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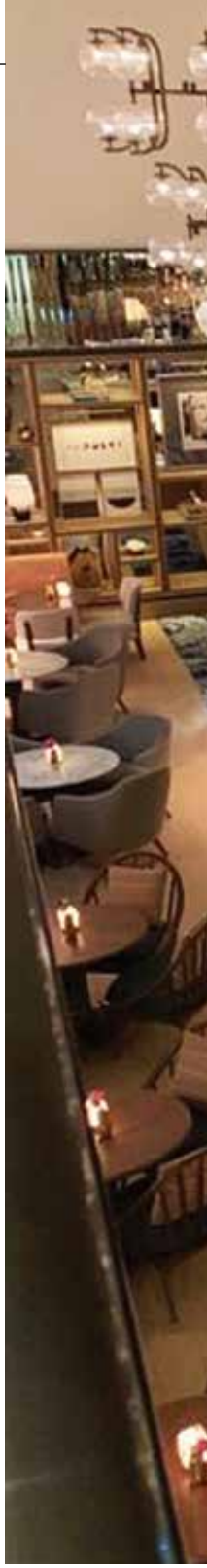
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Challenges and Opportunities

FOREWORD



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Dear Reader,

In an era of rapid scientific progress and profound geopolitical change, or rather, upheaval, there is little time to pause. Economic and political pressures are increasingly intertwined, with one crisis following another without respite. These difficult circumstances offer valuable lessons. It is a challenging time, but we believe that diversity carries the seeds of success. We must therefore be resourceful in identifying the factors that can work to our advantage as Greeks and Arabs. To begin with, we share longstanding historical ties, geographical proximity, and a wide range of resources and expertise.

Our task is to overcome hesitation, take the initiative, seize opportunities and turn them into meaningful outcomes. Deepening our cooperation, expanding trade and encouraging mutual investment are all within our reach. Above all, businesspeople must translate our shared potential into practical partnerships that deliver mutual benefits.

For more than 45 years, the Arab-Hellenic Chamber has worked tirelessly to strengthen connections between Greece and the Arab world across all business sectors. Its extensive network across Greece and most Arab countries opens channels of communication and builds bridges between the two sides. Over the years, the Chamber has established its vital role as a platform for Arab-Hellenic cooperation to grow and reach new horizons.

Within this context, and in line with these objectives, the **"15th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum",** taking place on 25 and 26 November, will focus on energy and construction. These two sectors are significant drivers of growth and are among those most affected by the transformations taking place around us. Their selection reflects strategic priorities that are attuned to current needs.

As the Forum draws nearer, we are using our network across the Arab world to encourage the participation of relevant stakeholders. The programme will foster engagement through working sessions, discussions and business meetings. Ministerial dialogues on both days will bring together ministers and deputy ministers from the Arab and Greek sides, alongside sessions for senior executives and business leaders. We expect strong participation from both sides, reflecting growing confidence in the Forum as a setting for dialogue and business engagement.

Preparations are also advancing for other initiatives in the Chamber's 2027 events programme, including the **"6th Iraqi-Hellenic Business Forum",** which will be held in Baghdad during the third week of January in coordination with the Iraqi Federation of Chambers. Iraq remains of considerable interest to Greek businesses, and the Forum can help turn that interest into new connections and partnerships. We therefore invite both members and non-members to join us on this business mission to Iraq.

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"Overcoming Challenges, Forging our Way Ahead"

Under the Auspices

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber is convening the **"15th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum"** on November 25-26, 2026, in Athens. This year's edition focuses on the energy, construction, and related sectors, under the theme **"Overcoming Challenges, Forging our Way Ahead".**

Scope: Energy and Construction, along with other related fields of work.

Concept: The conventional and renewable energy sectors stand as fundamental economic and strategic pillars for national security and key sources of income for States, while the construction and modern infrastructure sectors serve as an indicator of a nation's development and economic growth. Amid climate and environmental deterioration and shifting geopolitical dynamics, there is a growing need for dialogue, consultation, and the exploration of the opportunities abundant in Greece's and the Arab world's resources in these two fields, in order to strengthen cooperation, partnership, and investment, and to enhance our competitiveness in addressing climate and economic challenges. These themes will be discussed over the two-day programme, alongside the "4th Greece–GCC Countries Business Gathering," which adds a further positive dimension to the Forum's deliberations.

Industries and Sectors covered: Conventional energy and its projects; renewable energy and related projects; storage and distribution; artificial intelligence and its applications in energy projects; construction, infrastructure, and joint projects; modern buildings and ecosystems; building materials industries and recycling; and the role of artificial intelligence in construction.

Format (in-person): Panel discussions, fireside chats, workshops and roundtables provide the floor to Arabs and Greeks to discuss challenges and opportunities in their sectors of interest. Intensive networking and impromptu B2B meetings will take place throughout the two days.

Who should attend: Senior officials, CEOs, business leaders, and professionals engaged in energy and construction affairs, as well as related fields of work.

Working Languages: Arabic, Greek, and English (simultaneous interpretation).

Venue: Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens, Greece

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Wednesday, November 25th, 2026

09:00 Registration & Networking

10:00 Welcoming Addresses

10:45 High-Level Dialogue | Current challenges and prospects for future cooperation in the energy sector

11:00 **Panel 1** | Integrating Traditional and Sustainable Sources of Energy

12:15 Networking break

12:45 Fireside Chat | Geopolitical Developments and their Impact on Energy and Construction: Navigating the New Reality

13:00 **Panel 2** | Cross-Border Energy Projects: Mapping Challenges and Progress

14:00 **Panel 3** | Energy Infrastructure, Storage and Distribution Networks

15:15 Light Lunch

16:00 "4th Greece–GCC Countries Business Gathering" Part (A) | GCC Energy Infrastructure Projects: Pathways for Closer Cooperation with Greece

18:00 Networking cocktail

Thursday, November 26th, 2026

09:00 Registration & Networking

09:45 Welcoming Addresses

10:00 High-Level Dialogue | Enhancing Arab-Hellenic Cooperation in Construction and Infrastructure Projects

11:00 **Panel 4** | Reconstruction and Infrastructure Projects in Post-Conflict Arab Countries – Challenges, Priorities and Opportunities

12:15 Networking break

13:00 **Panel 5** | Sustainable Construction, Building Materials and Recycling Solutions

14:15 **Panel 6** | Transfer of Know-How in Reviving Small & Medium-Sized Industries in the Arab World

15:30 Light Lunch

16:00 "4th Greece–GCC Countries Business Gathering" Part (B) | GCC Visions for Economic Diversification in Construction and Industry: A Roadmap for Cooperation

18:00 Closing Remarks and End of Forum's works

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Interview with Eng. Wissam Khalifa El Idrissi, Deputy Minister for Diwan Affairs and Maritime Transportation of Libya



We are pleased to host Eng. Wissam Khalifa El Idrissi, Deputy Minister for Diwan Affairs and Maritime Transportation of Libya. Eng. El-Idrissi is a familiar face at the Arab-Hellenic Chamber's events. In this interview, Eng. El Idrissi briefly touches upon the difficulties and prospects for economic growth and diversification in Libya and the potential it presents for business partnership with Greek businessmen in domains that are quite familiar for Greece, i.e. in ports and in the prospect of increasing the Libyan fleet.

Mr. Deputy Minister, thank you for being with us. Let us start with the key challenges Libya is facing today.

Libya is currently undergoing a critical phase of rebuilding and developing its institutions and economy, following long years that directly impacted infrastructure, services, and investment.

In my view, one of the most significant challenges is transitioning from an economy heavily reliant on oil and public spending to a more diversified economy—one where the private sector, along with domestic and foreign investment, acts as a genuine partner in development.

There is also a need to complete infrastructure development across the transport, road, port, airport, and logistics sectors, while simultaneously enhancing institutional efficiency and improving procedures and the business environment.

