

WEBINAR LECTURERS



Philip NIELSEN

Co-Founder
Oriani

Philip Uhrskov Nielsen is a multilingual and multicultural European. Born in Denmark, educated in England, working from Greece over the last 14 years in the Maritime sector.

He has worked with large multinationals across various industries and geographical locations. He is passionate about using technology to address business challenges and has created various start-ups.

In 2018 he co-founded Oriani Hellas a company riding on the wave of Maritime Digital Transformation, assisting shipping companies in their exciting digital transformation journey.

Today he works with a number of vendors that offer digital and AI powered solutions aiming to increase operational efficiency and safety of forward-thinking shipping companies. He is an active member of various business associations and maritime clubs, frequently invited as a speaker in international conferences, if he is not out running or skiing on mountains.



Elena MATZARIDOU

Digital Strategy Advisor
Combuss Business Consultants

Elena Matzaridou holds an MSc in International and Comparative Education from the University of Brighton, UK, and a Diploma in Maritime Transport from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). She works on maritime digital transformation and organizational change with a focus on supporting the effective implementation of maritime policies by fostering a digital culture.

Elena has delivered onboard digital training for seafarers, as well as digital familiarization training for shore-based personnel, supporting the adoption of ERP systems, digital platforms and new ways of working.

Before joining the commercial shipping sector, Elena served in the Greek Navy as an Offshore Sailing Instructor at the Hellenic Naval Academy, where she trained future Naval Officers in leadership, management and decision-making through experiential learning.

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**Dr Matthew
MAHERAS**

CIO
Metrostar
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Dr. Matthew Maheras is the Chief Information Officer of Metrostar Management Corp.

He holds a PhD in Operational Research from NTUA, and an MBA from Imperial College, London.

Dr. Maheras has a wide experience in managing innovative IT projects, typically involving AI, IoT and Cloud with focus on Cyber Security and Data Privacy.

Dr Maheras has a proven track record in leading and executing complex IT projects in the maritime industry and is also the Vice President of AMMITEC, the Association of IT Managers in Shipping.



**Alex
STATHOPOULOS**

IT Manager
Hellas Confidence
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Alex joined the ICT Shipping industry in 2005. Currently with 17 years of experience, as an IT Manager with Hellas Confidence Shipmanagement S.A., he is responsible for the daily support of the fleet in IT/OT matters along with the management of enhancement or regulation-driven IT projects and the IT infrastructure of the company's premises.

Holds an MSc from the University of Piraeus in the field of network-centric systems along with CCNA and CEH certifications.