

## **Marios Panayides**

### **Director General of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry**



Marios Panayides is the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, Commerce, and Industry of the Republic of Cyprus. He previously served as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Sport, and Youth, where he directed system governance, strategic reforms, and international cooperation.

From September 2013 to October 2019, he served as District Officer of Nicosia, managing administrative, developmental, and regulatory functions within the capital district. Between 1995 and 2013 he held the position of Director of Technical Services at the Ministry of Interior and the Nicosia District Administration, where he

supervised public works, construction compliance, building laws and regulations, and land-use processes. Before entering public service, he worked as a structural engineer in the private sector from 1991 to 1995.

Panayides has served on the boards of several public benefit organizations and has represented the Republic of Cyprus in a broad range of European and international bodies. His participation includes the Standing Committee for Construction Products, the European Committee of Competent Market Surveillance Authorities of Construction Products, the Consortium of European Building Control, the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice of the Council of Europe, and the High Level Group on Education and Training. He also represents Cyprus in ministerial meetings and international forums in the fields of energy, industrial policy, and education. His recent leadership roles include chairing the Executive Board of the Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum in 2022 and serving as vice chairman of the twenty ninth Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency.

He holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering with a focus on structural engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Limassol. He is currently a doctoral candidate.

