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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.



ANDREW WILSON
Head of Political Section, British High Commission Cyprus

Andrew joined the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office in 2014. In October 2022, he was appointed Head of Political Section at the British High Commission in Cyprus, following his deployment as First Secretary at the UK Office for Syria in Lebanon. Andrew has previously been posted to the DR Congo and Iraq to deliver humanitarian and development policy and programmes. In London, Andrew has worked primarily on the Middle East and North Africa region, including as Private Secretary to the Minister for the Middle East. He has also worked in the Cabinet Office and Department for Education, as well as the European Commission.



NATASA PILIDES
Ex-Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry

Natasa Pilides served as Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Cyprus from 2020 to 2023. During her tenure, she implemented a multifaceted strategy for green energy transition and the support and promotion of entrepreneurship and exports, securing €590m in funding for the period 2021–27 (compared to €121m in the period 2014–2020) and issuing funding programmes of more than €265m in the years 2021 and 2022 for business competitiveness, technological and energy upgrades. Natasa forged and fostered strong relationships with key counterparts such as the Energy Commissioner of the EU, Energy and Commerce Ministers in the EU and countries such as Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia and UAE. These proved key in progressing initiatives such as the Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum of which she held the Presidency in 2022. Natasa also negotiated the implementation of contracts with oil and gas companies operating in the Cyprus Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which included three drilling operations and two new discoveries. During her term, numerous laws and reforms were introduced in a range of areas, such as the operation of the open electricity market, consumer protection, the modernisation of

the framework for industrial areas and business facilitation. Previously, Natasa served as the first Shipping Deputy Minister to the President of the Republic of Cyprus from the set-up of the Deputy Ministry in 2018 until 2020 and was responsible for the strategic development and promotion of Cyprus as a world-class, integrated, maritime cluster. She served as the Director General of the Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency (Invest Cyprus) from April 2016, responsible for the design and implementation of the organisation's strategy in investment promotion, investor support and facilitation of reform, in close collaboration with the Cyprus government. Natasa's work experience includes more than fifteen years in the private sector. She served as a Director and Regional Chief Operating Officer at Baker Tilly in South East Europe, while for nine years she worked at PwC, in Cyprus, Milan and London in the areas of audit and tax consulting. Natasa graduated from Oxford University with a first-class honour's degree with distinction in Modern Languages and Literature (French and Italian). She is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW) and a member of the Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus (ICPAC).



RENA ROUVITHA PANOU
Ex-Chair CYTA, Board Director Eurobank Group,
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Mrs Rouvitha Panou is Independent Board Member of Eurobank Group in Greece and of KEDIPES Cyprus Asset Management Company. She is Trustee of the UK-based Stelios Philanthropic Foundation, Member of the Advisory Council of the School of Economics and Management at the University of Cyprus and Member of the International Advisory Committee of Komvos Global Hellenism Network. Previously Chair of the Board of CYTA for two consecutive tenures and Chair of the Board of Cyprus Development Bank, following privatisation. Rouvitha is a Graduate of the London School of Economics (BSc Economics, Metcalfe Scholar), University of Cambridge (MPhil Economics) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Master of Science Management, Fulbright Scholar).



ELLADA EVANGELOU

**Resident curator for the artists residency programme
'Boundary Crosser' at CYENS Centre of Excellence**

Ellada Evangelou has a BA in English, MFA in Dramaturgy and PhD in Theatre Studies/Cultural Studies. She has worked as a dramaturg, theatre director, workshop facilitator, curator and independent consultant in collaboration with theatre companies, NGOs and international organisations. She teaches theatre and dramaturgy in Cyprus and the United States and is affiliated with local and international arts organisations and NGOs. She is currently the resident curator for the artists residency programme Boundary Crosser at CYENS Centre of Excellence, Lefkosia, Cyprus.



PANTELITSA MICHAEL

Education Manager, British Council Cyprus

Pantelitsa has long experience in managing education partnerships and events. She leads the portfolio of the British Council Cyprus in the higher education sector, including partnerships and relationships that support the educational connections between Cyprus and the UK. She works closely with the Cypriot Ministry of Education, higher education institutions, stakeholders and government bodies. Pantelitsa co-ordinates the British Council network of EU countries for the delivery of the Study UK Alumni global programme. She holds a BA in Business and Marketing from the University of West London.