

Curriculum vitae



Konstantinos CHATZIDAKIS

- Minister for Development since May 2012
- Member of Parliament for Nea Dimokratia
- He was elected a Member of the European Parliament for New Democracy (part of the European People's Party) in the European elections of 1994, 1999 and 2004.
- In the 2007 Greek legislative election he was elected to the Greek Parliament for an Athens constituency, and consequently resigned from the European Parliament.
- He served as Minister for Transport and Communications from 2007 to 2009 and then as Minister for Development in 2009.



Martin SCHULZ

- Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament - Member
- Germany Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands
- Born on 20 December 1955, Hehlrath

- Apprentice bookseller (1975-1977). Worked in various bookshops and publishing houses (1977-1982); bookshop proprietor (1982-1994).
- Member, SPD Party Council (1991-1999); member, Mittelrhein SPD Executive (since 1995); chair, Aachen District SPD (since 1996); member of the SPD Federal Executive Committee (since 1999); member, SPD Bureau (since 2005). Vice-President of the Socialist International (since 2004).
- Municipal councillor in Würselen (1984-1987); mayor of Würselen (1987-1998).
- MEP (since 1994): PSE Group coordinator, Subcommittee on Human Rights (1994-1996); PSE Group coordinator, Committee on Civil Liberties and Home Affairs (1996-2000); chair, SPD group, European Parliament (2000-2004); chair of the PSE Group (since 2004).
- Honorary doctorate from Kaliningrad State Technical University (2009).



Anni PODIMATA

- Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament - Member
- Greece Panhellenic Socialist Movement
- Born on 8 October 1962, Athina

- Athens School of Philosophy, Faculty of French Language and Literature; EEC postgraduate scholarship at the 'Journalistes en Europe' School in Paris (1989-1990).
- Worked for 'Avgi' newspaper (1985-1987), 'To Vima' newspaper and the 'Athena 9.84' radio station (1987-1989). ET-1 and Athens News Agency Paris correspondent (1990-1994). Diplomatic editor with 'Exousia' newspaper (1996-1998) and 'To Vima' and 'To Vima tis Kyriakis' newspapers (1998-2007).
- In 2000 she was awarded the Greek-Turkish Friendship prize by the Turkish Association of Radio and TV Journalists for her contribution to bringing about a rapprochement between the two countries. The prize was awarded at a special ceremony in Ankara by the then Foreign Affairs Ministers of the two countries, Georgios Papandreou and Ismail Cem.



Ilias SIAKANTARIS

- Studied Economics at Athens University of Economics and Business, and Journalism at Columbia University in New York Graduate School of Journalism.
- Columnist at Kathimerini. Provide daily analysis and comment on international finance, macroeconomic issues and European politics on SKAI TV. Provide daily, electronic briefing and analysis on international financial developments to clients;
- Regularly contribute on SKAI Radio.
- Edited and presented the 40min Nightly News and participated in in-house productions of SKAI TV, including shows, economic panels and election coverage; Produced and presented two financial news shows: The daily “Krisi 2008”/“Economia 2009” and the weekly “FX”. Produced documentaries and reported live from EU and Iran. Anchored Breaking News stories (Athens Fires, Greek Crisis) on television. Regularly contributes articles on business and economy to a range of publications (Lifo, Status, Ethnos Newspaper, Imerissia magazine and Economic and Industrial Review/Business File on Industry).
- Have collaborated with CBS News “48 Hours” (New York), ARD (Athens’ Olympics coverage), and Flash 96.1 Breakfast News. Frequently participate as moderator in national and international business conferences and roundtable discussions sponsored by the European Commission, European Parliament, IHT Kathimerini, among others.



