



Europass Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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Nationality Greek

Date of birth

Gender F

Dates As from September 2014- (continuing)

Occupation or position held **European Commission**

Special Adviser

Main activities and responsibilities Advising on financial management reforms and on the regulatory framework of EU Member States governing the design and the implementation of the budget, including the part relating to the Structural Funds. In this context, usually I performed the following tasks within the EU Task Force for Greece. These tasks I continue to perform now in the context of DG REFORM for all Member States concerned:

- Carry out missions on the ground
- Develop close cooperation with the Member State
- Draft reports and recommendations, often jointly with the IMF.
- Follow up results on the recommendations

Advising on the negotiations of the Technical Support Instrument, which includes aspects relating to the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the inter-relation with the relevant Regulation.

July 2011–May 2014

Occupation or position held **European Commission**

Principal Adviser to the Director General of DG BUDGET

Main activities and responsibilities

- Chair-person of the Commission Task Force on the coordination of the Commission proposals for the new programmes under MMF 2014-2020 to ensure overall coherence and simplification
- Negotiator for the new Financial Regulation
- Joint negotiator with the Deputy Director General of DG REGIO for the Common Provisions Regulation covering the five Structural and Investment Funds

Dates May 2000 – July 2011

Occupation or position held **Head of Unit "Financial Regulations"**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Conception, elaboration and inter-institutional negotiation of the Financial Regulations applicable to the general budget, the agencies and similar bodies.
- Verification and advice on the coherence between the Financial Regulation and the sector specific rules.
- Advising DG Budget and the other Commission services on the implementation of the above legislative instruments.

Name and address of employer European Commission
DG Budget / Central Financial Service

Dates September 1998 – April 2000

Occupation or position held **Head of Unit "Financial Regulations, Simplification of Procedures" with 3 separate sectors**

Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conception, elaboration and inter-institutional negotiation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget. Simplification of administrative and financial instruments and procedures. ➤ Conception and elaboration of model contracts for Commission services. ➤ Debt collection and creation of their legal framework.
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Budget
Dates	January 1998 – August 1998
Occupation or position held	Adviser in Directorate "Relations with the Council (Coreper)"
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advising and assisting in Coreper
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Secretariat General
Dates	January 1995 – December 1997
Occupation or position held	Adviser "1996 IGC Task Force"
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparation of the Commission positions and participation in the negotiations for the revision of the Treaty
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Secretariat General
Dates	January 1993 – December 1994
Occupation or position held	Member of Cabinet of the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Fisheries
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparing and follow-up of legislative proposals in these areas and their implementation
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Environment and Fisheries
Dates	January 1990 – December 1992
Occupation or position held	Principal administrator in the Unit "Agricultural Law"
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elaboration of the legal framework of agricultural markets and CAP Financing (FEOGA)
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Agriculture
Dates	June 1984 – December 1989
Occupation or position held	Administrator in the Unit "Monitoring of the application of agricultural legislation, infringements and complaints"
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monitoring the implementation by Member States of Regulations and Directives in the Common Agriculture Policy ➤ Examination and follow-up of clearance of accounts cases.
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Agriculture
Dates	May 1981 – May 1984
Occupation or position held	Administrator in the Unit "Regulations on Social Security for Migrant Workers"
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conception, preparation and inter-institutional negotiation of Regulations in the field of social security for migrant workers.
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Social Affairs
Dates	February 1979 – July 1979
Occupation or position held	"Stage" with the Legal Service
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "Stage"

Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Legal Service																																																		
Dates	January 1976 – April 1981																																																		
Occupation or position held	Legal Adviser in the "Task Force for Greek Accession to the European Communities"																																																		
Main activities and responsibilities	➤ Preparation and participation in the negotiations for the accession of Greece to the European Union.																																																		
Name and address of employer	Greek Government – Ministry of Coordination (Athens)																																																		
Dates	January 1972 – August 1974																																																		
Occupation or position held	Barrister in law in Athens																																																		
Main activities and responsibilities	➤ Advising and defending cases before the Courts in commercial and civil law.																																																		
Name and address of employer	Law firm of Messrs Papaconstantinou – Athens																																																		
Education and training																																																			
Dates	September 1967 – June 1972																																																		
Title of qualification awarded	University Degree in Law (First Class Honours with distinction)																																																		
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Name and type of organisation providing education and training	National University of Athens, Faculty of Law																																																		
Dates	September 1974 – September 1975																																																		
Title of qualification awarded	Master's Degree in Law (LLM) in European and International law																																																		
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Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of London, University College, Faculty of Law																																																		
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Social skills and competences	Active and sociable person liking challenges involving a wide range of activities and personalities. Firm believer in team work. Used to work with civil servants and politicians.																																																		
Organisational skills and competences	➤ Sense of organisation and priorities instrumental to carry out simultaneously a multitude of tasks brought successfully and smoothly to an end. ➤ Leadership gained in managing multifaceted teams since 1998 and excellent ability to build and motivate teams.																																																		

Technical skills and competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Solid legal and institutional knowledge and experience ➤ Very good knowledge of Financial Regulations and financial and administrative procedures in the Commission ➤ and insight knowledge of the Common Provisions Regulation on the Structural and Investment Funds ➤ Solid negotiating skills and experience with Commission services, cabinets and other institutions. ➤ Very good ability to analyse complex problems and solve them.
Computer skills and competences	Adequate
Artistic skills and competences	Poetry
Other skills and competences	Active, open-minded, sociable
Additional information	<p>Followed training courses in various areas in the Commission and other organisations including several modules in management. Published numerous articles in Constitutional, European and international law. Work in the Legal Service of the German Ministry of Agriculture on secondment from Commission. (April – June 1991)</p>