

AGENDA ITC 2026 – 9th INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

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September 28, 2026 - WEB-ONLY PANELS

10:00 – 11:00 What are the challenges for Greek companies participating in major projects? — New materials and new applications in design and implementation

Invited are:

- ARMOS PROKAT representative
- ErgoProlipsis representative

Panel moderator: **Vasilis Papakonstantopoulos**, journalist, newspaper Dimokratia

11:00 – 12:00 Workforce Shortages in the Transport Sector: An Urgent Challenge

12:00 – 13:00 Construction and European Directives — Are we heading towards a change in the way we build?

Invited are:

- PEDMEDE representative
- SATE representative

Panel moderator: **Vasilis Papakonstantopoulos**, journalist, newspaper Dimokratia

September 28, 2026 - OPENING GALA

20:00 – 22:00 Opening Gala – Banquet Hall, Megaron Athens International Conference Centre

Closed event for speakers and sponsors (by invitation only).

September 29, 2026 - INFRASTRUCTURE DAY

09:00-09:30 Registrations - Coffee - Networking

Register, enjoy your morning coffee and engage in the necessary networking, just before the official start of the 2nd day of **ITC 2026 – 9th Infrastructure & Transport Conference**.

09:30-09:45 Conference Opening

- Nikos Karagiannis, journalist, ypodomes.com
- Fotis Fotinos, journalist, metaforespress.gr

09:45-10:20 The major projects of the Hellenic Growth Fund

The Hellenic Growth Fund is emerging as a new pillar for the implementation of major and strategic infrastructure projects, as well as a key body responsible for supporting the maturation of tenders by the country's contracting authorities. How does this contribute to the optimal delivery of projects, and what is the strategy for ensuring that projects are implemented with speed, reliability, transparency, and quality?

Invited are:

- **Panagiotis Stampoulidis**, Deputy CEO, Hellenic Growth Fund
- Ministry of Economy and Finance representative
- Representatives of consulting engineering firms

Panel moderator: **Nikos Roussanoglou**, journalist, Kathimerini

10:25-11:10 Water, climate crisis, and the need for new infrastructure to protect against extreme phenomena

At a time when water is at the center of attention, whether due to scarcity or extreme weather conditions, the discussion about how we manage this vital resource is becoming increasingly necessary. How can we ensure adequate water supplies for cities and agricultural production, while also protecting ourselves from the risks posed by excess water?

Invited are:

- **Charamampos Mygdalis**, Special Secretary for Hydraulic Works and Buildings, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport
- Representative of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food
- **Haris Sachinis**, CEO, EYDAP
- **Sokratis Baltas**, Chairman of BoD – Operations Director, ReDePlan Consultants
- **George Efstratiadis**, President & CEO, IDATOR
- **Nikos Kotoulas**, Chief Project Officer, "Samaras & Associates SA – Consulting Engineers"

Panel moderator: **Ilias Palialexis**, journalist, Athens-Macedonian News Agency

11:15-12:00 Reshaping cities: In the era of 'green' construction

Modern cities are changing rapidly, while old buildings are being transformed into modern spaces, with the help of "green" construction. Why is it so important for new materials to contribute to reducing carbon emissions, and how can they transform our cities from pollution-ridden urban environments into green, environmentally friendly oases?

Invited are:

- Representatives of real estate investment companies
- Dimand representative
- HERACLES Group representative
- HELLENIC HALYVOURGIA representative

Panel moderator: **Stefania Souki**, journalist, Proto Thema and newmoney.gr

12:00-12:20 Coffee break

Coffee break and a chance to engage with other delegates.

12:20-12:40 Energy and an interconnected Greece – Is Greece’s role as an energy hub feasible? Fireside Chat

Greece is a country with a large number of islands while also occupying a geographical crossroads between three continents. How are the country’s internal energy interconnections progressing, and what is the status of interconnections with neighboring countries? Why does the geopolitical environment enhance Greece’s profile through investments of this kind?

Invited are:

- **Nikos Tsafos**, Deputy Minister of Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy
- **Manos Manousakis**, Chairman & CEO, IPTO (ADMIE)

Panel moderator: **Marina Protonotariou**, journalist, mononews.gr

12:40-12:45 ‘STRATEGIC PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2025’ Special Award

The «Strategic Project of the Year 2025» Special Award concerns the Attica–Crete Electrical Interconnection.