Maria Da Graça CARVALHO

- Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) - Member
- Portugal Partido Social Democrata
- Born on 9 April 1955, Beja

- Graduated Mechanical Engineer at IST, Technical University of Lisbon. Ph.D. at the Imperial College of London in the area of energy intensive industries.
- Full Professor at Technical University of Lisbon in the areas of energy and climate change. Fellow of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; American Association for the Advancement of Science; World Academy of Art and Science, and Portuguese Academy of Sciences. Principal Adviser to BEPA, a Department of the EC reporting directly to the President.
- Member of the National Council of Education and Member of the National Council of Environment and Sustainable Development.
- Former Minister of Science and Higher Education and former Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education.
- Decorated with the "Great Official of the Order of Public Instruction", Portugal, "High Honour of the Great Cross", Brazil. International scientific publications: 415 articles. Author of 2 books, editor of 14 books.



Angelos STANGOS

- Publication counselor and columnist of “Kathimerini”, since 2010
- Born on 15 May 1945, Thessaloniki, Greece
- President of “Premium”, a company that owns www.reporter.gr, a site specializing mainly on business and economic news. Since May, 2005, columnist in the same site, (2007 – 2011)
- President-Managing Director of ERT the Greek public radio-television company, (April 2002-October 2004)
- Editor of the political affairs department of “TO VIMA” (daily), (1999-2002)
- Editor of the political, diplomatic and foreign affairs department of “Economicos Tahidromos” (weekly), (1997-1999)
- Director of the News Department of “MEGA”, a private television channel, (1996-1997)
- Chief Editor of “Kathimerini” (daily), (1993-1996)
- Chief Editor of “Mesimvrini” (daily). For a period of six months I was also the director of the news department of “STAR” television Channel, (1991-1993)
- Editor of the political affairs section of “Kathimerini”, (1989-1993)
- Political reporter, diplomatic correspondent and partner of the weekly “To Pontiki”, (1981-1993)
- Political reporter and diplomatic correspondent for the dailies “Kathimerini”, “TA NEA”, “24 Ores”, “Proini Eleftherotypia” and for “Tahidromos” (magazine), (1976-1987)
- Education: A graduate of Athens College (1964), I have a degree in economics from the Supreme School of Economics and Business Studies (University of Economics is its name today) (Athens, Greece, 1971), a Masters degree in Journalism from Syracuse University (New York, U.S.A. ,1973) and I attended the Ph.D Program in Communications at the University of Texas, Austin (U.S.A. 1973-1975).



Salvatore IACOLINO

- Group of the European's People Party (Christian Democrats)
- Italy Il Popolo della Libertà
- Born on 18 November 1963, Favara

- Degree in law from the University of Palermo (1986).
- Administrative official in the Veneto Regional Council and, subsequently, in the USL (local health unit) No 1 in Agrigento (1988-1995); administrative manager in the ASL (local health authority) No 1 in Agrigento, head of department AA. GG - ASL No 1 in Agrigento (on leave since 17 April 2001) (1995-2001); administrative manager - ASL No 1 in Agrigento (2001-2005); Director-General of ASL No 6 in Palermo (2005-2009).
- Member of the Municipal Council in Agrigento (1997-2001).
- Vice-Chair of ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities), Sicily - Sanità (2008-2009). Further to a decree by the regional health councillor, appointed member of the
- Technical and vocational staff (2008-2009).



Theodoros SKYLAKAKIS

- Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe - Member of the Bureau Greece Drassi
- Born on 18 October 1959, Athina
- Graduate of the Athens University School of Law (Faculty of Economics) (1978-1981).
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) (specialised in marketing) at the City University of London and Diploma in Market Research at the British Market Research Society (1981-1982). Doctorate awarded by the National Kapodistrian University of Athens (2010).
- Activities in the field of communications and in non-governmental organisations (1985-2006); Founder of two communications companies; Adviser to the Prime Minister (1989 and 1990-1993); Adviser to the Minister for National Defence (1989); Director-General of the E21 Research Centre (1994-1999).
- Member of the New Democracy Election Committee responsible for political planning (1989, 1990, 1993); Secretary-General of the Liberal Party (1999-2000).
- From 2003 to 2006: Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor responsible for Finance, Chairman of the Mayoral Committee, Municipal Councillor in the City of Athens; Chair of the Board of Directors of the 'Dipli Anaplasí' company and of the Athens Organisation for Tourism; responsible for coordination of the Olympic Games for the City of Athens and Deputy City Manager for the 2004 Olympic Games.
- 2006 to 2009: Secretary-General for International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation in the Greek Ministry of the Interior; Special Representative for Climate Change in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Chair of the Interministerial Committee for the Protection of Intellectual Property.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the ERT Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (1992-1993).
- Author of book entitled 'In the name of Macedonia' (1995); numerous articles in the Greek press.

