## AGENDA ITC 2026 – 9th INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT CONFERENECE

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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:

– **Ioannis Aspirtakis**, Managing Director, ErgoProlipsis
– **Alexandros M. Nikitas**, Founder & General Manager, TORSION
– **Eleni Chatzigeorgiou**, Head of Sustainability, C2h Sustainable Engineering
– **Vasiliki Orologopoulou**, Co-Director, ARMOS PROKAT
– **Natasha Covas-Kneiss,** CEO, ELTRAK S.A.

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:

– **Fotios Kouvoukliotis**, President, PESEDE
– **Zacharias Athoussakis**, President of SATE
– **Georgios Ntoulis**, President of SEGM

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).

Invited speakers:

– **Apostolos Tzitzikostas,** European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism
– **Christos Dimas**, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport
– **Vassilis Kikilias**, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
– **Giorgos Kotsiras**, Alternate Minister of Infrastructure and Transport
– **Nikos Tachiaos**, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, responsible for infrastructure issues

## 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**.

**09:30-09:40 Conference Opening**
– Nikos Karagiannis, journalist, ypodomes.com
– Fotis Fotinos, journalist, metaforespress.gr

**09:40-10:00 The major projects of the Hellenic Growth Fund - Fireside chat**
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
– **Dimitris N. Samaras**, President, Samaras & Partners Group

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

**10:00-10:10 The projects and interventions transforming major railway stations - Fireside chat**
Invited is:
– **Panagiotis Balomenos**, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, Hellenic Rail Estate S.A.

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

**10:20-11:45 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:

**PART A: INFRASTRUCTURE**
**10:20-10:55**

– **Charamampos Mygdalis,** Special Secretary for Hydraulic Works and Buildings, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport
– **Argyro Zerva**, Secretary General of European Funds and Infrastructure, Ministry of Rural Development and Food
– **Sokratis Baltas**, Chairman of BoD – Operations Director, ReDePlan Consultants

**PART B: NETWORKS**
**10:55-11:45**

– **Haris Sachinis**, CEO, EYDAP
– **Anthimos Amanatidis**, CEO, EYATH
– **Ganesh Rajagopalan**, Ph.D., PE, BCEE, National Resource Recovery Practice Lead at AECOM
– **George Efstratiadis**, President & CEO, IDATOR
– **Nikos Kotoulas**, Chief Project Officer, "Samaras & Associates SA – Consulting Engineers"

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

**11:50-12:10 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:
– **Chari Toloumis,** Managing Director, TÜV NORD Hellas
– **Vasilis Katerelos**, Sustainability Director, HERACLES Group
– **Angelos Entmons**, Sustainability Manager, Dimand

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

**12:10-12:30 Coffee break**
Coffee break and a chance to engage with other delegates.

**12:30-12:50 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:
- **Stavros Papastavrou,** Minister of Environment and Energy
- **Manos Manousakis**, Chairman & CEO, IPTO

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

**12:50-12:55 '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,** representatives of the **construction companies** and the **Ministry of Environment and Energy** as the competent ministry.

**13:00-13:40 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
– **George Ioannou**, Chairman of BoD, OSE – Hellenic Railways
– **Vasilis Siadimas**, General Secretary for Management of Sectoral Programs of European Regional Development Fund, Cohesion Fund and European Social Fund
– **Carl Dainter,** Global Work Winning Director for Mobility Market, Mace Consult

Panel moderator: **George Lampiris**, journalist, powergame.gr and Parapolitika FM

**13:40-14:20 Lunch - Networking**

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

**14:20-15:30 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:
– **Nikos Tachiaos**, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, responsible for infrastructure issues
– **Georgios Stasinos**, President, Technical Chamber of Greece
– **Dinos Benroubi**, Vice-President & CEO, METKA
– **Christos Panagiotopoulos**, CEO of TERNA S.A.
– **Anastasios Aranitis**, CEO of AKTOR CONSTRUCTION and CEO of AKTOR PARTICIPATIONS
– **Antonis Mitzalis**, Executive Director, AVAX Group

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

**15:30-15:40 '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**.

**15:45-16:00 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

**16:05-16:20 TMEDE's emergence as an institutional and financial pillar of the technical sector - Fireside chat**
TMEDE serves as an institutional pillar and a financial driver for Greece's technical sector and scientific community. How does it actively support professional activity, innovation, and the green transition?

Invited is:
– **Konstantinos Makedos**, President of TMEDE

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

**16:25-17:05 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:
– **Despoina Paliarouta**, Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources at the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy
– **Athanasia Oikonomou**, Chief for Infrastructure, New Democracy
– **HILL International** representative
– **Roxana Nevradaki**, Partner, Deal Advisory, Head of Infrastructure and Transport, KPMG

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

**17:10-17:45 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:
– **Dimitris Anagnopoulos,** General Secretary of Infrastructure
– **Christos Fafoutis**, CEO, Elliniko Metro
– **GEK TERNA** representative

– **AKTOR** representative
– **Constantinos Kalergis**, President & Managing Director, ROIKOS Engineering Consultants

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**
Closed event (by invitation only)

## 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 - 11:15 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,
-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 - 12:15 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,
-George Triantafyllidis, Chief Commercial Officer, Egnatia Aviation,

-Dimitris Memos, CEO, hoper.

**Discussion moderator:** Fotis Fotinos, journalist, metaforespress.gr

**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,
-Giannis Bitzis, EY Greece Partner, Government & Infrastructure, Health & Pharma, and TMT Leader, EY Parthenon,
-Dimitrios Stamoulis, President & CEO, Biosafety SA.

**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**
-Athanasios Ziliaskopoulos, President, Logistics Development and Competitiveness Council,
-Michalis Mavropoulos, CEO, Hellenic Post,
-Dimitris Andriotis, CEO Group, BOXNOW,
-Stelios Linardakis, CEO, UNILOG,
-Giorgos Stamnos, COO Road, Goldair Cargo,
-Representative, PJ Condellis,
-George Panagiotopoulos, Partner, EY Greece, Consulting, Supply Chain & Operations.

**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,
-Dimitris Katsochis, Senior Manager, Head of Transport & Urban Planning, PLANET,
-Vassilis Kappatos, Director, HIT CERTH,
-Panos Kouvalis, COO, INTERAMERICAN.

**Discussion moderator:** Petros Pitsinis, journalist ieidiseis.gr

**16:30-16:40 Special Award: 10 Years of COSCO at Piraeus Port Authority (PPA)**
The award will be presented to Mr. SU Xudong, CEO of Piraeus Port Authority S.A.

**16:30 - 16:45 Conversation with the General Secretary of Transport, Stelios Sakaretsios**
**Discussion moderator:** Faye Chrysochou, journalist, ANT1

**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),
-Anargyros Kouzis, CEO, Transport Authority of Thessaloniki (TheTA),
-Dimos Sapidis, CEO Siemens Mobility SA & Country Head Smart Infrastructure Siemens SA,
-Aspa Topalidou, General Manager, Freenow by Lyft Greece,
-Dimitris Papachlimintzos, Operations Manager, Greece & Cyprus, Bolt.

**Discussion moderator:** Faye Chrysochou, journalist, ANT1