bodies and committees of the first and second degree of T.A.

From 2007 until today he serves as General Manager of DIADYMA SA and represents it as Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Panhellenic Network of Waste Management Bodies (FODSA).



Nikos Damatis

Dipl. Production & Management Engineer Παραγωγή,
Secretary General of BoD, Hellenic Biomass
Association - HellaBiom

Nikos Damatis is a Dipl. Production & Management Engineer, with a Master of Science degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom. He is a member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE) and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).



He has extensive experience in development projects and operation of processing facilities in the sector of valorization of biomass residues and by-products for the production of bioenergy, solid biofuel pellets and briquettes, pelletized animal feed and granulated organic fertilizers.

Today he is Business Development Manager at ITA Group, undertaking analyses, feasibility studies and planning of new RES projects, with an emphasis on the bioenergy sector. At the same time, he holds the position of Secretary General of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Biomass Association (HellaBiom), a non-profit organization, one of the first associations of renewable energy sources established in Greece and a member of its European counterpart “Bioenergy Europe”. HellaBiom promotes the sustainable valorization of biomass at regional and national levels to the benefit of local communities, the environment and the economy.

Ioannis Androulakis

Ioannis Androulakis, Chairman of the Board of Directors
of Green Fund

Ioannis Androulakis was born in Heraklion, Crete, grew up, studied and worked in **Thessaloniki**. **He is a graduate of the Faculty of Law of the AUTH and holds a postgraduate diploma specializing in public law.** Lawyer at the Supreme Court, during the period 2015-2020 he participated in the legal support team of the TRANS ADRIATIC PIPELINE. In the period 2020-2023, he was the Commander of the Autonomous Service of Road Tolls and Electronic Management of Road Infrastructures of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport. He is married and father of two daughters.



Igor Jezdimirović

Igor Jezdimirović is a highly experienced professional in environmental protection, sustainable development, and climate change, holding a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Novi Sad. With over 20 years of experience, he serves as the President of the Environment Engineering Group (EEG), coordinating organizational activities and leading a team in the field of circular economy and waste management. Igor is also an entrepreneur and independent consultant at 3E Consulting & Services, providing expertise in environmental protection, climate change, and sustainable development. His extensive work includes active involvement in various national and international projects, showcasing his commitment to environmental and social causes.

As a member of the European Environmental Bureau's Council and several other working groups, Igor contributes significantly to the preparation of strategic documents in circular economy, waste management, and sustainable development at national, regional, and local levels. He has also participated in several working groups that developed strategic documents in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development in Serbia. Additionally, Igor holds the position of Vice President of the Circular Economy Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Vojvodina. His skills in project management, communication, and interpersonal relations make him a valuable asset in his field.



Michalis Geranis

Born in 1965 and raised in Asvestochori, Thessaloniki, where he lives. He is married to Theodora Gerani-Giakoumi and they have 3 children Zoe, Anastasis and Eleni. He is a self-employed person engaged in the cultivation of lavender as well as "Constantis", from Karavakia, the breathing project that connects

Thessaloniki with the nearby beaches. While in recent years it has been dealing with the distribution and supply of electricity from renewable sources.



Michalis Geranis was the last Mayor of Hortiatis with a term of office from 2003 to 2010.

1998 first Municipal Councilor of the Municipality of Hortiatis, then President of the Municipal Council.

In 2002, he was elected Mayor of the Municipality of Hortiatis in the local elections

2006 re-elected Mayor of Hortiatis Municipality

2009 Elected Chairman of the Board of the Martyrdom Cities and Villages Network of Greece

2010 he is elected first in votes as Municipal Councilor of the now unified Municipality of Pylaia - Hortiatis after Kallikratis and is elected to the position of President of the Municipal Council. In 2013 he was elected President of the Association of Municipalities of

Thessaloniki 2013 April elected first President in the New Regional Association of Solid Waste Management Agencies of Central Macedonia (FODSA) until today.

2014 re-elected first in crosses Municipal Councilor of the Municipality of Pylaia Hortiatis

2015 assumes the position of President of the Board of the Municipality of Pylaia Hortiatis

2019 He is re-elected as the first Municipal Councilor in the Municipality of Pylaia Hortiatis and continues to this day as President of the Board of the Municipality of Pylaia Hortiatis

2023 He is re-elected as the first Municipal Councilor in the Municipality of Pylaia Hortiatis and continues to this day as President of the Board of the Municipality of Pylaia Hortiatis

2023 Re-elected President of FODSA KM from the 38 Municipalities of Central Macedonia

As part of his tenure in the local government, he was an elected member:

in the board of directors of the Local Union of Municipalities and Communities (T.E.D.K.) of the prefecture of Thessaloniki and now in the P.E.D. of Central Macedonia, member of the General Assembly of the Central Union of Municipalities and Communities of Greece

(K.E.D.K.E.) and after Kallikratis in K.E.D.E., member of the Board of Directors. of the Hellenic Society for Local Development and Self-Government (E.ETAA.) and Chairman of the board of

the Network of Martyronic Cities and Villages of Greece. While from 2022 he is the elected Vice President of the Hellenic Solid Waste Management Association (EEDSA), a non-profit

organization in Greece and national representative of the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), which contributes to the formulation of sustainable solutions to

promote the circular economy and the rational waste management. Throughout his involvement with the public, the main guiding principle of his activities was hard work, methodicality and planning, things which are proven by the course so far