Valeria DE ROSA

- Italian journalist at Radio24-IlSole24Ore
- Areas of interest: macro and microeconomics, finance and markets, fiscal and political issues.



Takis HADJIGEORGIOU

- Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left - Vice-Chair
- Cyprus Progressive Party of Working People - Left - New Forces
- Born on 11 December 1956, Pafos

- Degree in Law, Kapodistrian University of Athens (1980).
- Producer of television programmes at the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (1989-1995); General Manager of Astra 92.8 radio station (1995-2006); lawyer (from 2006).
- Member of AKEL Central Committee (from 2001).
- Member of the Cypriot House of Representatives (from 1996).
- Member of the Cyprus Group to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).



Aristotelia PELONI

- Diplomatic editor of "TA NEA" newspaper which is the leading daily in Greece.
- The past two years she also writes the daily political column "Mikropolitikos".
- She studied Communication and Mass Media at the University of Athens and did her MA on International Relations at the Panteion University of Athens, where she also completed a PhD on Greek-American relations.
- A State Department Young Leadership International Visitors fellow in 2008 and a Marshall Memorial Fellow of the GMF in 2011 she has published a book on Greek-American relations during the 60s and 70s.



Marietta GIANNAKOU

- Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) - Member of the Bureau
- Greece Nea Demokratia
- Born on 5 June 1951, Gerakion (Lakonias)

- Doctor of Medicine, University of Athens; neurologist, psychiatrist.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Nea Dimokratia Youth Organisation. In Nea Dimokratia: member of the Central Committee; member of the Executive Committee; member of the Political Council. Member of the Executive Committee of the European Union of Women (1986-1994). Member of the Political Bureau of the EPP (1989-2000). Vice-President of the European Union of Christian Democrats (1992-2000). Member of the Political Bureau of Centrist Democratic International. Member of the Steering Committee of the European Democrat Union.
- Elected to the European Parliament four times 1984, 1989, 1999, 2009. Chairperson of the Inquiry Committee on the Drugs problem in the Member States and rapporteur on the Latin American drug traffic; vice president of the Committee on Women's Rights; member of the Interparliamentary Committee for the relations of the European Union with Latin America; member of the Social Affairs Committee (1984-1990). Chairperson of the Parliamentary European Committee "Fourth World"; member of the AFET and LIBE committees (1999-2000). Head of the Greek EPP Delegation (1999-2000 and since 2009).
- Elected to the Greek Parliament four times between 1993 and 2009: member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence; Vice-Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on examination of the drugs problem; member of the Parliamentary Committee on examination of the reform system and of the living conditions of prisoners; Chairman of the Greek Friendship Group for relations between the parliaments of Greece and Poland and member of the Greek Friendship Group for relations between the parliaments of Greece and the USA; member of the Convention on the Future of Europe, representing the Greek Parliament, and Chair of the group set up for the Convention in the Greek Parliament.
- Minister of Health, Welfare and Social Security; minister of National Education and Religious Affairs; member of the Government Cabinet.
- National coordinator, CELAD (EU Coordinators' Group on Drugs) (1990-1992). National Co-ordinator and member of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs, Council of the European Union (1992-2004); Chairman of the Balkans/Middle East Regional Group of the Dublin Group of the Council of the European Union.
- Honours awarded by Poland, Germany, Italy, France and Chile.



