

Event:

Energy in Buildings Athens Conference 2026

Date:

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Place:

Divani Caravel Hotel Athens, Greece



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Presentation title:	Building a More Resilient Athens: Energy Efficiency, Urban Cooling and Social Inclusion	
Cities face growing challenges from rising temperatures, increasing energy costs and ageing building infrastructure. In Athens, these challenges are particularly pressing, making the transformation of buildings and urban spaces essential for improving environmental performance, public health and quality of life. This presentation will explore how the City of Athens is addressing these challenges through an integrated approach that brings together energy efficiency, climate adaptation, smart technologies and social policies. Drawing on practical initiatives, Mayor Haris Doukas will highlight the city's efforts to upgrade schools and municipal buildings, introduce smart energy monitoring systems, promote renewable energy through energy communities and support vulnerable households through targeted energy poverty alleviation measures. Particular emphasis will be placed on addressing urban heat through nature-based solutions, green infrastructure, urban cooling interventions and the creation of more comfortable and resilient public spaces. The presentation will also explore the role of collaboration between local government, academia, engineers and technical professionals in accelerating the implementation of sustainable solutions. Athens' experience demonstrates that transforming the built environment is not simply about reducing energy consumption and emissions. It is about creating healthier buildings, more livable neighborhoods and a city that responds more effectively to the needs of its residents.		

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Short CV (GR) :	(If Greek)
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CV:	
Haris Doukas is the Mayor of Athens and a Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). He was born in Athens on 12/05/1980. He studied Mechanical Engineering at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) and completed his doctoral dissertation at NTUA, focusing on decision systems for the promotion of renewable energy sources. He is involved in the development of policies and strategies, with a focus on people. Energy and the environment are the main fields of his activity, supporting the vision of sustainable energy and climate policies, with terms of participation and co-formation, so that the planned intervention becomes the “property” of all citizens.	