

## PERSONAL INFORMATION



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## WORK EXPERIENCE

15/10/2003–30/03/2016

**Principal administrator, Legal Officer**

Commission of European Union, Brussels (Belgium)

- Support to the services of Directorate General Internal market participating to the work of Troika in Greece. Issues establishment of companies and provision of services.
- Follow-up of the implementation of the Regulation on a European Cooperative Society. Preparation and follow up of call for tenders for studies in the area. Questionnaire for public consultation and synthesis report.
- Management of workshops with Government and private experts on cooperative legislation (accounting, taxation, State aids, creation of multinational groups, right of establishment)
- Collaboration with other services on the work of the draft Regulation on a European Private Company never adopted.
- Examination of complaints concerning banking cooperatives and freedom of establishment of cooperatives, mutual societies and associations. Participation to impact assessment, steering and consultative groups dealing with company law questions.
- Responsible for the promotion of “social economy” and “social enterprises”. Legal questions concerning the freedom of establishment of nonprofit associations, the legal capacity of entities with social objectives, cooperatives and mutuals. Speeches in various conferences on “social economy”. Collaboration with Directorate General DG for Employment on the EQUAL program.
- Participation in various fora presenting Europe’s policy on Small and Medium Size Enterprises SMEs

01/03/2002–30/10/2003

**Administrator, Legal officer**

European Commission, Brussels (Belgium)

- Promotion of employees’ financial participation in the profits and capital of their company (profit sharing, share ownership, stock-options). Legal and tax issues.
- Management of a group of high level experts examining legal, fiscal, and behavioral obstacles to the cross border application of financial participation plans of international companies like stock options and relevant schemes.
- Management of a budget line providing for grants to projects promoting employees’ financial participation.
- Follow-up in the Council of the draft European Co-operative Directive on workers’ participation (adopted in 2003).

30/06/2000–01/03/2002

**Administrator, Legal officer**

European Commission, Brussels (Belgium)

- File Enterprise aspects of competition. - Examining draft decisions on State aids (from Directorate General for Competition, Transport, and Agriculture) and explaining Directorate General for Enterprises position on these aspects (“Inter-service Consultation” procedure)
- Responsible mainly for fiscal incentives granted to companies, aids to promote SMEs, aids for enterprises in assisted regions, de minimis aids, rescuing and restructuring aids, aids in the sectors of tourism, employment, training, agriculture and transport.

16/07/1981–15/02/1996

**Administrator, Legal officer**

European Commission, Brussels (Belgium)

Directorate general for Internal Market Enterprise, Small and Medium sized Enterprises Unit Social economy

- Follow up of the Council working groups examining the draft Regulations for a European Association, for a European Co-operative Society and for a European Mutual Society
- Creation of a consultative committee of experts on social economy type of enterprises (cooperatives, mutual insurance companies, associations, foundations).
- Financing of projects (studies, conferences etc.) dealing with the visibility of sector. Drafting calls for proposals and tender specifications. Financial control of grants.
- Dealing with all legal issues referring to execution of Community programs and replying to EP and Ombudsman questions.

“Harmonization of Company Law”

- Monitoring national measures implementing adopted directives, examination of complaints and infringements by Member States concerning establishment of companies.
- Drafting texts of company law directives and chapters of the European Company Regulation and follow up of these texts in the Council working groups, European Parliament and European Economic and Social Committee
- Files: the structure of public companies limited by shares, (plcs) the powers of their boards, workers’ participation schemes in the decision making process of their company, national mergers and divisions and cross-border mergers of plc’s

DG Competition, Unit “Transport Services”

- Application of antitrust rules to inland and maritime transport services. Drafting of the Regulation applying competition rules to maritime transport.
- Participation in the relevant Council and OECD groups.
- Monitoring of inter-Community dumping cases

29/04/1974–24/02/2017

**Member of the Athens Bar Association**

Barrister at Law. In retirement since 2017

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

01/10/1969–31/03/1974

**Civil and Criminal Law Degree**

Law School of University of Athens, Greece

15/09/1977–30/06/1978

**Certificate in European Law**

College d Europe, Bruges, Belgium

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s) Greek

Foreign language(s)

French, English

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
French, English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Job-related skills

**PUBLICATIONS**

“The 3<sup>rd</sup> company law directive on mergers of public limited companies and the Greek legislation”. In Greek, Revue of Commercial Law, 1978 Athens, Greece. Η Τρίτη Οδηγία του εταιρικού δικαίου για τις συγχωνεύσεις των ανωνύμων εταιρειών, Επιθεώρηση Εμπορικού Δικαίου, 1978 Αθήνα

“La politique de la Communauté Européenne à l’égard des associations sans but lucratif et le projet de Règlement portant statut de l’association européenne”. Rapport Public du Conseil d’Etat pour l’an 2000, Paris, France.

“Le statut de la Société Coopérative Européenne”. L’Observateur de Bruxelles, revue trimestrielle des

Barreaux de France, Décembre 2004, Bruxelles, Belgique

“European company law and other measures specifically addressed to SMEs.” Revue of Academy of European Law (ERA, 3/2006, Germany)

“Social economy and the Statute for a European Cooperative” The Columbia Journal of European Law, USA, Vol. 14, 2007, p190-199.

“The regime of mutuals in EU”. November 2016, in Greek, <http://www.social-economy.com/publications.html> “Οι αλληλοσφαιστικές εταιρείες στην Ευρώπη” Νοεμβριος 2016, Θέματα Κοινωνικής Οικονομίας, Θεσσαλονίκη.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Since 2016

### Promotion of social economy entrepreneurship

Member of various non-profit organizations in Brussels and Athens promoting social enterprises and cooperatives and the use of social clauses in public procurement  
President of the association “Maria Kalli”, in Brussels , promoting green, social and circular economy.