Ann Cahill

Title: Europe Correspondent for the Irish daily newspaper, the Irish Examiner, based in Brussels. She has held this position for the past twelve years.

Current: She writes mainly on European Union related matters and has been especially involved in covering Ireland's bailout program and the EU developments in economic governance and banking union.

Past: Night editor and News editor of the Irish Examiner. Before joining the newspaper, she established and ran Newline, which was Ireland's second largest news agency providing stories and features to Irish, British, north American and continental European media.



Nikolaos CHOUNTIS

- Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left - Member of the Bureau
- Greece Coalition of the Radical Left
- Born on 17 September 1953, Lagadia Arkadias

- Graduate of the National Technical University of Athens (School of Electrical Engineering).
- Graduate of the Panteion University of Athens (Department of Political Sciences and International Studies).
- Engineer.
- Secretary of the Central Political Committee of the Synaspismos (Coalition) (May 2005 - June 2009).

Giampiero GRAMAGLIA

- Italian journalist
- Journalist at "La Provincia Pavese" in 1972
- Employee at ANSA Brussels office, 1980 and Bureau Chief from 1984
- ANSA Foreign Desk Editor, Rome, 1989
- Founder and Secretary General of the European Press Club of Rome, 1992
- ANSA New Media Services, 1995
- Bureau Chief at ANSA Paris office, 1999
- ANSA North America Bureau Chief, Washington DC headquarters, 2000
- ANSA's Editor in Chief (Director), December 2006 to June 2009
- Editor in Chief for Agence Europe, Brussels, October 2010 through July 2011
- Editor in Chief of EurActiv.it, January 2012
- Communication Advisor and Executive Board member, International Affairs Institute (Istituto Affari Internazionali), Rome, January 2012 - present
- Regular contributor to a wide range of newspapers and periodicals as well as to radio and television shows
- Information Science and Journalism Professor at universities and journalism schools

Ines BASTOS

- Portuguese journalist
- Lusa News Agency, Economy section, 1998
- Lusa News Agency, Political section, work on the National Assembly and the Government, 2000
- Diário de Notícias daily newspaper, Political, Media and Society sections, 2003
- Editor of Diário Económico, Political and Society section, 2010 - present



Michalis PERSIANIS

- Head Editor for Economy and Finance at Kathimerini-Cyprus
- Correspondent at "The Wall Street Journal",
- Parliamentary Assistant to Ioannis Kasoulides (EPP) at European Parliament

- Secondary Education: The English School
- University: MA in International Economics and European Studies - The Johns Hopkins University - Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Rutgers University

Dario CARELLA

- Italian journalist
- Vice Director of the Italian regional newscasts TRG RAI, May 2002 - present
- In particular, European thematics in "Regioneuropa", RAI3 channel
- Editor of the European agenda in "Prodotto Italia", RAI3 channel
- Graduate of Science of Administration and Science of the Public Administrations
- Vice Director of the RAI parliamentary services, European Institution activities,
- Lecturer and Coordinator of various workshops in European communication
- Knight of the Order to the Merit of the Italian Republic and silver medal to European Merit conferred by the Foundation to the European Merit that was officiated by Jacques Santer
- Author of the volume "The European constitution", published by Guerrini Milano.



Sylvana RPTI

- Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament - Member
- Greece Panhellenic Socialist Movement
- Born on 10 November 1958, Kerkyra