Conversely, however, Libya possesses immense potential. We are a country spanning approximately 1.76 million square kilometers, with an extensive Mediterranean coastline, close proximity to Southern Europe, and land borders with six African nations. We also possess natural resources and the capacity to finance a significant portion of our development projects.

Therefore, I believe the real challenge facing Libya is not a lack of potential, but rather how to transform that potential into productive, sustainable projects that create jobs—particularly for the youth—and increase the private sector's contribution to the economy.

How can Libya serve as a link between Africa and Europe?

This represents one of Libya's most important strategic opportunities.

A look at the map reveals that Libya is situated directly on the southern coast of the Mediterranean, facing Europe, while simultaneously extending southward into the African heartland. There are landlocked African nations that lack direct access to the sea; consequently, developing transport and logistics corridors linking Libyan ports to the African interior could position Libya as a vital gateway for trade between Europe and Africa.

However, achieving this requires an integrated system rather than just an isolated port or road. We are talking about developing ports, road networks, future rail links, logistics zones, and land border crossings, while connecting them to airports and modern digital systems to facilitate the movement of goods.

For this reason, the Ministry of Transport is collaborating with the African Development Bank on a comprehensive strategic study for Libya's transport sector, covering road, maritime, air, and rail transport, as well as logistics services.

Our vision is to shift from treating each mode of transport in isolation to a multimodal transport approach, where Libyan ports serve as the starting point for trade corridors extending southward into Africa and northward across the Mediterranean to Europe.

What is the current status of Libyan ports, and what are the plans for their development?

Libya possesses a significant network of ports along its Mediterranean coast. We have eight major commercial ports—Tobruk, Derna, Benghazi, Sirte, Misrata, Al-Khums, Tripoli, and Zuwara—in addition to various commercial berths, specialized ports, and oil terminals.

This infrastructure forms a crucial foundation; however, parts of it require modernization and efficiency upgrades to keep pace with the major global advancements in the port and logistics industries. Therefore, we do not view port development solely through the lens of constructing new berths; rather, we adopt a broader perspective that encompasses modernizing equipment, enhancing handling and storage efficiency, upgrading digital systems, improving maritime services, raising safety and security standards, and integrating ports with road networks and logistics zones.

We also believe the private sector can play a greater role in developing and operating specific port activities and services. This can be achieved through clear investment and partnership models that safeguard the state's interests while simultaneously creating an attractive economic environment for investors.

The long-term goal is for Libyan ports to evolve beyond mere entry points for domestic market imports, becoming instead integral parts of a regional network for transport, transit, and logistics across the Mediterranean and North Africa.

Is Libya working to diversify its economy away from oil?

Certainly. Oil will remain a fundamental and crucial component of the Libyan economy for years to come; it is unrealistic to speak of dispensing with it entirely. However, heavy reliance on a single source of income leaves the economy highly vulnerable to fluctuations in global prices and production levels.

According to World Bank data, the oil and gas sector continues to account for the largest share of Libya's exports and public revenues; consequently, economic diversification has become a necessity rather than merely an option.



Libya possesses promising sectors that can be developed alongside the energy industry—such as logistics and maritime transport, tourism, agriculture, energy-related industries, mining, renewable energy, real estate, and infrastructure. From my perspective, the transport sector itself can serve as a tool for economic diversification. As Libya transforms into a transit and logistics hub connecting Africa and Europe, we can generate new economic activities centered around ports, airports, logistics zones, transport, warehousing, and maritime services.

Consequently, the goal is not merely to boost non-oil output, but to leverage oil revenues and potential to build other economic sectors capable of sustainably generating income and employment opportunities in the future.

What opportunities are available to Greek investors? Is the investment climate favorable?

I believe Greece can be a vital partner for Libya, particularly in sectors related to maritime activities, transport, and infrastructure.

Greece possesses world-class expertise in maritime transport, vessel management, and maritime services; Greek companies also have extensive experience in ports, construction, energy, logistics, and tourism.

On the Libyan side, opportunities exist in the development and operation of ports, logistics zones, and maritime services, as well as in shipbuilding and maintenance, infrastructure and road networks, energy, hospitality, tourism, and more.
We also recognize that investors seek more than just opportunities; they look for procedural clarity, legislative stability, efficient decision-making, and the potential to transform a project into a profitable, sustainable economic venture. Therefore, improving the business environment and encouraging private sector participation ...the private sector represents a significant part of the economic reform process.
Furthermore, economic relations between Libya and Greece are currently poised for expansion, with a clear resurgence in direct communication, visits, and trade missions between the two sides.
My message to Greek companies is that the Libyan market should not be viewed merely as a market of several million consumers, but rather as a potential gateway to a much larger African market. We therefore welcome Greek companies wishing to establish a long-term presence and forge genuine partnerships within Libya.

Is Libya considering the development of a national commercial fleet?
In fact, Libya already possesses extensive experience in this field; it is important to clarify that we are not starting from scratch.
The General National Maritime Transport Company (GNMTC) is a Libyan state-owned enterprise established in 1975; it currently operates a fleet of tankers for oil and petroleum products. According to the company's data, the fleet comprises 18 tankers with a total deadweight tonnage exceeding 1.8 million metric tons.
However, our vision for the maritime sector extends beyond mere ship ownership.
For us, the question is how to develop an integrated maritime ecosystem—encompassing the fleet, ports, maritime services, ship management, maritime training, maintenance, and logistics—while creating greater opportunities for the Libyan private sector.
We are assessing market needs from an economic perspective, as fleet development must be grounded in clear commercial principles, genuine demand, and trade flows, rather than simply the idea of owning a larger number of vessels. It is precisely here that I see significant scope for cooperation with Greece, given its extensive global expertise in fleet management and operations, shipping, maritime services, and training.

How do you view the future of Libyan-Greek cooperation, particularly in the maritime sector?
I am very optimistic about the potential to develop economic and maritime relations between Libya and Greece.
We are two nations facing each other across the Mediterranean; the geographical distance between us is short, and we share a long history of relations, trade, and maritime connectivity.
Recently, we have witnessed tangible progress in engagement between the two countries, including the resumption of direct flights, an increase in official visits and communications, and preparations for trade missions and expanded economic cooperation.
From the perspective of the transport sector, we can build practical cooperation in several areas: port development; ship management and operations; maritime services; training and capacity building; logistics; infrastructure investment; and the development of more regular transport and shipping routes between the two countries' ports.
I believe the next step should be to move from general dialogue to specific, actionable projects.
Therefore, I encourage the Arab-Hellenic Chamber and Greek companies to increase direct engagement with Libyan institutions and businesses, and to organize specialized sectoral meetings involving companies, ports, and relevant authorities from both countries. We do not want the relationship between Libya and Greece to be merely a connection between two neighboring markets; rather, we aim to build a partnership that turns the Mediterranean into a bridge for trade and investment, leveraging Libya's position as a gateway to Africa and Greece's extensive maritime and economic expertise.

Interview with Mr. Andreas Shiamishis, CEO HELLENIQ ENERGY GROUP



HELLENiQ ENERGY is a household brand in Greece that has enormously contributed to the Greek society and economic development in every aspect. In this issue of our MAN Magazine, we are pleased to host the CEO of HELLENiQ ENERGY Group, Mr. Andreas Shiamishis, a man with a vision, under whose leadership HELLENiQ ENERGY continues its journey of over seven decades with success. In his answers below, Mr. Shiamishis describes the Group's history and outlines its objectives for 2030. He also refers to the challenges brought on by the unrest in the Middle East and Ukraine and urges Europe to develop a comprehensive plan that combines fossil fuels and renewable energy sources. Finally, Mr. Shiamishis emphasizes the significance of regional cooperation for everyone's benefit, and cites the Group's relationship with Arab oil-producing firms and hydrocarbon exploration companies.