The award is presented to **IPTO (ADMIE)**, representatives of the **construction companies** and the **Ministry of Environment and Energy** as the competent ministry.

12:50-13:30 New infrastructure projects and financing – From the NSRF to PPPs, the mix for project implementation is changing

New infrastructure projects are faced with a “Gordian knot”, that of financing. The decline in European funding allocated to essential infrastructure has led to the involvement of private capital in the implementation of major projects for the past 30 years. What are the emerging trends for delivering new projects in the years ahead?

Invited are:

- **Dimitris Anagnopoulos**, General Secretary of Infrastructure
- **Georgios Ioannou**, President of BoD, OSE – Hellenic Railways MAE
- **Vasilis Siadimas**, General Secretary for Management of Sectoral Programs of European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund and European Social Fund

- Engineering firm representative

Panel moderator: **Antiope Shina**, journalist, liberal.gr

13:30-14:10 Lunch - Networking

Enjoy lunch and continue networking before we move on to the next panels.

14:10-15:10 Constructions' Round Table: What changes are brought by the end of the dominance of public works and the NSRF, as a tool for major projects

Has the surge in the construction backlog pushed the construction industry to its limits? Will the construction boom continue, and what will its next phase look like? Are public works as we know them coming to an end, or are they changing? What role do private investments now play in the construction industry, and how is the State responding?

Invited are:

- **Christos Dimas**, Minister of Infrastructure & Transport
- **Georgios Stasinou**, President of T.E.E.
- **Dinos Benroubi**, Vice-President & CEO, METKA
- **Georgios Perdikaris**, Chairman, GEK TERNA Group
- **Anastasios Aranitis**, Director-General, AKTOR Group
- **Antonis Mitzalis**, Executive Director, AVAX Group

Panel moderator: **Nikos Karagiannis**, journalist, ypodomos.com

15:10-15:20 'PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2025' Award

'PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2025' is the Patras – Pyrgos highway.

The award will be received by the **Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport** as the contracting authority and implementing body, **Olympia Odos** as the concessionaire and the construction companies, members of the **J/V "APION KLEOS"**, **TERNA**, **AKTOR** and **AVAX**.

15:25-15:45 The contribution of highlighting the country's cultural heritage in major infrastructure projects - Fireside Chat

Major infrastructure projects in Greece have highlighted the important contribution of cultural heritage. How can modern construction coexist with archaeological excavations, and what are the major benefits for the country? Do projects face delays because of the discovery of archaeological treasures, or are such discoveries ultimately a necessary condition for bringing the country's rich history to light?

Invited is:

- **Lina Mendoni**, Minister of Culture

Panel moderator: **Marianna Tzanne**, journalist, Proto Thema

15:50-16:20 How large-scale investments are changing the landscape of the Construction industry

Large-scale investments are becoming increasingly common, from The Ellinikon to investments in data centers, industrial hubs, offices, hotels, and residential projects, pointing the way forward for the construction industry.

Invited are:

- Representatives of companies
- **Athanasia Oikonomou**, Chief for Infrastructure, New Democracy

Panel moderator: **Christina Papagianni**, journalist, mononews.gr

16:25-17:20 Traffic file: The major projects that will contribute to alleviating the problem

Traffic congestion in Athens is becoming increasingly severe year after year. What are the key measures needed to address it, and what are the medium-term plans for easing congestion and improving everyday mobility across the city?

Invited are:

- **Nikos Tachiaos**, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, responsible for infrastructure issues
- **Christos Fafoutis**, CEO, Elliniko Metro
- Representatives of companies
- Consulting engineering firm representative

Panel moderator: **Teti Igoumenidi**, journalist, Naftemporiki

September 29, 2026 - COCKTAIL MEET & GREET

17:30-19:30 Cocktail Meet & Greet - Banquet Hall, Megaron Athens International Conference Centre

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September 30, 2026 - TRANSPORT DAY

09:00 - 09:30 Registrations - Morning coffee - Networking

Register, enjoy your morning coffee and engage in the necessary networking, just before the official start of the 3rd day of the ITC 2026 – 9th Infrastructure & Transport Conference.

