

Nikos Mantzaris, Senior Policy Analyst at The Green Tank, commented on the issue of **lignite's use in electricity production** with respect to Greece's **energy security** in a report by Katerina Christofilidou, on ERT evening news.

In view of the current discussion on the possible extension of lignite plants operation to meet electricity needs, Nikos Mantzaris argued that **the return to lignite has no realistic grounds in the long term** due to both climate and purely economic reasons.

However, given that we are going through an unpredictable period **due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine**, he pointed out that many factors will determine whether lignite extracted now will, in fact, be burned for electricity in the coming months or not. Among them, the **evolution of the carbon price**, the **gas supply price** and, of course, the **availability of gas**, which in turn will be affected by the development of the war, Green Tank writes.