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Dr. Athanasios Sfikas is a Chemical Engineer and he has postgraduate studies in operational research, as well as a Ph.D. in pollution prediction modelling. He has many years of experience in quality management, environmental management and sustainable development.

He has worked as an environmental manager in a leading Greek industrial group, as a lead verifier of greenhouse gas emissions, as a technical manager of an accredited water analysis laboratory, while since 2010 he is the founder of a consulting company providing specialized consulting services in the private and public sector.

In addition, he has been actively involved in academic education (University of Western Macedonia, International Hellenic University) and he has a remarkable research activity with publications in international scientific reviews, presentations at international conferences and participation in national and European research programs.

Since 2008 he has been Lead Auditor and Technical Reviewer of the accredited Management Systems Certification Body DQS Hellas Ltd, having carried out more than 500 audits.

He is one of the first Greek auditors to be officially recognized by the Plastic Recyclers Europe (PRE) in 2021 for certifying the recyclability and traceability of the recycled content of plastics according to the certification schemes RecyClass Recyclability, RecyClass Recycled Plastics Traceability, RecyClass Recycling Process and EuCertPlast and he has carried out relevant certification audits in Greece and abroad.