09:30 - 09:45 Conference Opening

- Nikos Karagiannis, Journalist, ypodomes.com
- Fotis Fotinos, Journalist, metaforespress.gr

09:45 - 10:15 Opening Address by the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Mr. Vassilis Kikilias

10:15 - 11:00 The reconstruction of the Greek port industry: The critical role of ferry services, cruise, ports and shipyards

- Apostolos Papapostolou, President, Regulatory Authority of Ports,
- Dionisis Theodoratos, President, Association of Passenger Shipping Companies (SEEN),
- Ioannis Tsaras, CEO, Thessaloniki Port Authority,
- Representative, Piraeus Port Authority,
- Elias Tsoukalas, General Manager, MSC Greece,
- Dimitris Apergis, CEO, Corfu Port Authority,
- George Koumbenas, Chief Operating Officer, Celestyal,
- Representative, Shipyard company.

Discussion moderator: Anastasia Vamvaka, journalist, “Eleftheros Typos”

11:00 - 12:10 Air Transport in Greece: Challenges, Connectivity and Competitiveness in a Changing Environment

- Christos Tsitouras, Governor, Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA),
- Georgos Vagenas, Deputy Governor, Civil Aviation Service (HASP),
- Georgos Kallimasias, CEO, Athens International Airport,
- Representative Fraport Greece,
- Representative AEGEAN,
- Representative Egnatia Aviation,
- Dimitris Memos, CEO, hoper.

Discussion moderator: Fotis Fotinos, journalist, metaforespress.gr

12:10 - 12:15 Special Award: 10 Years of COSCO at Piraeus Port Authority (PPA)

12:15 - 12:30 Brunch and Networking Break

The first break, also an opportunity for discussion with other delegates.

12:30 - 12:45 Conversation with the Deputy Minister of Transport, Mr. George Kotsiras

Conversation moderator: Fotis Fotinos, journalist at metaforespress.gr

12:45 - 13:45 Greek Railway: Restoring Confidence, the Key Priority

- Georgia Aifantopoulou, President, Railway Regulatory Authority,

- Christos Palios, CEO, OSE – Hellenic Railways MAE,
- Roberto Rinaudo, CEO, Hellenic Train,
- Antonios Panagopoulos, CEO, PEARL,
- Stelios Archontakis, CEO, VTG Rail Logistics Hellas.

Discussion moderator: Olga Klontza, journalist, BusinessDaily.gr

13:45 - 14:30 Lunch Break - Networking

The second break, for the necessary lunch, and another opportunity to connect and network with other delegates.

14:30 - 15:45 Can Greece Become Southeast Europe's Freight Hub? The Outlook for Imports, Exports and E-Commerce

- Michalis Mavropoulos, CEO, Hellenic Post,
- Representative, OB Stroom,
- Vasilis Maglaras, CEO, "Thriasio Logistics Centre",
- Stelios Linardakis, CEO, UNILOG,
- Representative, PJ Condellis,
- Representative, Consulting company.

Discussion moderator: Fanis Zois, journalist, "Naftemporiki"

15:45 - 16:30 The Green Transition in the Automotive Sector: Between Ambition and Reality

- Dimitris Patsios, General Director, AMVIR,
- Manos Vrailas, Vice President, Hellastron,
- Vassilis Kappatos, Director, HIT CERTH,
- Petros Panou, Director, Natural Gas Mobility & Remote CNG/LNG Customers Department, DEPA Commercial,
- Panos Kouvalis, COO, INTERAMERICAN.

Discussion moderator: Petros Pitsinis, journalist ieidiseis.gr

16:30 - 16:45 Conversation with the General Secretary of Transport, Stelios Sakaretsios

16: 45 - 17: 45 Urban Transport and Mobility: Investment, Innovation and the New Passenger Experience

- Antonis Kerastaris, CEO, Athens Urban Transport Organization SA (OASA),
- Athanasios Kottaras, CEO, Urban Rail Transport SA (STASY),
- Stefanos Agiasoglou, CEO, Road Transport SA (OSY),
- TheTA Representative,
- Aspa Topalidou, General Manager, FREENOW Greece.

Discussion moderator: Faye Chrysochou, journalist, ANT1