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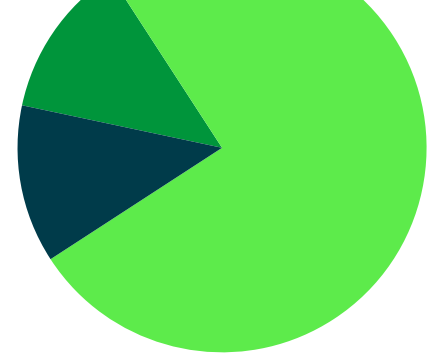
Green careers guide

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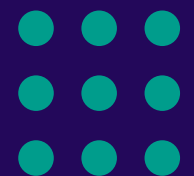
Working in the Green Energy

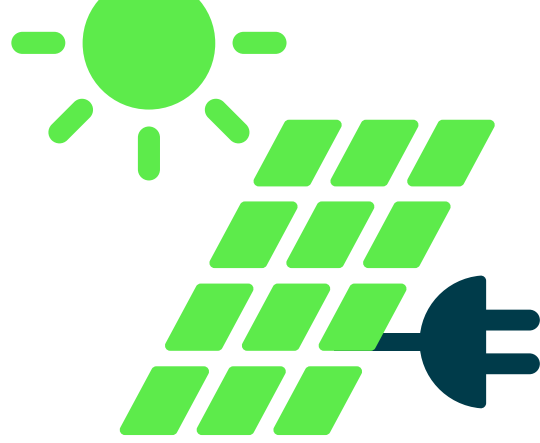
After graduating my BSc in Economics and working for one of the most respected companies in the world (Toyota), I was eager to expand my knowledge on business and progress my career. It became apparent to me that I needed to acquire skills and competencies more advanced.

I was quite certain that I wanted to study in the UK for a variety of reasons: world class academic institutions, at the forefront of innovation, exposure to a different mindset and, conveniently, rather close to home. I chose Alliance Manchester Business School because it fitted all the criteria and I was not disappointed. My time at the city of Manchester were years of learning, of making life long friends and of “acquiring” an international frame of mind, of becoming more open to new and rewarding challenges. At the Business School, with my teachers and class mates, we learned ideas and models and practiced business concepts in a variety of topics – and we had a great time on the way.

I realized, that one of the things that always mattered to me was the impact that business has on the environment – and it was through my studies and also by living in the UK that I had the chance to realise and evaluate that impact. I appreciated that what is generally known as the Industrial Revolution, had an immense impact on uplifting the living conditions of millions of people – but the trade off was pollution and severe contamination of our environment. I was later able to witness these forces, literally, at work, as in my capacity as a business development executive (working for another respected Greek multinational company, Viohalco), I was fortunate to travel extensively to various countries and continents and witness personally this impact. One could, sort of speak, always see the difference in living standards and, at the same time, feel it and smell it. I quite vividly remember that one of the most lasting impressions I will ever have, was the joy of a community when a solar project was installed and there was electricity without pollution.

In my mind, it became clear that there should be another way of achieving both objectives (clean environment + green energy) and not substitute one for the other. So it was only logical that I would pursue a career in green and clean energy, which I am confident is the way forward to save and manage our environment and our climate crisis (I deliberately use the term crisis rather than change). Along the way, I have found quite a significant number of people from all walks of life, with totally different experiences – but all with the same vision and mission, all wanting to leave their mark and help.





Am currently the co-founder of a clean energy platform that focuses on rapidly advancing renewables energy projects such as solar, wind, hydro etc. Our mission to bring together the best people, processes, data and technology to fast track and troubleshoot new clean energy projects in one platform, for an entire country. Our vision is to implement a different policy for energy, a green policy setting the path to get to 100% clean energy, while also meeting the economic and cultural needs of a country. Working with an international team of executive is quite demanding – but now I have the foundations from my studies and exposure of my previous experience in the UK and everything is much more easy.

For all people wanting to pursue a career in energy, the only tip I can share is that it will be a life long challenge. The industry is going through a gradual and fundamental power shift and driven by focusing on different forms of clean energy and digitization.

For those interested in shaping the future, it is the industry to be part of.