HELLENiQ ENERGY's journey of seven decades is rooted in Greek society and has contributed to the country's economic development. How do you see its role evolving?

Our history goes back almost seven decades to Greece's first refinery in Aspropyrgos in 1958, while the Group in its modern form was created in 1998. Since then, we have evolved alongside the Greek economy and the country's energy needs.

Today, HELLENiQ ENERGY is very different from the company of twenty or even ten years ago. We have evolved from primarily a national refining company into a diversified, integrated energy Group, present in eight countries and with a growing role across Southeast Europe. The establishment of our international trading office in Geneva is a good example of this evolution, expanding our global reach and bringing new commercial and trading capabilities into the Group.

Overall, in the past 5 years we strengthened our traditional businesses, built a second growth pillar in power, gas and renewables, and modernized our organization and governance. Our financial performance reflects this transformation, with our activities expanding beyond Greece and earnings broadly tripling over the last few years.

Looking beyond 2030, our ambition is to grow both pillars – hydrocarbons and the Green Utility – through targeted investments, extroversion and internationalization and operational excellence.

Desperate times often call for desperate measures. We would like your input on the geopolitical upheaval in the Middle East and the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. How can these challenges be tackled to relieve pressure on energy markets?

The crises of recent years have been a wake-up call for

Europe. They reminded us that energy policy cannot be built around sustainability alone. Security of supply and affordability are equally important, and a successful energy transition must deliver all three.

The first requirement is diversification. Dependence on a single country, route or energy source creates vulnerability. Oil markets have repeatedly demonstrated their ability to redirect flows during disruptions. At HELLENiQ ENERGY, our experience managing earlier supply disruptions involving Iran, Iraq and Libya led us to develop a highly diversified sourcing strategy.

The second is investment in infrastructure. Europe has under-invested for years and, in some cases, reduced capacity before adequate alternatives were available. Resilience requires networks, interconnections, storage, generation, refining and new energy infrastructure.

Finally, Europe needs consistent policymaking that avoids replacing one dependency with another or unnecessarily increasing energy costs and weakening industrial competitiveness.

HELLENiQ ENERGY maintains strong ties with Arab oil-producing countries. In February 2023, HELLENiQ Petroleum signed an agreement with Egypt's EGPC for the supply of crude oil. How has this agreement progressed?

The relationship has developed very positively. Egyptian crude is now a structural part of our supply portfolio, and EGPC sits alongside Saudi Aramco and Iraq's SOMO among our important national oil company suppliers. We are actively pursuing an expansion in our relationships not only with other oil producing countries as a buyer but also as a seller able to cover their needs in high quality refined products.

There is a strong commercial rationale: Egyptian grades are well suited to our refinery configuration, allowing us to optimize operations and product yields. There is also an important strategic dimension. Egyptian crude is less exposed to Red Sea transit risks, providing additional resilience in today's geopolitical environment. Egypt's stability and infrastructure, including the Sidi Kerir terminal, are important for energy flows towards Europe.

The relationship is also two-directional. European refining capacity can help meet Egypt's demand for products such as gasoline, while our geographic proximity and logistics capabilities make HELLENiQ ENERGY a natural partner.

Looking ahead, we see scope to broaden our cooperation into areas such as carbon capture and potentially exploration and production.

HELLENiQ ENERGY has emerged as a key player in hydrocarbon exploration in Greece. What impact could these projects have on the Greek economy, employment and Greece's energy self-sufficiency?

We currently have interests in nine offshore blocks covering approximately 80,000 square kilometers, giving HELLENiQ ENERGY the most extensive position in Greek upstream exploration.

Importantly, we are working with world-class partners such as Chevron and ExxonMobil, bringing significant technical expertise and deep-water exploration experience. The plan is now moving from seismic studies and interpretation towards the next critical phase, with the first exploration well in Block 2 currently scheduled for the first half of 2027.

We should, however, approach this with realistic expectations as this is frontier exploration with significant geological risk.

If a significant discovery is made, the potential impact could be substantial – improving Greece's trade balance, strengthening security of supply and creating new economic value. But it remains an opportunity, not something that should be factored into Greece's energy planning before the commercialization is proven.

At this year's Thessaloniki International Fair, you highlighted the revival of the VARDAX pipeline connecting Thessaloniki with North Macedonia. Could you elaborate on the importance of this project?

VARDAX is a very good example of what regional energy connectivity means in practice.

The 214-kilometre pipeline connects our Thessaloniki re-



finery with the OKTA facilities near Skopje. It had been inactive for around fourteen years and bringing it back into operation required overcoming significant technical, regulatory and cross-border challenges.

Today, it allows diesel to move directly across the border safely, efficiently and at scale. The benefits are tangible: fewer tanker trucks on regional roads, lower emissions per ton transported, greater logistical efficiency and, most importantly, a more secure and reliable supply route for North Macedonia and neighboring markets.

Europe refers to energy security and regional connectivity. VARDAX, is a real-life example of what these could look like.

It also demonstrates how HELLENiQ ENERGY itself is evolving. We are not simply a Greek company exporting products to the region; we are increasingly a regional energy operator, investing in infrastructure and building connections across Southeast Europe.

Following your recognition as Best CEO in the Mid-Cap Oil & Gas category at the Extel 2026 Emerging EMEA Executive Team survey, what are your future aspirations as a leader and regarding the promotion of Greek interests in the energy sector?

Recognition of our strategy and achievements by the investment community at this level is clearly very well received and greatly appreciated. This reflects on the company and the management team overall as well.

Our priority is to further develop the agility required to design and implement a growth strategy that will adopt to macro environment changing challenges and priorities; a fit-for-purpose strategy and implementation.

However, this is also proof that Greek companies and management teams have overcome significant adversities over the last 10 years and are now ranked amongst the best in our region.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber at the "EMGF Forum: Accelerating the Eastern Mediterranean's Role as an Energy Corridor for Europe"

On October 7, the Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, Mr. Rashad Mabger, attended the EMGF Forum: Accelerating the Eastern Mediterranean's Role as an Energy Corridor for Europe hosted by HELLENiQ ENERGY, as EMGF's strategic partner in Athens. The discussions in this high-level event revolved around the development of the Eastern Mediterranean into an interconnected energy corridor, capable of making a meaningful contribution to security of supply across the wider region.

As HELLENiQ ENERGY CEO Andreas Shiamishis noted in his opening remarks: "Greece is a natural energy gateway to European markets, and both companies and the State have taken significant steps towards fulfilling this role, enabling energy products to reach European consumers either through the development of infrastructure such as pipelines and cables, or through transport networks by land and sea."

The Forum was attended, among others, by Greece's Minister of Environment and Energy, Stavros Papastavrou; Cyprus Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Michael Damianos; Egypt's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Karim Badawi; Joshua Volz, Special Envoy for Global Energy Integration at the U.S. Department of Energy; as well as Osama Mobarez, Secretary General of the East Mediterranean Gas Forum (EMGF), and Jassim Alshirawi, Secretary General of the International Energy Forum (IEF).

Also attending were representatives of EMGF Member States, ministers and government officials, regulatory authorities, representatives of the Gas Industry Advisory Committee (GIAC), leading energy companies and energy infrastructure developers, investors, financial institutions and international energy organizations.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber would like to seize this opportunity to thank the organizers and hosts for their invitation to this prestigious event and wish all sides the best of luck in their endeavours to enhance multi-lateral cooperation among the Mediterranean states.



Group photo following the conclusion of the ministerial-level round-table discussion



The Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, Mr. Rashad Mabger, with the CEO of HELLENiQ Energy, Mr. Andreas Shiamishis



Mr. Rashad Mabger with Mr. Manolis Markakis, Senior Director, Oil Supply & Trading, HELLENiQ PETROLEUM S.A. and AHC BoD Member

PROTASIS® Power Plant Controller achieves GCC Lab Certification for Saudi Grid Requirements



Independent RTDS Hardware-in-the-Loop testing validates the PROTASIS® PPC against SAGC and TRGC requirements across key power plant control and grid-support functions.

