

Saturday May 25th

5th Section: 16:10 – 17:10

Topic: “Greek climate-neutral cities and energy communities LG”

Speakers' CVs:

Nikos Sakkas

Mayor of Trikala, President of the
Peripheral Union of Thessalian
Municipalities

He was born in Trikala and graduated from the 4th High School. Graduated from the Medical School of the University of Patras. He completed the internship of Ophthalmology at the General State Hospital of Nice, Piraeus. He holds a master's degree in Health Unit Management. He maintains a private medical practice in Trikala as an ophthalmologist surgeon since 1999. He was a doctor of the IKA Trikala and a doctor of the TEVE Trikala.



He has been actively involved in Local Government since 2002.

He was president of the Prefectural Council the years 2005-2006, deputy-prefect of Health - Welfare - Education - Trade the years 2009-2010 and municipal councilor of the Municipality of Trikala the years 2011-2014.

He was Deputy Mayor of Social Care of the Municipality of Trikala 2021-2023.

He was the president of the Doctors of IKA Trikala.

He was elected as Mayor of Trikala since 2023 and President of the Peripheral Union of Thessalian Municipalities since 2024

Kokkaliaris Giannis

He was born in Kozani in 1977.

He firstly took over the family business, with shading and lighting products. In 2015, he created a new company, "ENTEKA Distillery", which operates internationally.

His activity in local affairs begins in 2002, at the age of just 24, when he became a member of the mayoral committee of the Municipality of Kozani, DEMKO, Kindergartens, etc.

In 2009-2010 he was the President of DEYA Kozani.

He is an active member of the Civil Society being either member or president in various cultural and sports clubs.

He is married and father of two children.



Vassilis Papaefstathiou

Deputy Mayor of Strategic Planning and Climate Neutrality Municipality of Kalamata. Civil Engineer NTUA with MSc in Architecture / Urban Planning of School of Architecture NTUA and MSc in Environmental Design of Cities and Buildings.



Dimitris Tsalemis

Dimitris Tsalemis is Director General for Energy of the Greek Ministry for Environment and Energy since June 2018. He has been working in the Energy sector of the Ministry since 2002. He has served as head of the Department of Renewable Energy Sources as well as head of the Support Sector for Renewable Energy System Investments of the Ministry, promoting policies for development of RES projects and handling related state aid issues. Furthermore, he was head of Unit



for Implementation and Monitoring of Co-Financing Programs of the Executive Authority for the Partnership Agreement, Energy Sector. Widely known Programs in which he had a decisive contribution are the energy offsets - Photovoltaics system on roof Program and the Household Energy Savings Program.

He holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Patras in the field of high-voltage transmission lines' electromagnetic fields and their interaction with the environment. He graduated from the same University in 1992. Author of articles published in scholarly journals and conferences as well as technical studies in his scientific field, he has also given numerous presentations on electricity-related topics at conferences and seminars focusing on renewable energy, electricity market, energy efficiency and saving.