

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personalia:

- *First and Last Name:* Stephanos Samaras
- *Nationality:* Greek
- *Date of birth:* 02 February 1951
- *Retired European Commission official*

Languages:

- *Mother tongue:* Greek – French
- *Other languages:* English (fluent in reading, speaking and writing); Spanish (6th level Commission)

Education:

- 1980 - University of Athens – Master degree in Regional Economics
- 1976 - Université Libre de Bruxelles – Master degree in Air and Maritime Law
- 1970 - 1975 - Université Libre de Bruxelles – Licence in Politics and Economics

Professional Activities:

- 15.2.2013 – 1.7.2015: *Advisor to the TFGR, embedded in the General Secretary of Coordination (GSCo):*
 - Provide Technical Assistance for the setting up, organization and functioning of the GSCo;
 - Provide Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Development for the better use and absorption of structural funds in Greece.
- 1.10.2009 – today: *Head of Unit: Structural Actions: Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Malta, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia:*
 - Implementation of the OP Fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea;
 - Preparing the enlargement process of Croatia and the implementation of the acquis;
 - Representing the Commission in the Monitoring Committees and Annual Review Meetings;
 - Providing technical assistance to the Member States.
- 1.12.2007 – 1.10.2009: *Head of Unit: Structural Actions: land-locked countries and Baltic Sea:*
 - Negotiation of the N.S.P. and OPs submitted by M.S. for Fisheries;
 - Ensuring the proper implementation of the OPs for fisheries in the countries covered by the Unit;
 - Representing the Commission in the Monitoring Committees and the Annual Review Meetings;
 - Providing technical assistance to Member States.

From 1.10.2006 to 1.10.2013, *Acting Director* of Directorate for land-locked countries and Baltic Sea

- *1.4.2001 – 1.12.2003: Head of Unit: Bilateral Agreements:*
 - Negotiation of 28 bilateral fisheries agreements with third countries (West Africa, Indian Ocean, Pacific, Mediterranean);
 - Representative of the Commission in different international fora (e.g. International Fisheries Organization, FAO...);
 - Management and follow-up of the Agreements (daily contacts with Member States, E.P., stakeholders, NGO's, Third countries).
- *1.12.1997 – 1.4.2001: Head of Unit: Coordination and General Questions in Structural Policies:*
 - Ensuring the implementation of the structural policies;
 - Representing the Commission in the negotiations for the approval of the IFEG;
 - Definition and management of the fleet policy;
 - Launching of the PESCA Community Initiative;
 - Initiation of the local development strategies for the control and fisheries areas;
 - Providing technical assistance to desks and Member States.
- *1.1.1995 – 1.12.1997: Head of Unit: General Aspects of Rural Development Policy – Leader:*
 - Elaboration of the draft Rural Development Regulation;
 - Launch of the Community Initiative LEADER;
 - Secretariat of the STAR Committee;
 - Management of the technical assistance Envelope.
- *1.1.1993 – 1.1.1995: Deputy Head of Cabinet of Mr Iannis Paleocrassas, Member of the Commission:*
 - General Coordination of the Cabinet;
 - Fisheries Policy;
 - Human Resources;
 - Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund.

From 1.3.1994 until 1.7.1994: *Acting Head of Cabinet* (following departure of the Head).
- *6.1.1985 – 1.1.1993: Desk Officer in the Unit "Greece":*
 - General Coordination of the Greek CSF;
 - Elaboration of draft CSF for Greece (period 1994-1999);
 - Representing the Commission in Monitoring Committees.

From 1.1.1988: *Deputy Head of Unit* in the Unit "Greece".
- *1.1.1981 – 6.1.1985: Member of the Cabinet of Mr Georges Contogeorgis, Member of the Commission:*
 - Structural Funds;
 - Economic and Financial Affairs;
 - Relations with E.P.;
 - Fisheries.
- *1.7.1980 – 1.1.1981: Expert for DG XVI:*
 - Responsible for the assessment of the first FEDER projects submitted by Greece.
- *1977 – 1.7.1980: Ministry of the National Education (Athens):*
 - Elaboration of position papers for the negotiation process (Regional Policy, Taxation);
 - Drafting of the first Greek applications for ERDF funding.