Athens, Greece / Dammam, Saudi Arabia – 22 September 2026

PROTASIS and GCC Electrical Testing Laboratory (GCC Lab) announce the successful completion of the testing and certification of the PROTASIS® Power Plant Controller (PPC) against the Saudi Arabian Grid Code (SAGC) and the Technical Requirements for Grid Code (TRGC).

The certification follows a comprehensive Real Time Digital Simulator (RTDS) Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) testing program performed by GCC Lab to assess the controller's performance under simulated grid operating conditions. The testing program evaluated the PROTASIS® PPC across a broad range of active power, reactive power, voltage control and advanced grid-support functions. GCC Lab's final technical assessment concluded that the test results demonstrate that the PPC fulfils the requirements evaluated under SAGC and TRGC.

The successful certification represents an important milestone for PROTASIS, providing independent validation of the PPC's advanced control capabilities against Saudi grid requirements and reinforcing the company's commitment to the Saudi Arabian power and renewable energy market.

Advanced controller validation through RTDS Hardware-in-the-Loop Testing

As part of the certification process, GCC Lab developed a grid-connected power plant model in RSCAD and interfaced it with an actual PROTASIS® Power Plant Controller through an RTDS environment. This configuration enabled real-time measurements from the simulated electrical system to be exchanged with the physical controller, while active and reactive power reference commands generated by the PPC were communicated back to the simulated plant.

This closed-loop HIL environment enabled the dynamic behavior of the controller to be evaluated across a broad range of operating scenarios and grid-support requirements.

The certification program covered key active power control functions, including active power setpoint control, ramp rate control, primary frequency response, absolute power limitation and delta regulation. The PPC was also evaluated across reactive power and voltage control functions, including voltage control, reactive power control, power factor control and Q-V droop control.

In addition, the testing program assessed advanced grid-support capabilities, including Power Oscillation Damping and Synthetic Inertia / Fast Frequency Response, as well as control hierarchy requirements such as automatic prioritization of grid-support functions and control based on validated measurements at the Point of Interconnection (POI).

The results confirmed the successful performance of the PROTASIS® PPC across the evaluated functions and demonstrated that the controller fulfils the relevant SAGC and TRGC requirements.

"The certification program provided a comprehensive assessment of the PROTASIS® Power Plant Controller using GCC Lab's RTDS Hardware-in-the-Loop testing capabilities. Through the evaluation of active power, reactive power, voltage control and advanced grid-support functions, the testing successfully demonstrated the controller's ability to meet the relevant SAGC and TRGC requirements. This type of validation is increasingly important as modern power systems integrate increasing levels of renewable generation and require advanced, reliable plant-level control capabilities."

Eng. Fahad AlHamzi, CEO of GCC Lab

Supporting reliable and grid-compliant Power Plant Operation

The PROTASIS® Power Plant Controller is designed to provide centralized plant-level control for renewable and other grid-connected generation facilities. By coordinating individual generating units and plant assets, the PPC manages the overall response of the facility at the Point of Interconnection (POI) and enables the plant to respond to grid operator setpoints and requirements for active power, reactive power, voltage and frequency response.

Its control architecture supports a wide range of operating modes and grid-support functions, enabling power plants to respond dynamically to changing system conditions while maintaining reliable and coordinated operation.

"As power systems evolve and the share of renewable generation continues to grow, advanced plant-level control is becoming increasingly important for maintaining grid stability and supporting reliable system operation. At PROTASIS, we are continuously investing in technologies that address these emerging requirements and enable power plants to operate effectively within increasingly demanding grid environments. The successful certification of our PPC by GCC Lab is an important recognition of this effort and a significant step in supporting our continued growth in the Saudi Arabian market."

Vassilis Georgiou, PROTASIS CEO

About GCC Lab

GCC Electrical Testing Laboratory (GCC Lab) provides independent engineering design validation, testing, inspection and certification services for the power and energy sector. Its capabilities include power system studies, renewable energy and grid-code compliance verification, asset assurance and technical consultancy services for utilities and energy-sector organizations.

About PROTASIS

PROTASIS is an engineering and technology company specializing in advanced solutions for electrical power systems. Combining extensive engineering expertise with innovative automation, control and digital technologies, the company delivers solutions across power generation and renewable energy, transmission and distribution, industrial power systems and energy infrastructure.

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HSHA

HELLENIC SMALL HYDROPOWER ASSOCIATION

Member of the European Renewable Energies Federation (EREF)

At a period where the energy transition evolves at speeds that seemed unimaginable, just a few years ago, the need for institutional representation, technical documentation, and meaningful dialogue becomes more critical than ever. Within this environment, the establishment of HSHA (Hellenic Small Hydropower Association) in 2010 was not merely another collective initiative. On the contrary, it was the response of a category of renewable energy projects to the need to secure a voice, a role, and a position in national energy planning.

HSHA is the sole collective nationwide representative of the Small Hydro Power Plants (SHPPs) sector in Greece. Its members include legal entities, individuals, and organizations active across the entire spectrum of small hydropower development, such as investors, consultants, equipment manufacturers, scientific organizations, as well as research centers and institutes. Today, HSHA numbers 182 members, which represent approximately 202 MW of operational plants, accounting for 76% of the sector's total installed capacity nationwide.

The establishment of HSHA took place at a time when small hydropower plants were out of the energy policy. Although internationally, they are recognized as a mature, reliable, and efficient technology, their development in Greece remained limited. The absence of a clear institutional framework, the time-consuming licensing procedures, the lack of rational planning, and the grid capacity saturation functioned - and continue to function - as deterrents.

Within this environment, HSHA was established with a clear objective: to highlight the role of small hydropower plants as a critical pillar of the energy transition, as well as a tool for integrated water resources management. From its inception, the Association sought to contribute to public dialogue, submitting well-documented proposals and highlighting the importance of these projects not only for energy production, but also for flood protection, irrigation, and local development.

In a market increasingly dominated by the rapid growth of photovoltaics and wind farms, small hydropower plants faced an unequal reality. Political and investment attention shifted toward technologies that offer faster implementation and lower initial costs, sidelining projects that require a longer maturation time but offer stable and predictable power generation. And yet, this stability of power production constitutes one of the greatest needs of the energy system today.

In recent years, the intensive penetration of RES (Renewable Energy Sources), without the simultaneous development of adequate storage infrastructure and grids, has created new challenges. Energy overproduction at specific hours, generation curtailments, and pressures on the transmission system are not merely theoretical scenarios - they are a reality already being experienced.

Through its journey, HSHA highlights that the solution does not lie in a single technology, but in the synthesis of many technologies, to create a proper and balanced energy mix that will achieve a reduction in the curtailment of unutilized generated energy.

Today, the course of HSHA is gaining particular importance. Not only as the history of an institutional body, but as a reflection of the choices and priorities of the country itself. Experience has already demonstrated the limitations of a one-dimensional energy policy, revealing both its weaknesses and opportunities. The challenge now lies not in identifying problems, but in transitioning to a more mature, balanced, and integrated planning approach.

The role of HSHA in this new phase can be decisive.



The Saudi Ambassador to Greece presents his Credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic

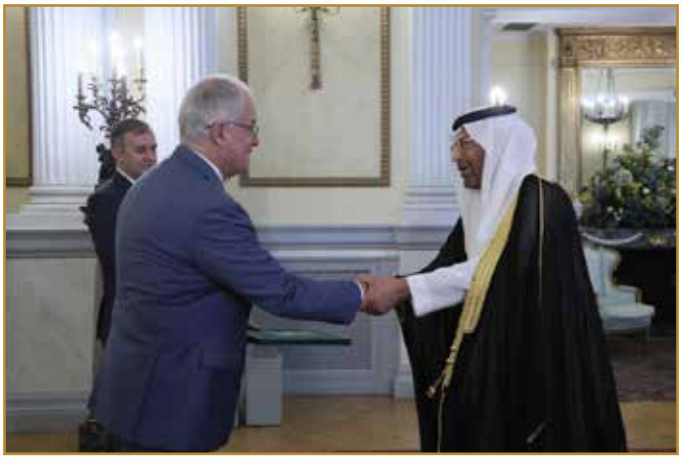


On September 16th, His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Abdulmohsen bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the new Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Constantinos Tassoulas.

