

## Press Release

### Greek Logistics at the top of the Europe!

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On the 22nd of April, the 2015 the Award Ceremony of the “European Gold Medal in Logistics and Supply Chain” which are organized by the ELA (European Logistics Association) annually, was held in Brussels.

This year was the second time that Greece participated in these Awards under the auspices of the HILME (Hellenic Logistics Management Institute) and it was extremely important since Greece managed to secure a prestigious award in the logistics industry. The ELA (European Logistics Association) has awarded **Mr. Anestis Partalidis**, Managing Director of Trade Logistics SA, and member of the Permanent Logistics Committee with the honor of the “**European Gold Medal in Logistics and Supply Chain - Professional of the year**”.

The **Hellenic Institute of Logistics Management** (HILME, [www.hilme.gr](http://www.hilme.gr)) is the Greek national member of ELA, and it is a non-profit organization. During its more than twenty years of existence, HILME promotes the improvement of the competitiveness of the Greek logistics sector and the improvement of logistics management in commerce, industry and the public sector. HILME is a full member of ELA, with active and dynamic participation in conferences, visits at logistics centers, in the organizing of ELA AWARDS, and the organization and implementation the European Certification Board of Logistics (ECBL).

Mr. **Anestis Partalidis**, born in Istanbul, graduated from the School of Mechanical Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens. Between 1983 and 2000 he worked in the cosmetics company Gr. Sarantis, first as Operations Manager and then as Logistics Director. In 1995 he undertook the creation of the distribution center of Gr. Sarantis in the Inofita area, which was equipped with the first automatic sorter for boxes in Greece, an innovative work that has set the standard for many warehouses in Greece. Since 2000, Mr. Partalidis has worked at Furlis Group as Logistics Director while undertaking and supervising a number of innovative projects for the Group, not only within Greece, but also for the Balkans and Cyprus (INTERSPORT, IKEA etc). Since 2007 he was appointed Managing Director of **Trade Logistics SA**, member of FURLIS Group of companies, which began operating on March 2008. The fully automated warehouse is located in Schimatari Viotias and is the first of its kind in Greece.

He is a member of the Initiative Group for Logistics of Hellenic Federation of Enterprises and the Permanent Logistics Committee, which drafted the law for logistics, which was voted and passed in October 2014 by the Greek Parliament, and encompasses vital changes for the industry.

Mr. Jos Marinus, Chairman of the Board of the ELA, stated: “For the second time in a row ELA awarded a person that through his actions has made an important contribution to the development of logistics and works inspirational for the actual and future generation of logisticians in Greece. Under difficult economic circumstances, Mr. Anestis Partalidis proved that logistics can make the difference!!”

Mr. Spyros Olympios, Chairman of the Board of HILME stated:

“All of us at the HILME are very happy that in only two years of participation at the ELA awards, Mr. Anestis Partalidis, was awarded with the title of “European Logistics Manager of the Year 2015” from the ELA. Our member and Managing Director of Trade Logistics SA, Mr. Partalidis represents what we believe to be a Leadership in Supply Chain in an international business environment, and has made important contributions to the development of logistics in Greece inspiring new generations of logistics professionals in his country through his beliefs in innovation and extroversion.

This award shows that, even during tough times, Greek manpower potential in logistics is a key asset for our industry and adds value to Greece's competitiveness which has a significant or key role to a global and sustainable supply chain.”



Left-to-right: Mr. Anestis Partalidis (Logistics Manager of the year and Managing Director of Trade Logistics SA), Mr. Spyros Olympios (ILME Chairman, ELA Council member, chairman of Business development Committee and new member of ELA Executive Committee), Mr. Jos Marinus (ELA Chairman)