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<p>Specialty/Position</p>	<p>Regional Development, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering</p>	
<p>Short CV</p>	<p>Lefteris Topaloglou is an Associate Professor at the Chemical Engineering Department of the Polytechnic School of the University of Western Macedonia, in the field of "Energy Transition & Development Transformation Policies". Since May 2023 he holds the position of the Director of the Institute of Energy Development & Transition to the Post-Lignite Era, UCRI TEMENUS of the University of Western Macedonia. At the same time, he is the head of the Laboratory of Energy Transition and Developmental Transformation - ENTRA Lab of the Department of Chemical Engineering. His basic degree is in political science and international studies. He obtained a Master's Degree (M.Sc) in 2001, in the field of regional development and spatial planning. His PhD thesis, which he completed in 2008, is entitled: "Borders and European Integration: Space, Economy & Politics", focusing on the nature of borders and the dynamics of the border phenomenon. His research interests are currently focused on the just energy transition, spatial justice, approaches based on place-based analysis and issues related to the governance of the energy transition. His teaching experience begins in 2001 and continues uninterrupted until today, both in undergraduate and postgraduate programs. His research experience is related to a total of 28 research projects, most of which involve European Commission multiannual funding (FP5, FP6, FP7, HORIZON, ESPON) on borders and just transition. In three of these research projects, he is the scientific manager. His scientific work involves co-editing of books, publications in collective volumes, publications in scientific journals and a significant number of publications in scientific conferences with review & proceedings.</p>	
<p>Publications 2018-2023 (up to five)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Giannakopoulos, D., Karagiannis, I. & Topaloglou, L. (2022), Monitoring and assessment mechanisms of just energy transition trajectories. Does just transition observatories matter? <i>Journal of Energy Technology</i>, 15, (4), 202, pp. 29-50. 2. Topaloglou, L. & Ioannidis, L. (2022), From transition management towards just transition and place-based governance. The case of Western Macedonia, <i>Journal of Entrepreneurship, Management and Innovation</i>, 18 (3): 37-74. doi: https://doi.org/10.7341/20221832 3. Topaloglou, L. (2021) Just Transition and Place-Based Policy in Coal-Dependent Areas, <i>Business Management and Strategy</i> ISSN 2157-6068 2021, Vol. 12, No. 1, doi:10.5296/bms.v12i1.18211 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Petrakos, G., Topaloglou, L., Anagnostou A. and Cupcea V. (2021). Geographies of (in)justice and the (in)effectiveness of place-based policies in Greece, <i>European Planning Studies</i>, DOI: 10.1080/09654313.2021.1928050. 5. Topaloglou, L. (2020), Spatial (in)justice and place-based strategies in innovation ecosystems: The case of the Alexander Innovation Zone in Thessaloniki, <i>Bulletin of Geography Socio-economic Series</i>, 49, pp. 81-92. http://doi.org/10.2478/bog-2020-0025.
<p>Research programs 2018-2023 (up to five)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JT-OBSERVATORY – ΕΛΙΔΕΚ (2024-2025). Τίτλος: The impact of a Just Transition Observatory on energy transition. Exploring synergies with spatial justice and place-based governance through a comparative perspective. Role: Principal Investigator 2. COMMIT – INTERREG Europe (2024-2026). Τίτλος: Low-Carbon SME Development and Transition. Role: Scientific Manager 3. JUST4ALL – ERASMUS+ (2023-2024). Τίτλος: Embedding EU Green Deal and Just Transition in Teaching & Learning. Role: Scientific Manager 4. SITRANS – LIFE-2021-CET-COALREGIONS (2022-2025). Τίτλος: Governance and Social Impact of Coal Regions under transition. Role: Major Researcher. 5. Green Rural Deal – EUKI (2020-2022). Τίτλος: Green Rural Deal - Sustainable & Smart Transition Strategies for Rural Municipalities. Role: Scientific Manager.
<p>Awards:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member of the European Commission’s (DG Regio) Academic Sounding Board (ASB) for Cohesion for Transition (C4T) (2023-today). 2. Member of the JTPeers Experts Database specializing in just transition topics. (2023-today) 3. Appointed member by decision of the Regional Governor of the Coal Platform Working Group for the fair transition of the Region to a zero or low carbon economy (Government Gazette 433, 7/9/2017) (2017-2021) 4. Elected member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the European Territorial Cooperation Group HELICAS (2017-2021) 5. Appointed member by decision of the Regional Governor in the Regional Council for Research and Innovation (RCIC) of the WM Region (Decision 7171/94_12-1-2018) (2018-2022).