Following the ceremony, the President and HRH Prince Saud exchanged views on the prospects of cooperation between the Kingdom and Greece, especially in the light of the level of the two countries' strategic and exemplary relations in every aspect.

Since establishing their diplomatic relations, Saudi Arabia and Greece have enjoyed high-level cooperation in every domain. This can be witnessed by the Greek companies' participation in project execution in infrastructure and other domains across the Kingdom. This cooperation extends to the current time in other major projects in energy and construction.

We, at the Arab-Hellenic Chamber would like to assure HRH Prince Saud of our level best and unwavering support and endeavours to work closely with the Embassy and the Federation of Saudi Chambers of Commerce to elevate and enhance the relations of the two countries in every business sector.







The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia celebrates its National Day



HRH Prince Saud bin Abdulaziz bin Abdulmohsen Al Saud, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hosted a reception on the occasion of the Saudi National Day.

Bringing together distinguished guests, including Greek high officials, heads of Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations, as well as business representatives, the occasion reflected the Kingdom's spirit of hospitality, its cultural richness, and international presence, honoring Saudi Arabia's journey and aspiration for a prosperous future under the ambitious Vision of 2030.

Referring to Greece-Saudi Arabia bilateral relations, in his address the Ambassador emphasized the significance of the diplomatic ties between Saudi Arabia and Greece, noting that 2026 marks the centennial of friendship and relations between the two nations.


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Welcome, Mr. Ambassador!



On September 17th, the newly-designated Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Mourad Y. Mourad, presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Constantinos Tassoulas. After the ceremonial formalities, the President and Ambassador Mourad had a brief encounter and touched upon the historical and strategic relations bounding Egypt and Greece, and their future potential in every domain.

Ambassador Mourad is a professional diplomat with a career spanning over two decades at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in various administrative/diplomatic posts, most notably his first assignment Kinshasa, DRC, as Third Secretary at the Egyptian Embassy. Then he moved to Argentina, as Second Secretary and then, to Valletta, Malta, as First Secretary. Then on a secondment as the deputy secretary general of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean in Malta from 2012 till 2016.

In September 2016, Ambassador Mourad became a Counsellor and Chief of Cabinet of the Assistant Foreign Minister for Cultural Affairs. In August 2019, he was Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Egypt to Belgium and Luxembourg, and Permanent Mission of Egypt to the European Union and NATO and, in July 2023, he became a Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Chairman at the National Bureau for the Implementation of the Egypt-European Union Association Agreement.



In August 2024, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Cabinet at the Cabinet of H.E the Minister of Foreign Affairs and, since September 2026, he is the new Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Hellenic Republic.
Ambassador Mourad holds a Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta (2006), a Diploma in Diplomatic Studies, Egyptian Diplomatic Institute (2002), and a B.A. in Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science from Cairo University (1997). He is married, and the father of three children.

On September 22nd, the Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, Mr. Rashad Mabger, paid a courtesy to welcome His Excellency to Greece and discuss the Egyptian-Greek business and commercial relations, and ways to further enhance them. On this occasion, we, at the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, would like to reiterate our steadfast commitment to promoting Greek-Egyptian relations in all business domains.



Welcoming the New Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Hellenic Republic



On 9th October, H.E. Mr. Falah Abdulhasan Abdulsada, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Iraq to the Hellenic Republic, arrived at Athens International Airport, where he was warmly welcomed by colleagues, several Arab Ambassadors and Chargıs d'Affaires, Mr. Rashad Mabger, Secretary-General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, and members of the staff of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens. Following the welcome, a brief exchange of views took place, during which sincere wishes were conveyed to His Excellency for a successful, fruitful, and productive tenure in Greece.

Holding a PhD in Russian Language, Ambassador Abdulsada began his professional career as Lecturer at the Faculty of Languages of the University of Baghdad. He subsequently served as President of the Iraqi Translators Association from 2005 to 2009, Editor-in-Chief of specialized publication in the field of translation, and journalist for the Russia Today television channel.

In 2009, he was appointed Ambassador at the headquarters of the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs and from 2010 to 2015, he served as Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Republic of Serbia, with concurrent non-resident accreditation to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro from 2012 to 2015. Between 2015 and 2017, he held senior positions at the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving as Head of the Political Planning Section and as Head of the Department of Human Rights. From 2018 to 2021, he served as Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Republic of India, with non-resident accreditation to Nepal from 2019 to 2021. In 2021, prior to his latest diplomatic assignment in Greece, he was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Czech Republic.



The Arab-Hellenic Chamber is honoured to welcome H.E. Ambassador Abdulsada to Athens and extends its sincere wishes for every success in the fulfilment of his diplomatic mission. The Chamber reaffirms its steadfast commitment to strengthening and further promoting the longstanding bonds of friendship, mutual understanding, and cooperation between Greece and Iraq, fostering closer ties and new opportunities for collaboration between the two countries.



The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens Celebrates Sovereignty Day

On 7th October 2026, the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens hosted a reception to celebrate Sovereignty Day, bringing together ambassadors and representatives of Arab countries, officials from the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and members of the Iraqi community in Greece.

The Chargı d'Affaires, Ms Nazdar Sherzad, and the diplomatic staff of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens warmly welcomed the distinguished guests, expressing sincere appreciation for their presence and participation in this important national occasion. The event opened with the Iraqi national anthem, followed by an address by Ms Sherzad.

In the remarks of the Chargı d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Athens, it was highlighted that Sovereignty Day embodies the will of Iraq and its people to build a strong, stable and prosperous state, capable of protecting its territory, safeguarding its sovereignty, and ensuring its security and independence, while it serves as a powerful reminder of Iraq's continued commitment to playing an active role within the Arab, regional and international community by expanding partnerships and fostering balanced relations founded on mutual respect and cooperation.







Moroccan Caftans Show at the Moroccan Residence



On September 17, 2026, a fashion show featuring Moroccan caftans and a wide range of artisan-crafted designs took place at the Residence of Morocco in Athens.

This event, showcasing 60 Moroccan outfits, served as a cultural diplomacy initiative designed to highlight the evolution of Morocco's heritage, craftsmanship and contemporary creativity to the Greek public and the diplomatic corps accredited in Greece.

Nearly 200 guests attended from various sectors, including the diplomatic corps accredited in Athens, high-ranking officials from the Presidency of the Hellenic Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, the Hellenic Parliament, municipalities, as well as media representatives and members of the business community and of the Moroccan community living in Greece. In addition to the Ambassadors of Brazil, Canada, Syria, Iraq and Northern Macedonia, it should be noted that the Ambassadors of Palestine and Israel attended the event as well.

It is worth highlighting that the Moroccan caftan stands as the ultimate symbol of elegance and artisanal haute couture, blending centuries-old tradition with modernity. The audience welcomed the inscription of the Moroccan caftan on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, which took place on December 10, 2025.



