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MATTHEW LODGE

Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Matthew Lodge has a BA (Hons) in Modern Languages (French and Russian) from the University of Birmingham. Matthew was an officer in the Royal Marines from 1986–1996. He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1996. Matthew’s first posting was to the British Embassy in Athens. His early diplomatic career also included work on the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean, service in Georgia and Armenia, and postings to Paris and the UK Permanent Representation to the EU. He later served as Private Secretary to the Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service, Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy Baghdad, Head of the FCO’s Afghanistan Group, Her Majesty’s Ambassador to Finland, Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Minister at the British Embassy Paris, serving concurrently as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO. He was appointed Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic in August 2021. Matthew is married to Alexia and they have twin boys.



ANASTASIA ANDRITSOU
Director, British Council Greece

Anastasia Andritsou is Director British Council Greece, contributing to the education policy agenda in the European region, developing an innovative and forward-thinking skills agenda for youth and underprivileged communities, and strengthening bilateral collaborations between the UK and Greece. She has private sector experience in wireless networks and smart automation technologies. She joined the British Council in 2004 as a Science Project Manager and implemented a major science communication programme for general audiences and schools. In 2007 she was appointed Head of Partnerships and Programmes, with responsibility for planning and implementing innovative science, arts and education projects through strategic co-operation with partners in Greece and globally. Anastasia featured as one of *The Guardian* newspaper's *50 Voices: what social enterprise means to you*. She studied Electrical Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens, holds a Master's degree from the Polytechnic School of Toulouse in France and an Executive MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business.



CHRISTOS CARRAS
Executive Director, Onassis Cultural Centre

Christos Carras was born in London (UK) in 1962. He read philosophy at Cambridge University and then at the Sorbonne where he earned his PhD. From 2000 onwards, he has been working in the cultural sector, initially as the Project Manager of the EU funded MediMuses network. In 2006 he became General Manager of the B & M Theocharakis Foundation for the Fine Arts and Music. In 2009 he joined the Onassis Foundation as the Executive Director of the Onassis Cultural Centre. He is also responsible for elements of the music programme and other interdisciplinary projects, developing European networks and the sustainability programme.



Dr ANGELIKI KOSMOPOULOU
Executive Director, A.C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

Angeliki is the Executive Director of the A.C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation. She holds a PhD in Classical Archaeology from Bryn Mawr College (USA) and studied marketing at Leicester University. Following a career in archaeology and cultural management, she worked in communications as a consultant and content specialist for multinational companies, small businesses, public and private organisations, politicians, artists and scholars. She has also served as advisor and speechwriter for several politicians at national and local level. She is Vice President of the Greek National Tourism Organisation and has been appointed National Co-ordinator for Greece's transition towards the ban on single-use plastics. She mentors women in public life and entrepreneurship, and sits on the Board of Directors of The People's Trust and the Advisory Board of DIANEOSIS. A published scholar in classics and archaeology, she is a regular contributor to the Greek media.



MARIA TSAKALI
Head of Education, British Council Greece

Maria Tsakali heads the work of the British Council in Greece in education and, for several years, she has led the development of educational services, programmes, partnerships and relationships that support the educational connections between Greece and the UK. She has also served as Head of the Thessaloniki office since 2001 and Honorary Consul of the UK in Thessaloniki since 2007. She graduated in English Language and Literature from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and holds an MBA in Strategic Management from Kingston University.



MAY ZANNI
President and Co-Founder, Women Act

May Zanni is the president and co-founder of Women Act, a non-profit organisation empowering women in leadership positions in the public sphere. May is a political analyst currently holding the position of special advisor at the Secretariat of the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in History and Politics from Queen Mary College, University of London; her Master of Science in European Politics from Birkbeck College, University of London; and her Master of Science in Politics of Empire and Post-Imperialism from the London School of Economics. May has had work experience at the House of Commons in London, the Institute for Democracy Konstantinos Karamanlis in Athens, the European Parliament in Brussels and UNESCO in Paris. She worked as a research assistant focusing on the linkage of European think tanks for the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) in Brussels, and then for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris, where she was responsible for its relations with intergovernmental organisations. On her return to Greece, she worked as advisor to the Minister for Justice, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and in the private sector as a political analyst. She is the mother of one daughter, Olympia.