

## Confidentiality and Use of Data

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## Conflict of Interest

All applications are anonymised for the judging process and judges take conflict of interest very seriously to ensure the integrity of the process, including signing relevant agreements. If judges recognise an applicant, they are required to state any conflict of interest immediately. Any judge disclosing a conflict of interest is excluded from assessing the specific application and scores are provided by other members of the judging panel only.



### **MATTHEW LODGE**

#### **Ambassador of 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 is one of the 50 voices included in the *The Guardian* newspaper's article *50 Voices: what does social enterprise mean 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**  
**Senior Associate, AEA Consulting**  
**Founding Director, Carras Consulting – Synergies for Culture**  
**Senior Consultant, Onassis Foundation**

Christos Carras was born in London (UK) in 1962. He studied philosophy at Cambridge University and then earned his PhD from the University of Paris 1 – Sorbonne (1989). From 2000 onwards, he has been working in the cultural sector. From 2009 to 2022 he was the Executive Director of the Onassis Cultural Centre (Onassis Stegi). His responsibilities included programming, building networks, designing projects at the crossroads of art, science, technology and innovation, and developing the organisation's sustainability strategy. He continues to work closely with the Onassis Foundation as a Senior Consultant. In 2022, he began a collaboration with AEA Consulting as a Senior Associate. He is the Founding Director of Carras Consulting – Synergies for Culture, a consultancy focusing on sustainability, networks, impact, and innovation in the cultural sector.



### **ANNA KALLIANI**

**President, British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce  
Financial and Strategy Advisor, Anirva International  
Strategic Advisors Ltd.**

Anna is currently President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (since 2017) and Financial & Strategy Advisor at Anirva International Strategic Advisors Ltd. She is also non-executive Board Member at Space Hellas S.A., a listed company on the Athens Stock Exchange. Ms Kalliani has over 20 years' experience in investment banking, having started as a financial analyst at Citibank and subsequently holding various positions at the investment banking arms of HSBC and Emporiki Bank in Greece, and the corporate finance department of Deloitte & Touche. Since 2005, she has served as a financial and strategy advisor to CEOs, funds and investors, consulting inter alia on the formulation and evaluation of business strategy issues, identification and evaluation of investment opportunities, mergers and acquisitions and capital raising. From 2008, she has developed expertise in international business networking, issues management and international business affairs. Ms Kalliani holds an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (Chicago Booth) and a BA in Economics from the Athens University of Economics and Business, where she graduated as the highest-ranking student in Greece.



### **GERASIMOS KOUVARAS**

**Country Director, ActionAid Hellas**

Gerasimos Kouvaras has over 25 years of engagement as executive director, instructor, advisor and volunteer in and for the civil society sector at national and international level. Before joining ActionAid in Greece as Country Director in 2007, he served at Amnesty International as Director for Greece and at the Greek Ministry of Education as Special Advisor on Volunteering and Youth Sector, among other roles. He is a PhD in Management candidate at Bayes Business School of City, University of London and holds a MBA from Nottingham Trent University with a focus on non-profit management, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.



### **SPYROS KOUVELIS**

**Director, Institute for Sustainable Development of the European Public Law Organisation (EPLO)  
Former Member of Parliament (MP)  
Former Minister of State for Foreign, Economic, Cultural and Environmental Affairs**

Spyros Kouvelis has over 25 years' experience in sustainable development, green transition, climate and decarbonisation, sustainable finance, and blue economy affairs. He was elected to the Greek Parliament in 2007 and 2009, Shadow Minister of Environment (2007–09) and Minister of State for Foreign Economic, Cultural and Environmental Affairs (2009–11), leading economic co-operation government missions and heading Greek delegations in negotiations, and at EU and UN meetings. He holds a BSc in Economics and an MSc in Agricultural/Environmental Economics, and has received training in International Relations, Sustainability Leadership, Human Capital Behavioural Assessment and Computer Programming. Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development of EPLO, a Permanent Observer at the UN General Assembly, he is a global thought leader in the sustainability and green/blue transition. He is a Board member of the EU Commission Mission for the Ocean, Senior Associate at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership and serves on the Board of Sustainable Investments in Oman. Spyros has been instrumental in designing the Verimarket ESG/sustainable investment methodology.



### **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.