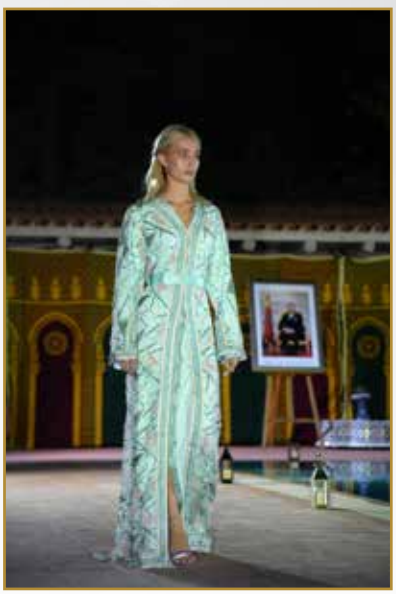


















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The Arab-Hellenic Chamber is organizing a Business Delegation to Iraq

From 18th to 21st January 2027



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Honoring our Board Member, Mr. Ioannis Verginis







On September 5th, 2026 in Thessaloniki, Ambassador Paul Schmit of Luxembourg decorated our Board Member, Mr. Ioannis Verginis, Honorary Consul of Luxembourg in Thessaloniki, as Officer of the Order of Merit of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, in recognition of his outstanding commitment and 22 years of dedicated service to Luxembourg and its ties with Greece.

This distinction reflects Mr. Verginis' longstanding dedication and valuable contribution to strengthening relations between Luxembourg and Greece.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber congratulates its Board Member, Mr. Verginis, on this exceptional distinction, recognizing his significant role and strong ethics in promoting Greece's relations with Luxembourg for more than two decades.

Congratulations, Yanni, well-deserved!

The Arab-Belgium-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce welcomes Emirati delegation





On October 5th, the Arab-Belgium-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce welcomed a delegation of Emirati participants visiting Brussels, in collaboration with the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates and Beci.

The programme opened with Ekaterina Clifford of Beci, who offered an overview of Belgium's institutional landscape, its public agencies and cultural context. Quentin Ladriθre of Wallonia Export & Investment Agency (AWEX), Johan De Vleeshouwer of FIT - Flanders Investment & Trade and Mohamed Akram Hajjam of hub.brussels then presented together the economic and business environment across Belgium's regions, including the tax climate for companies.

The seminar concluded with a networking lunch, which allowed for productive exchanges between delegates and their Belgian counterparts. Our special thanks to Beci for hosting us and the the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, UAE Chambers, H.E. Abdulla Al Owais, Vice Chairman of the Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce and Industry and all our speakers and partners for their contribution.







Jordan-EU Investment Conference 2026

The Jordan-EU Investment Conference 2026 will be held on 19 November 2026 at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre at the Dead Sea, under the patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein and with the participation of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

The conference reflects the depth of the strategic partnership between Jordan and the European Union and aims to strengthen economic cooperation, promote investment, and expand partnerships between the Jordanian and European private sectors.

The event will bring together senior government officials, investors, financial institutions, and business leaders to explore investment opportunities in key sectors, including renewable energy, clean technologies, the digital economy, manufacturing, logistics, and infrastructure, while showcasing Jordan's competitive investment environment, skilled workforce, strategic location, and its role as a stable and reliable partner in the region.

For more information, you can visit: https://jeic.invest.jo/ or send an email to: jeic@invest.jo





Source: Jordan Chamber of Commerce



SAPRI 2026



The 10th edition of the "International Exhibition for Spare Parts, Equipment, and Industrial Services (SAPRI 2026)" will be held from 17 to 20 November 2026, at the Kram Expo Cenre in Tunis.

SAPRI is a major event dedicated to industry professionals. It brings together manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, service providers, and decision-makers to explore the latest innovations, technical solutions, and business opportunities in the industrial sector.

Over four days, the trade show will provide a platform for exchange, partnerships, and business development, facilitating connections between local, regional, and international stakeholders. The event aims to bring together key players from the mechanical and electrical industries, as well as providers of industrial support and related services. SAPRI 2026 will serve as a forum for exhibitors, professionals, and industry experts to meet and exchange ideas, thereby fostering synergy and the development of innovative solutions.

For more information and participation, interested parties can visit: https://sapri.tn/

Source: Esteemed Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in Athens



SIAT 2026

The 16th edition of the International Exhibition of Agricultural Investment and Technology (SIAT 2026) will take place in Tunis from October 28 to 31, 2026, organized by the Tunisian Agency for the Promotion of Agricultural Investments (APIA).

SIAT is a significant international event for the agricultural sector, held biennially with the aim of contributing to the technological and productive transformation of Tunisian agriculture by promoting innovation, modernization, and sustainable development.

The event will showcase, among other things, solutions and products in sectors such as agritech, agricultural inputs, irrigation, greenhouses and hydroponics, agricultural machinery, renewable energy, organic farming, olive oil, food processing and standardization, as well as smart agriculture and digital technologies.

The exhibition offers an opportunity for Greek companies interested in showcasing their services and products to explore the Tunisian market and seek potential business partnerships. The exhibition's website is available at the following link: https://www.siat.tn/

Interested parties can visit: https://siat.foiresalons.com/inscription



Source: Esteemed Embassy of Greece in Tunis, Office for Economic and Commercial Affairs

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Seabridge Logistics S.A.

Seabridge was founded in 2025, with its headquarters in Thessaloniki and a branch office in Piraeus, the two most important logistics hubs in Greece.

The company's founder, Vasilis Tsakiris, comes from the family-owned business NTERTRANS and the wider logistics and supply chain sector. Together with his team, brings many years of experience in transport management, shipping, and international cargo flows.

Seabridge bridges Europe with the rest of the world by leveraging Greece's strategic geographical position, and in particular the ports of Piraeus and Thessaloniki.

Through modern, reliable, and flexible transport solutions, we provide our clients with access to markets across Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean, placing strong emphasis on consistency, transparency, and long-term partnerships.

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Thomas Edison Renewable Energy Company is a Jordanian company specializing in renewable energy and sustainable power solutions. The company's activities include the import and sale of renewable energy equipment and materials, as well as the generation of electrical power from renewable energy sources.

The company provides solutions related to solar energy systems, including the installation, operation, and maintenance of solar panels and renewable energy facilities. Its activities also include the establishment, operation, and maintenance of renewable energy power stations and generators, in addition to the installation and maintenance of electrical power lines.

Thomas Edison Renewable Energy Company also specializes in the import, sale, repair, and maintenance of batteries and energy storage systems, as well as the installation and maintenance of solar water heaters.

Through its activities in renewable energy, solar power, energy storage, and related equipment and services, the company aims to provide practical energy solutions for customers and contribute to the development and use of clean and sustainable energy in Jordan.

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Thirty Years of Building What Comes Next

STIRIXIS Group marks 30 years of helping businesses turn strategy into measurable performance as it enters a new era defined by Artificial Intelligence.

Since 1996, the international strategy, design and consulting firm has delivered more than 900 projects across 29 countries, partnering with some of the world's leading organisations to shape high-performing environments and earning over 60 international awards. From Athens to London and Dubai, its growth has been driven by a deep understanding of organisational needs and the ability to turn complex challenges into measurable results.

That same philosophy now extends into the next generation of buildings.

Today, STIRIXIS Group is redefining how buildings perform in the AI era. Its Living Building approach combines a real-time digital twin with IoT sensors, enabling every property to monitor energy use, air quality, productivity and overall performance, while continuously adapting as conditions change.

For owners and investors, this shifts the conversation from cost to value. A digital twin allows tenants and buyers to experience a space before it exists, test scenarios and make faster decisions. AI transforms the building from a static asset into a continuously learning operational system.

To mark its anniversary, STIRIXIS Group unveils its redesigned website, built around the Value Creation Circle™, connecting Strategy, Design, Execution and Evolution under one accountable team. The platform demonstrates how strategy becomes measurable business outcomes throughout a project's lifecycle.

Thirty years on, the ambition remains the same: creating places where people, business and technology prosper together.



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Consortis: Connecting Expertise with International Opportunities

Consortis, a Greek engineering and consulting firm with subsidiaries in Bulgaria and Romania, is strengthening its international footprint, expanding beyond Greece to build partnerships and unlock opportunities across Europe and the Middle East.

