Despoina – Lito Paliarouta

Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources

Despoina Paliarouta serves as the Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources at the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, a position she has held since July 2025.

In this capacity, she contributes to the formulation and implementation of Greece's energy policy, with particular emphasis on energy security, the country's energy transition, and the sustainable and responsible management of Greece's mineral resources.

Previously, she served as the Secretary General for Transport at the Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.

Prior to joining the public sector, she acquired more than a decade of professional experience in the private sector, holding positions and undertaking responsibilities in strategy, operations, business development, management, and entrepreneurship.

She holds an integrated master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), and postgraduate qualifications in Environmental Engineering and Business Management from Imperial College London.

Her professional career brings together expertise in engineering, business, entrepreneurship, and public administration, with a strong focus on innovation, sustainable development, effective policy implementation, and the creation of long-term value for Greece.

She is married and a mother of two children.