

Kourosh Bassiti

Kourosh graduated in Chemical Engineering and Fuel Technology and has over 30 years of experience in the oil and petrochemical industry in the USA, Middle East and Europe. His experience spans working for large multinationals as well as Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs). He has particularly gained a reputation for promoting and developing technologies for the petroleum industry.

In the public sector, Kourosh, as the former Head of Energy Group at Scottish Enterprise, was responsible for the economic development of the energy industries in Scotland. His responsibilities included the oil and gas as well as the power generation sector and renewable energy, and nuclear sector. In that position he championed the business needs of the service and supply companies, and in particular draw attention to the need for the development of the emerging technologies. He was also the first Director of the Aberdeen Technology Park, and was responsible for bringing together, in Aberdeen, some 50 UK and international research based companies.

Kourosh Bassiti has worked closely with the European Commission in Brussels, where, as Rapporteur of the Strategy Group, he chaired, and undertook to write the Strategy for the support of the European hydrocarbon sector, and he presented his findings to the European parliament. He has regularly acted as an 'independent expert' evaluating proposals submitted to the European Commission for funding.

As an Honorary Lecturer at Aberdeen University, Kourosh Bassiti teaches, at MSc level, as well as to undergraduate students on courses including Business Strategy and Marketing, as well as the Economic and Political Structure of the International Oil and Gas Industry.