During 2026, the company participated in IFAT Saudi Arabia (Riyadh), FOSS4G Europe (Timisoara) and INTERGEO (Munich), engaging with industry stakeholders and exploring new opportunities for cooperation in engineering, consulting, infrastructure and geospatial technologies. The company's international outreach will continue with its participation in Space Tech Expo Europe, taking place in Bremen in November 2026, an event bringing together companies and professionals from the global space engineering and technology supply chain.

In addition, Consortis participated in four tenders in Saudi Arabia during 2026, further strengthening its experience and presence in the Saudi market. Through these initiatives, the company aims to broaden its clientele, develop new partnerships and establish long-term relationships in the Arab market and beyond.

As part of this internationalization strategy, Consortis is actively seeking partnerships to undertake projects as a main contractor or in collaboration with other organizations, acting as an outsourcing partner or subcontractor.

Since 2005, Consortis has provided multidisciplinary engineering and consulting services. With over 120 professionals and 2,000 completed projects, it serves public and private sector clients across diverse technical fields.





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The Divani World at Your Fingertips!
New App – A New Digital Experience by Divani



Pioneering the tourism and luxury hospitality industry since 1958, Divani Collection Hotels is taking the next step in its digital transformation with the launch of its brand-new, fully upgraded app.
Developed as part of the Group's long-standing collaboration with ITConcept and its versatile OCG360 platform, the new Divani App is the result of a shared vision focused on design, architecture, enhanced user experience (UX), and comprehensive content.
Through the app, users can now manage almost every aspect of their Divani experience, without even needing to stay at one of the Group's hotels.
More specifically, users can:

- Complete their pre-check-in and download the digital key directly to their mobile device in advance, making the arrival process faster and more seamless.
- Book a wide range of services online, including dining experiences, sunbeds, spa treatments and more, or purchase a Divani Gift Card.
- Connect with the Concierge team via social media or email.
- Explore all Divani Collection Hotels and access detailed information about each one, in addition to the portfolio of available services.
- Make a future accommodation reservation or submit a request for the organization of a corporate or private event.
- Join Divani DISCOVERY, the Group's loyalty program, part of the global GHA DISCOVERY.
- Take part in the Guest Satisfaction Survey and share feedback on their hospitality experience.

The new Divani App is available for download on iOS and Android, while it is also accessible as a web app.






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Navarino Icons Festive Collection 2026–2027 Authentic Greek gifting with a meaningful story

The Navarino Icons Festive Collection 2026–2027 brings together authentic flavors, craftsmanship and the spirit of Greek hospitality in a curated selection of gifts inspired by the Peloponnese.

Rooted in local culinary traditions, the collection features festive specialties alongside carefully selected products such as extra virgin olive oil, honey, marmalades, breadsticks, antipasti, wine. From smaller gift options to wooden hampers, each proposal is designed to offer a distinctive expression of Greek provenance, authenticity and thoughtful gifting. **Navarino_Icons_Festive_Catalog_**

For the third consecutive year, Navarino Icons also continues its collaboration with MADE51, an initiative of the United Nations. The 2027 collection includes a hand stitched festive ornament created by women artisans, combining traditional craftsmanship with contemporary design. Through MADE51, artisan skills and cultural heritage are supported while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for communities around the world. **Navarino_Icons_Festive_Catalog_**

This collaboration reflects an important part of the Navarino Icons philosophy: creating gifts that carry meaning beyond the product itself. Each festive selection becomes an invitation to discover authentic Greek flavors, local traditions and objects made with care.

Because the most memorable gifts are not only beautifully chosen. They stand for something.







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The future of the Greek marble industry was at the heart of the event

"The Future of Greek Marble: Sustainability, Growth and Innovation,"
took place on September 4, 2026, as part of the 90th Thessaloniki International Fair.

Organized by the Aristotelis Climate Forum, under the sponsorship of the Greek Marble Association (GMA), the event provided an important platform for dialogue on the challenges and opportunities facing one of the most outward-looking and productive sectors of the Greek economy.

The discussion featured Julie Chaida, President of the Greek Marble Association, who highlighted the need for a stable and effective business and institutional environment that will enable the sector to maintain and further strengthen its international competitiveness.

As emphasized, the industry is not asking for fewer rules, but for clear rules and faster procedures, always with respect for the environment and the principles of sustainable development.

At the same time, sustainability, technology and innovation are key pillars for the sector's future. The responsible use of natural resources, the improvement of production processes and the adoption of new technologies can enhance both efficiency and the international competitiveness of Greek marble.
Supporting the sector, however, is not only about supporting businesses. It also means supporting employment, regional development, exports and the Greek economy.

The discussion at the 90th Thessaloniki International Fair highlighted the need for collaboration, investment and a shared vision for a Greek marble industry that is more sustainable, innovative and competitive.
Greek marble has history, a strong international presence, and a dynamic future.





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الأربعاء، 25 نوفمبر 2026

09:00	التسجيل والتواصل بين المشاركين
10:00	كلمات الترحيب
10:45	**حوار رفيع المستوى	التحديات الجيوسياسية وآفاق التعاون في قطاع الطاقة**
11:00	**جلسة حوار 1	الطاقة التقليدية والمستدامة: التحديات وفرص التعاون بين الجانبين العربي واليوناني**
12:15	استراحة والتواصل بين المشاركين
12:45	**حوار خاص	تداعيات الأحداث الأخيرة على قطاعي الطاقة والإنشاءات: وآفاق مسار التوجّه الجديد**
13:00	**الجلسة الثانية	مشاريع الربط الكهربائي عبر الحدود: خارطة الطريق، التحديات والتطورات**
14:00	**الجلسة الثالثة: البُنية التحتية للطاقة، التخزين وشبكات التوزيع**
15:15	غداء خفيف وتواصل بين المشاركين
16:00	**الدورة الرابعة القسم الأول	"اليونان ودول مجلس التعاون الخليجي" مشاريع البُنية التحتية للطاقة، المسار المُستقبلي والتعاون مع اليونان**
18:00	كوكتيل وتواصل بين المشاركين

الخميس، 26 نوفمبر 2026

09:00	التسجيل والتواصل بين المشاركين
09:45	تقديم خاص
10:00	**حوار رفيع المستوى	نحو تعزيز التعاون العربي-اليوناني في قطاع الإنشاءات والبُنية التحتية**
11:00	**الجلسة الرابعة	إعادة الإعمار وتحديث البُنية التحتية في الدول العربية المُتضرّرة من الصراعات**
12:15	استراحة والتواصل بين المشاركين
13:00	**الجلسة الخامسة	الإنشاءات المُستدامة، مواد البناء وحلول التدوير**
14:15	**الجلسة السادسة	نقل التكنولوجيا والمعرفة في إحياء الصناعات المتوسطة والصغيرة في العالم العربي**
15:30	غداء خفيف وتواصل بين المشاركين
16:00	**الدورة الرابعة القسم الثاني	"اليونان ودول مجلس التعاون الخليجي" رؤى مجلس التعاون الخليجي في التنوّع الاقتصادي من خلال مشاريع الإنشاء والصناعة خارطة الطريق للتعاون بين الجانبين**
18:00	انتهاء أعمال المنتدى

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الفعالية: **المنتدى الاقتصادي العربي - اليوناني الخامس عشر**، الحدث الرئيسي للغرفة العربية اليونانية، يُعقد كالمعتاد في موعده يومي 25 و26 تشرين الثاني/نوفمبر 2026، في أثينا، اليونان.

محوريّ المنتدى: الطاقة والإنشاءات ومجالات العمل الأخرى المُتصلة بهما.

