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Powering Forward: GMF, CSIS and PPC Group launch transatlantic energy initiative

- *A 5-year platform addressing the critical nexus of energy, technology, and transatlantic geopolitics.*
- *Jointly led by GMF and CSIS, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, and academic experts from both sides of the Atlantic.*
- *PPC Group supports the initiative leveraging its role as a key energy and Powertech leader in Central and SE Europe.*

PPC Group supports the Powering Forward Initiative (PFI) launched by The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). This ambitious five-year programme will focus on how energy, infrastructure and technology are reshaping the geopolitical landscape of Southeast Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean.

PFI is designed to be a platform for events and analyses exploring policies at the nexus of geopolitics and connectivity. Over the course of the next five years, it will bring together experts and stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic from a wide range of sectors, including energy, digital infrastructure, foreign and security policy, and finance.

Key goals of the Powering Forward Initiative include assessing strategic global shifts regarding energy-technology-geopolitics, as well as fostering grid and digital resilience, and guiding transatlantic policy. To achieve its mission, PFI will deploy a multifaceted transatlantic agenda, from high-level transatlantic dialogues and public engagement via international forums in Washington, Athens, and across Europe, including an annual conference on European energy security hosted at CSIS and an annual conference organised by GMF in Brussels, through in-depth strategic research, as well as professional growth opportunities for the next generation of leaders engaged in transatlantic energy and economic security issues.

The initiative arrives at a pivotal geopolitical juncture. Governments, industry leaders, and international institutions face mounting pressure to safeguard energy supply, diversify transit routes, and fortify the resilience of physical and digital infrastructure. Simultaneously, the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and data-intensive technologies is driving unprecedented demand for clean, uninterrupted power - intertwining the future of power systems with digital and national security.

PPC Group's Chairman & CEO, Georgios Stassis, stated: *«Southeast Europe stands at the crossroads of Europe's energy and digital future. In an era marked by rapid technological transformation and complex geopolitical realignments, energy*

security cannot be separated from critical digital infrastructure and transatlantic solidarity. Through PPC Group's €24 billion strategic investment plan in clean and flexible energy, networks, and technology in Central and SE Europe, we are creating a new, resilient ecosystem and improving the overall competitiveness of Greece and the wider region. We are therefore proud to support GMF and CSIS in launching the Powering Forward Initiative, which we view as a vital opportunity to strengthen the transatlantic alliance. By bridging policy, industry, and strategic foresight, this five-year partnership will help forge resilient energy European market, support the growing demand of the data economy, and advance sustainable economic growth across our region and the transatlantic community.»

GMF President Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer, stated: «Connectivity in all its forms is set to be a key driver of economic competitiveness, geopolitics, and security in the years ahead. PFI builds on GMF's expertise and convening power to help leaders on both sides of the Atlantic think through the issues and policy implications. We are most grateful to CEO Georgios Stassis and his team at PPC Group for their continued support of this important work.»

CEO of CSIS, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. (Ret.), stated: «The pressure on Europe's energy system is real – supply disruption, high power costs, and grids being asked to support ambitious digitalization, competitiveness, decarbonization, and rearmament plans. Addressing those pressures is a shared transatlantic interest, and the Powering Forward Initiative will bring American and European expertise together to address them. A Europe that is energy-secure is a stronger and more capable partner for the United States.»

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About PPC

PPC is the leading South-East European integrated utility Group, with activities in electricity generation and distribution as well as the sale of advanced energy products and services in Greece, Romania and North Macedonia, while also expanding its Renewables footprint in Italy, Bulgaria, Croatia and Poland.

PPC has a total installed capacity of 12.6 GW, consisting of thermal, hydro and Renewables installations with a total annual generation amounting to approximately 22 TWh, while its distribution networks represented a total Regulated Asset Base of €5.7bn at the end of 2025.

PPC Group is the leading energy supplier in Greece and Romania, servicing 8.6 m customers in total, providing them with approximately 31 TWh of electricity and a wide range of Value Added Services.

PPC was founded in 1950 and is listed in the Euronext Athens since 2001.

About GMF:

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a nonpartisan organization that advances the transatlantic partnership to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

With headquarters in Washington, DC; offices in Berlin, Brussels, Paris, Warsaw, Belgrade, Bucharest, and Ankara; representations in London and Madrid; and more than 140 experts and fellows worldwide, GMF is a hub for policy innovation, convening, and leadership development.

GMF's work focuses on three priorities: strengthening transatlantic security, advancing economic and technological competitiveness, and adapting to a shifting global landscape. www.gmfus.org

About CSIS:

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is a bipartisan, nonprofit policy research organization dedicated to advancing practical ideas to address the world's greatest challenges.

Founded in 1962, CSIS is led by General Joseph F. Dunford, who was appointed chief executive officer in 2026, succeeding John J. Hamre. The CSIS Board of Trustees is chaired by Thomas J. Pritzker, who has held the position since 2015.

CSIS brings together more than 275 full-time staff and a global network of affiliated scholars working across four core areas of public policy: defense and security, geopolitics and foreign policy, economic security and technology, and global development. Our scholars are regularly called upon by Congress, the executive branch, the media, and others to explain the day's events and offer recommendations to improve U.S. strategy.

CSIS's purpose is to define the future of national security. We are guided by a distinct set of values—non-partisanship, independent thought, innovative thinking, cross-disciplinary scholarship, integrity and professionalism, and talent development. CSIS's values work in concert toward the goal of making real-world impact.

What sets CSIS apart is not only the quality of its research but how that research is conveyed: through original data and open-source analysis; through multimedia and data visualization; and through connecting relevant analysis with key audiences at the moments that matter most. This combination of rigor, independence, and reach has made CSIS a driving force in the policy debates shaping American security and prosperity.

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