

## 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.



### **ANASTASIA ANDRITSOU** Director | British Council Greece and Cyprus

Anastasia Andritsou is Director British Council Greece and Cyprus, 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 strategic collaborations between the UK, Greece and Cyprus. She has over 20 years' experience in education reforms, management of technical assistance programmes, EU and structural funds, and business development in the non-for-profit sector. She has private sector experience in telecommunications and smart automation technologies. She joined the British Council in 2004 as a Science and Governance 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 Europe and across the world. 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.



**MAXWELL IRVING**  
**Counsellor | British Embassy in Athens**

Max Irving took up the role of Counsellor at the British Embassy in Athens in July 2024. Before joining the Embassy, he worked at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in London on disarmament issues. He has worked in Brussels three times, Santo Domingo, Mexico City and Vilnius, as well as studying in Japan and Spain. He has a degree in Spanish and Linguistics from the University of Oxford.



**GIANNIS ANASTASOPOULOS**  
**Industry Sector Lead in Education in Greece, Cyprus and Malta | Microsoft Hellas**

Graduate of the University of Athens with a major BSc in Mathematics (specialisation in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science), Giannis later acquired his MSc in Quality Management and Technology. He worked as a Systems and Data Engineer, Digital Security and Quality Assurance Officer in IT companies such as BYTE, Intracom IT Services and Intrasoft International for more than 20 years. During this period, the roles varied between Engineering Team Leader, Technical Director and large IT Project Manager in Greece and abroad, having experience and focusing on new technologies and cutting-edge solutions. Alongside the above, for approximately 10 years, he actively held the title of Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) and engaged in technical training and certification for IT professionals. For the last 2.5 years, he has joined Microsoft, specifically in the public sector and in education, which have always been familiar to him. Through his initial role at Microsoft as an Account Technology Strategist and now as Head of Education for Greece, Cyprus and Malta, his primary ambition and goal remains the inclusion of elements of innovation and cloud computing technologies in the new era, bringing them closer to the constantly evolving and demanding ecosystem of educational, academic and research institutions in the wider region.



**CHRISTOS CARRAS**

**Founding Director | Carras Consulting – Synergies for Culture**

**Senior Associate | AEA Consulting**

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 I – Sorbonne (1989). Since 2000, he has been working in the cultural sector. In 2006, he became the first General Manager of the B & M Theodorakis Foundation for the Fine Arts and Music. From 2009 to 2022, he was the Executive Director of the Onassis Cultural Centre (Onassis Stegi). In 2022, he began a collaboration with AEA Consulting, a global firm setting the standard in strategy and planning for the cultural and creative industries, as a Senior Associate. Carras Consulting – Synergies for Culture, founded in 2022 and the main vehicle of his current activities, is a consultancy with four focus areas related to the cultural sector: sustainability, networks, impact and innovation. In 2023, Dianeosis published an in-depth study of the Greek cultural sector, of which he was the lead author and co-ordinator. In 2024 the *Handbook of Cultural Work*, of which he was the editor, was published by Bloomsbury Visual Arts.



**ALEXANDROS CHARKIOLAKIS**

**General Director | Friends of Music Society in Athens**

Alexandros Charkiolakis studied music at the University of Sheffield, where he graduated with a BMus (Hons) in 2002 and an MMus by Research in musicology and orchestral conducting in 2004. He also holds an MSc in Philosophy and Management from the University of Athens. He was Head of the 'Erol Üçer' Music Library and a Lecturer of Historical Musicology at the Istanbul Technical University. He was then appointed General Director of the Friends of Music Society in Athens. He is currently a member of the Board of the State Orchestra of Athens and the Mikis Theodorakis Museum in Zaton. He is the Regional Alumni UK Ambassador for the EU region.



**CHRISTINA DELIGIANNI**

**Director, Policy and Programmes | Institute for Sustainable Development, EPLO**  
**Official Earthshot Prize Nominator**

Christina Deligianni has 25 years of experience in public policy, sustainable development and the blue economy, spanning numerous industries, geographies and company types, ranging from the European Commission and the Greek Parliament to international organisations and private companies. Christina currently directs programmes and policy at the Institute for Sustainable Development – EPLO, an Intergovernmental Organisation with Observer Status to UNGA. She is an Official Earthshot Prize Nominator, and co-leads Verimply, a non-financial, climate change risk management and training company. She has provided support, including pro bono, to a range of sustainable development and innovation entities, including St John's Innovation Centre in Cambridge, the Unreasonable Group and the EU Climate Pact community as an Ambassador.



**Dr Elias Tsakos MD (Hons), DFFP, BSCCP, FRCOG**  
**Medical Director | EmbryoClinic IVF**

Dr Elias Tsakos is a senior Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Specialist in Reproductive Medicine and Gynaecological and Robotic Surgery. He graduated from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki School of Medicine with First Class Honours. He has been fully trained and certified as an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in the UK and has been awarded Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) for his significant contribution to the field. Currently he holds the position of Medical Director of EmbryoClinic IVF in Thessaloniki, Greece and is actively involved in the field of Minimally Invasive Gynaecological Surgery and Robotic Surgery. Dr Tsakos actively contributes to the advancement of medical knowledge in the field of Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Reproductive Medicine and Surgery in Greece and abroad. He currently serves as a co-founder and Council Member of the Hellenic Society of Reproductive Medical Specialists, President of the Hellenic Robotic Gynaecological Society (HERGS) and Chair of the Hellenic International Representative Committee of the RCOG, representing Greece and Cyprus. He frequently participates as invited speaker and delegate in numerous International Scientific Congresses and events, contributing award-winning research. He is an author and co-author in numerous impactful scientific papers in world-renowned medical journals and medical textbooks. He serves as invited lecturer in multiple under- and post-graduate university courses and as trainer in several practical skills workshops in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



**MAY ZANNI**  
**President and Co-Founder | Women Act Greece**

May Zanni is the president and co-founder of Women Act Greece, a non-profit, non-partisan organisation aimed at empowering women in leadership positions in the public sphere. She is a political analyst having served as special advisor at the Secretariat of the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic until 2023. May obtained her BA in Politics with History from Queen Mary College, her MSc in European Politics from Birkbeck College, University of London, and her MSc in Politics of Empire and Post-Imperialism from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Throughout her career, she has had work experience at the House of Commons in London, the European Parliament in Brussels and UNESCO in Paris. She has worked in Brussels for the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) and in Paris for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). In Greece, she has served as advisor to the Minister for Justice, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and as a political analyst in the private sector. She represented Greece on the U.S. State Department International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) 'Women in Public Service', completed the Harvard Kennedy School programmes 'Public Leaders in Southeast Europe' and 'Women and Power', and participated in the Georgetown Leadership Forum 2023. She is a member of the National Council for Equality of Greece. She has one daughter, Olympia.