

## **Konstantinos Xifaras**

Mr. Konstantinos Xifaras is the Chief Executive Officer of Public Gas Corporation of Greece (DEPA) SA.

He is a graduate of the Department of Production Engineering and Management of the Technical University of Crete (TUC) and is specialized in Operational Research. He has been a Research Associate to the Cognitive Ergonomics and Industrial Safety Laboratory (2003-2007) and to the Management Systems Laboratory of the TUC (2001-2003).

Mr. Xifaras has extended experience as a researcher and business consultant and in leadership positions in both private and public sector organizations. He has served as Special Advisor to the Leadership of the Ministries of Development (2005-2006) and the Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2013). He has also served as Director of the Office of the Deputy Minister of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, competent for the management of the implementation and the funds absorption of NSRF 2007-2013, as well as, the design of the new Programming Period 2014-2020.

Later that year, he was appointed CEO of the Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator, DESFA SA. Under his leadership, DESFA has demonstrated significant achievements in the fields of economic efficiency, while achieving the implementation of a series of projects for the development and upgrading of the Natural Gas Transmission Network and the LNG facility in Revithoussa.

Mr. Xifaras is the Alternate General Secretary of the Technical Chamber of Greece, the Secretary of the Greece National Committee in the World Energy Council (WEC), as well as the Greek National Representative in the WEC. He has also served as Vice President of the Hellenic Association of Production Engineering and Management.