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Ilias Chantzos is Senior Director of Symantec's Government Affairs programmes for Europe, Middle East & Africa as well as the Asia Pacific and Japan regions. He is based in Brussels. Chantzos represents Symantec before government bodies, national authorities and international organisations advising on public policy issues with particular regard to IT security and data risk management and availability.

Prior to joining Symantec in 2004, Chantzos worked as legal and policy officer in the Directorate General Information Society of the European Commission focusing on information security policy. He covered the council of Europe Cybercrime Convention and the Framework Decision on Attacks against Information Systems. In addition, he managed a number of EU legislative initiatives relevant to information society and security, including directives on Privacy on Electronic Communications, the Data Retention Directive and the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA). He also represented the European Commission in various international debates and conferences.

Chantzos holds a law degree from the University of Thessaloniki and a Masters degree in Computers and Communication Law from the University of London and is a member of the Athens Bar. He serves as Vice-President of the Executive Board of TechAmerica Europe and appointed member of the Permanent Stakeholders Group of ENISA for a second consecutive term. Chantzos chaired for two consecutive terms the European policy council of the Business Software Alliance. He speaks Greek, English, Dutch and German and is a member of the Oostakker Kickboxing Club and the Greek Circle, a thought leadership club in Brussels.

Following are a small sample of topics Ilias Chantzos can speak on:

Consumer protection

Privacy and breach notification

Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP) and Cyberdefence

eGovernment and good governance

Cybercrime