التصوّر: يُعدّ قطاع الطاقة التقليدية والمُتجدّدة ركيزة أساسية اقتصادية استراتيجية للأمن القومي ومصدر دخل للدول، وقطاع الإنشاءات والبُنية التحتية الحديثة مؤشّر لتطوّر الدول ونموها الاقتصادي، وفي ظل التدهور المناخي والبيئي والمُتغيّرات الجيوسياسية، تبرز الحاجة للتواصل والتشاور واستكشاف الفرص التي تذخر بها مواردنا في اليونان والعالم العربي في هذين المجالين لتوطيد التعاون والشراكة والاستثمار لتعزيز قدرتنا التنافسية ومكافحة التغيّرات المناخية والاقتصادية. نتداول في هذه المجالات على مدى يومي البرنامج مع عقـد دورة العمـل الرابعة **"اليونان ودول مجلس التعاون الخليجي"**، مما يضيف بعداً ايجابي آخر في مداولات هذا المنتدى.

مجـالات المنتـدى: الطاقة التقليدية ومشاريعها، الطاقة المُتجدّدة والمشاريع المُتعلّقة بها، التخزين والتوزيع، الذكاء الاصطناعي واستخداماته في مشاريع الطاقة، الإنشاءات والبُنية التحتية والمشاريع المُشتركة، المباني والنظام البيئي الحديث، صناعات مواد البناء وإعادة التدوير، دور الذكاء الاصطناعي في الإنشاءات.

المُشاركة: كبار المسؤولين والرؤساء التنفيذيين وقادة الاعمال والمهنيّين المعنيّين في شؤون الطاقة والإنشاءات وما يتصل بهما من قطاعات عمل مُختلفة.

المكـان: فندق ذيفاني كارافيل، أثينا، اليونان

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التحديات والفرص

عزيزي القارئ،

لا يبدو أن هناك متسعًا كافيًا لالتقاط الأنفاس في زمن تتسارع فيه التطورات العلمية والتحولات الجيوسياسية، وتتشابك فيه التحديات الاقتصادية والسياسية. وبكلام مختصر، نعيش في زمن تتلاحق فيه الأزمات الواحدة تلو الأخرى. غير أن الأزمات، على حدتها، تحمل في طياتها دروسًا وفرصًا علينا أن نحسن استثمارها، مستندين إلى ما يجمع العالم العربي واليونان من تاريخ مشرّف من العلاقات، وجوار جغرافي، وموارد وخبرات متكاملة، وقواسم أخرى كثيرة. إن ما ينقصنا اليوم هو الانتقال من الكلام عن الفرص إلى اغتنامها فعليًا، فالجانبان يمتلكان إمكانات كبيرة لتعزيز التعاون وزيادة التبادل التجاري والاستثمار المتبادل. ونحن لا نزعم أننا نملك وصفة سحرية لتحقيق ذلك، لكننا نؤمن بأن مفاتيحه في أيدي رجال الأعمال من الجانبين، وأنه يتحقق من خلال المبادرات والتواصل وبناء الثقة، وتحويل إمكاناتنا إلى شراكات ملموسة تعود بالمنفعة المشتركة.

تعمل الغرفة العربية اليونانية في اليونان منذ أكثر من أربعة عقود ونصف، وقد استطاعت أن تبني شبكة تواصل واسعة مع رجال الأعمال في معظم الدول العربية واليونان، وخلال مسيرتها هذه فإن جهودها منصبة على فتح قنوات التواصل ومد الجسور بين الجانبين. وقد أثبتت هذه الجهود جدواها، حتى غدت الغرفة منصةً ينطلق منها التعاون العربي اليوناني نحو آفاق أرحب. وفي إطار هذا الدور، يأتي اختيارنا لقطاعَي الطاقة والإنشاءات محورين لجلسات العمل ومداولات **"المنتدى الاقتصادي العربي اليوناني الخامس عشر"**، المقرر انعقاده يومَي 25 و26 نوفمبر. وينطلق هذا الاختيار من قناعتنا بأن هذين القطاعين يمثلان محركين أساسيين للنمو الاقتصادي، وأنهما في الوقت ذاته من أكثر القطاعات تأثرًا بالتحولات الجارية من حولنا. ونرى أن اختيارهما يعكس أولويات واضحة تواكب متطلبات المرحلة الراهنة.

ومع اقتراب موعد انعقاد المنتدى، نحرص قدر استطاعتنا ومن خلال شبكة تواصلنا في معظم الدول العربية، على تعزيز المشاركة الواسعة فيه وإثرائها. وقد صُمّم برنامج المنتدى ليسهم في خلق تفاعل حقيقي بين المشاركين في جلساته ومداولاته ولقاءات العمل المصاحبة له، إذ يتضمن حوارين وزاريين في يوميه الأول والثاني، بمشاركة الوزراء ونوابهم من الجانبين، إلى جانب جلسات حوارية تجمع كبار الرؤساء التنفيذيين وقادة الأعمال.

هذا وقد بدأت ملامح المشاركة تتضح، كما تُظهر القائمة الأولى للمتحدثين في المنتدى، مع إقبال لافت من الشركات العربية واليونانية العاملة في هذين القطاعين. ونتوقع حضورًا عربيًا واسعًا يقابله حضور يوناني مماثل، وهو ما يعكس، من وجهة نظرنا، الثقة المتنامية بالمنتدى بوصفه منصة فاعلة للتلاقي والحوار.

وبالتوازي مع التحضير للمنتدى، نعمل على مبادرات أخرى ضمن برنامج فعاليات الغرفة لعام 2027، لعل أبرزها التنسيق القائم مع اتحاد الغرف العراقية لتنظيم **"منتدى الأعمال العراقي – اليوناني السادس"**، المقرر عقده في الأسبوع الثالث من شهر يناير/كانون الثاني في العاصمة بغداد. ولدينا في الغرفة رصيد كبير من التواصل وشبكة علاقات واسعة مع رجال الأعمال العراقيين، وستحظى أي مشاركة يونانية بلقاءات عمل واسعة ورفيعة المستوى. ولهذا نأمل أن تكون المشاركة اليونانية في هذا المنتدى بارزة، لا سيما أن الجانبين يملكان إمكانات كبيرة لتعزيز التعاون وزيادة التبادل التجاري، وأن العراق يُعد وجهة يرحب بها رجال الأعمال اليونانيون.

نتطلع إلى لقائكم في نوفمبر في **"المنتدى الاقتصادي العربي اليوناني الخامس عشر"**، لنخرج معًا بنتائج إيجابية تترجم طموحاتنا المشتركة إلى واقع ملموس.

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✓ المشاركة في المعارض
✓ تلقّي دعوات حصرية لحضور فعاليات الأعمال
✓ الاستفادة من أسعار تفضيلية في جميع الفعاليات

معلومات

✓ نشرة اقتصادية تصدر كل شهرين، حصرية بالأعضاء اليونانيين، تغطي أبرز المعارض والفعاليات القادمة في العالم العربي
✓ مجلة رسمية تصدر كل شهرين، وتتضمّن أخبار الأعضاء وأنشطة الغرفة مع أبواب وملفات أخرى، وتوزَّع إلكترونياً على جميع الاتحادات والغرف التجارية في اليونان والعالم العربي، وتُرسَل نسخ أصلية منها لمجتمع الأعمال، وإلى الهيئات الخاصة والرسمية في اليونان والعالم العربي

خدمات

✓ تقديم معلومات عن الشركات في اليونان والعالم العربي عند الطلب
✓ توفير بيانات إحصائية حول الميزان التجاري بين اليونان والعالم العربي
✓ مراجعة وتصديق المستندات التجارية للصادرات إلى العالم العربي
✓ الترجمة من وإلى اليونانية والعربية والإنجليزية

الترويج

✓ يمكن لأعضاء الغرفة الترويج لأعمالهم ومنتجاتهم وخدماتهم من خلال النشر في إصدارات الغرفة أو رعاية فعالياتها، كما يمكنهم المشاركة في الفعاليات والاستفادة من المعلومات المتوفرة عن الشركات اليونانية وما تتميز به من منتجات وخدمات في مختلف قطاعات العمل.

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