

**JOHN KITTMER**
Diplomat

John Kittmer served as British Ambassador to Greece (January 2013–December 2016). He is now Director of the Overseas Territories Directorate, FCO. He has a broad range of experience across government having worked previously in the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), the Cabinet Office, the Department for Education & Employment (DfEE), as well as the Foreign Office (FCO).

He was born in Cuckfield, Sussex, and grew up in Yorkshire. He studied Classics at Cambridge (1985–88) and Oxford (1988–93), and Modern Greek Studies at King's College London (2005–07). He is working on his thesis on the Greek poet Yannis Ritsos.

**TONY BUCKBY**
Director, British Council Greece

Tony Buckby is Director of the British Council in Greece, where he provides direction for the British Council's activities spanning the arts, English, examinations, education, science and society sectors. His previous cultural relations leadership roles with the British Council include Director British Council Bologna, Deputy Director British Council Italy, Deputy Director English Language at the British Council headquarters in London, where he was engaged in the British Council's work in Europe, East Asia and China, and Director British Council Bulgaria. He graduated in English Language and Literature from Nottingham University, and has an MA in Applied Linguistics from the University of Essex.



SPIROS SOULIS

Architect and TV Presenter

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Spiros Soulis completed his Bachelor's degree in Architecture at London Metropolitan University and went on to postgraduate studies in Advanced Architecture and Interior Design at the same institution. On successful completion of his studies, he joined *Foster + Partners*, one of the world's most prestigious architecture firms. Upon his return to Greece, Spiros established his own architecture firm and launched his own online magazine. He has launched and presented successful home makeover TV shows. In collaboration with leading Greek companies, he designs furniture and objects presented at some of the most prestigious international design fairs and available in many countries.



Dr ELIAS TSAKOS

MD (Hons), FRCOG

Dr Elias Tsakos is a Medical Doctor and Senior Consultant Obstetrician, Gynaecologist, Surgeon & Fertility Specialist. He has received extensive training in the UK and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists. He is Founder and Director of the Gynaecology & Fertility Centre EmbryoClinic and Scientific Director in Gynaecology at St. Luke's Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece. He is a well-recognised international expert in his field, an active member of various scientific societies, author of numerous scientific papers and presenter at conferences. Dr Elias Tsakos maintains strong scientific and professional links with the UK and the British Council.



CHRISTINA FILI
ASHOKA Country Representative

Christina Fili is Ashoka's Country Representative for Greece. Ashoka is recognised as one of the world's most influential NGOs and has pioneered in the field of social entrepreneurship. Over the last three decades, Ashoka has supported over 3,300 social entrepreneurs working in 84 countries. Christina joined Ashoka two years ago, after having worked for several years at a family office. Prior to that, as a young entrepreneur, over a 10-year period, she offered innovative solutions to the challenges faced by children and teenagers. Christina holds an MBA from The Open University.