

Senior Research Fellow at ATINER

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Born in 1965. He holds a Chemical Engineering MEng Diploma (National Technical University of Athens, 1988) and a PhD in Regional Science – Social Sciences, Social and Economic Geography – (Panteion University of Athens, 1994). Member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE), Delegate of its Assembly Presidium (2016-2019), and as representative of TEE, Member of the Administrative Council of the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation (OBI) since February 2018. Member of the Economic Chamber of Greece (OEE). Member of the Greek Society of Regional Scientists (ΣΕΠ) and its President from April 2012 until March 2019. He built his career in the profession of regional development consultant within the Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government (1990-2000). Since 2000 he is partner of the Hellenic Technology Transfer Center S.A., whereby, elected Member of the Management Board of the European Association for the Transfer of Technology, Innovation and Industrial Information (TII) from May 2000 to May 2004 and since then Member of the Jury d' Honneur, and Secretary General of the Management Board and the Executive Committee of the European Community Business & Innovation Centre (E.C. BIC) of Attika (Greece) from June 2002 to June 2015 (seven terms). In October 2002 he was assigned for two years as the National Delegate of Greece within the Programme Committee of the RTD FP6 Specific Programme "Structuring the European Research Area" for the theme of "Research and Innovation" (RTD FP6: The European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration). Member of the Greek National Council of Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development as representative of ΣΕΠ (deputy from November 2007 and regular from June 2012 until December 2016, when ΣΕΠ was excluded from this board).

He is a specialist on regional planning, the formulation of regional plans implementation strategies and the creation of regional and local development mechanisms with the establishment of active partnerships between public and socio-economic actors, and broadly experienced on exchange of experiences and networking and collaboration across the regional policy sector, with significant background on the management of inter-regional co-operation programmes and projects. At their very early stages, he also dealt with energy decentralisation initiatives, focusing on the exploitation of renewable energy sources, the rational use of energy and energy conservation. This specialization prompted him to focus his interests on endogenous development and predetermined both the techno-economic projects and the international co-operation actions he developed. He has also developed the skill in thoroughly searching the state-of-the-art as well as in disclosing and protecting the knowledge of aspiring inventors. He is an intellectual property management consultant (patents, industrial designs and trademarks) while nowadays, as a member of the Administrative Council of the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation (OBI), he is working on a senior level to promote technological information in the country. In addition, he is an energetic and creative person, always bringing innovative ideas. He has created certain regional innovation models, characteristically the "Technogenesis", the "Cultural Economic Park of Xanthi" and the "Energy Nautical Park of the Aegean Small Islands". At the research level, he develops and implements models of strategic planning and foresight based on future scenarios.

He carried out university lectures and courses at the PANTEION University of Social and Political Sciences, Department of Urban (now Economic) and Regional Development, on "Management of Natural and Energy Resources" (1990-2000), "Environmental Policy» (1990-1993) and "Regional Planning" (1999-2000). Also, at the Harokopion University of Athens, Post Graduate Programme for Sustainable Development Studies, Third Semester's course on "Local Development and Local Government – Regulatory Framework – Development Programmes and Globalisation" (2010-2011), lecture on "Future Scenarios of Endogenous Development".