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Panel discussion:	**Retrofitting Existing Building**	

Retrofitting existing buildings has emerged as a critical strategy to meet our sustainability goals but also to make our building more resilient to the new hazards. This panel discussion will explore the challenges and opportunities associated with upgrading aging building stock, covering topics such as energy efficiency, decarbonization, digital technologies, and financing mechanisms. The session aims to share lessons learned from successful retrofit projects, discuss barriers to implementation, and highlight innovative approaches that balance technical performance, economic viability, and occupant well-being.

Short CV (EN) :

Giannis Pappas is a well-grounded and experienced MEP Project Manager, with managerial expertise over 35 years in the construction industry, ranging from major Data Center developments, to office, retail and industrial buildings, as well as on ESCO-based energy-saving projects, and facility management for a large property portfolio. Currently, he is Consultant Construction Project Manager with HILL International on a new Data Centre of Microsoft in Athens.

Short CV (GR) :

Ο Γιάννης Παππάς είναι Διπλωματούχος Μηχανολόγος Μηχανικός με εμπειρία μεγαλύτερη των 35 ετών, στο τομέα των κατασκευών, που εκτείνεται από κτίρια γραφείων, καταστήματα, βιομηχανίες, κατοικίες έως Data Centres, καθώς επίσης και στους τομείς Εξοικονόμησης Ενέργειας με έργα μορφής ESCO και Διαχείρισης κτιρίων σε ένα μεγάλο χαρτοφυλάκιο ακινήτων. Τα τελευταία χρόνια παρέχει υπηρεσίες Project Manager μέσω της HILL International σε ένα νέο Data Centre της Microsoft στην Αθήνα.

CV:	

Provide speaker's full CV (no more than 400 words) to be uploaded on the conference website and proceedings.

Giannis Pappas is a well-grounded and experienced MEP Project Manager, with managerial expertise over 35 years in the construction industry and with proven capabilities in leading complex electro-mechanical projects.

During his extensive career he has been involved in different type and high complexity projects ranging from major Data Center developments, to office, retail and industrial buildings. Apart from his expertise in MEP project development and execution acquired through his lead in major projects both in a local and in an international level, he has a significant excellence in project management both during pre-construction (planning, scheduling, contract management) as well as during construction phase (construction supervision, claims management etc.).

He holds a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (MSc) from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He has been a chartered member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE) since 1988, member of ASHRAE since 2001 and President of the ASHRAE Hellenic Chapter in 2007–2008. His training includes leadership and management programs from Harvard Business Publishing and ALBA Graduate Business School.

From 1991 to 2014 he held senior technical roles at Cretabank and Eurobank, rising to Manager of the Electromechanical Infrastructure Department. He managed electromechanical works for over of 450 branches and office buildings in Greece and abroad, while he was also in charge of Facility Management Department for Eurobank's building portfolio, and responsible for the uninterruptible operation of Eurobank's main Data Centre in Athens.

From 2015 to 2022 he provided Consulting Services (as an independent Consultant) on Uptime Tier III Data Centres in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Greece. His clients included the Saudi Ministry of Interior, Etisalat (through Lamda Hellix) and the Independent Power Transmission Operator (IPTO/ADMIE), on facilities of up to 12.5 MW IT load.

From 2015 to 2025 he also advised Eurobank Property Services (Cerved Property Services since 2019), on ESCO-based energy-saving projects, energy performance contracts, LEED certification and facility management for a large property portfolio.

In parallel, from the beginning of his professional career, since 1988 he has also practiced as a freelance engineer, designing and supervising electromechanical installations for office buildings, industrial plants, banks, retail stores, Academies and homes. He also acted as Contractor in a big number of MEP Projects.

Since February 2024 he has been Consultant Construction Project Manager with Hill International on Microsoft's new Data Centre development in Athens. He leads the site-based team through construction, fit-out, commissioning and handover. His responsibilities include risk management, quality procedures, integration and commissioning planning, schedule and budget control.