- Graduate of the University of Athens (Faculty of Economics) (1988).
- Education editor of the 'TA NEA' and 'TO VIMA' newspapers'; Political and social columns; Chief editor of the 'TA NEA' weekly inset entitled 'The Candidate' intended for prospective university and college of technology entrants (1983-2004); News Presenter for ET-2 state television channel (Now NET) (1982-1990).
- Member of PASOK Central Committee (1984-1990); Secretary of PASOK Education Department (2004-2006); Head of PASOK Department of Women's Affairs (2006-2007); Member of PASOK Political Council (from 2006).
- Member of Athens Municipal Council (1982-1986).
- PASOK Member of Parliament for Athens A constituency (2004-2009; resigned on 22 May 2009 to stand for election to the European Parliament); Member of Parliamentary Committees for Social Affairs, Educational Affairs and Research and Technology; Coordinator of PASOK Education Department; Member of Bipartite Greek Parliament Friendship Committees for Relations with the Parliament of Tunisia (Vice Chair), Armenia (Secretary), Austria, Canada, China and Mongolia.
- Published first Greek education manual (1994), which was reprinted in 1995 and 1996; founder member and member of the Board of Directors of the PASOK Institute of Education (2004).
- Presented with an award in 1998 by the Athanasios Botsis Foundation for the Advancement of Journalism for her investigative reporting in the field of education.



Fernando DE SOUSA

- Brussels Chief European Correspondent of SIC TV (Portuguese Private television), being, at the same time, contributor for Deutsche Welle and occasional lecturer at the European Journalism Center, in Maastricht
- He is in Brussels for almost 25 years and, before, he was BBC journalist in London. Also in London, he was correspondent of Radio Comercial, Diário de Notícias and RTP (Portuguese Public TV)
- In Portugal, he worked in Radio Renascença, República daily newspaper and RDP national public radio.



Eleni THEOCHAROUS

- Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) - Member of the Bureau
- Cyprus Democratic Rally
- Born on 24 June 1953, Amiantos

- Degree in Medicine at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1977); Specialist Degree in Surgery (1983); Specialist Degree in Paediatric Surgery (1987); Studied at the Faculty of Philosophy of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1978-1983); PhD (1989); Post-doctoral studies in Paediatric Urology (1989-1992).
- Director of the Paediatric Surgery-Paediatric Urology Clinic of the Nicosia Children's Hospital (1992-2001). Professor of Paediatric Surgery at the Department of Medicine of the Democritus University, Greece (1992-2001). Visiting Professor at the University of Cyprus (1995-1999).
- Democratic Rally (DISY) candidate for the office of Mayor of Limassol (2006).
- Member of the Cypriot House of Representatives - DISY Deputy for Limassol (2001-2006); Deputy Chair of the Committee on Health Affairs; Deputy Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Member of the Committee on Human Rights; Member of the Committee on the Environment; Member of the Committee on Employment; Member of the Committee on the Cyprus File. Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives - DISY Deputy for Limassol (2006-2009); Chair of the Committee on Health Affairs; member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs, the Environment and Human Rights.
- Party Health Spokesperson (Shadow Health Minister 2001-2009).
- Cypriot parliamentary representative at the OSCE (2001-2006); Candidate for the post of Chair of the Third OSCE Committee - Human Rights (2005); Cypriot parliamentary representative at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (2004-2009); Member of the Steering Committee of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (2005-2007); Member of the AWEPA and the IPPF.
- Member of international voluntary non-governmental organisations providing medical, environmental and humanitarian aid in stricken areas; voluntary surgeon in war zones and civil war zones in Nagorno-Karabakh, Bosnia, Albania, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine (in particular the Gaza Strip), southern Lebanon, Ossetia, Ajara and Abkhazia and Kurdistan. Volunteer worker in areas stricken by natural disasters and humanitarian crises in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, Ghana, Uganda, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan; the Komi Republic (in the Russian Federation), China, Inner Mongolia, Nauru, the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, the South Pacific, Chile, Argentina and Haiti.
- Writer and poet; has published five poetry collections;

- Gold Medal of Honour of Nagorno-Karabakh (1994); Gold Medal of Honour of Nagorno-Karabakh (1996); All-Balkan Award of the Vardinoyiannis Foundation and Gold Medal of the Democritus University of Thrace; Street named after her in Bosnia; 'Paul Harris Fellow' title; 'Margaret Goldwin award'; First State award for poetry, Cyprus (1991); First State award for poetry, Cyprus (2000); Many other international awards.



Nikos CHRYSOGELOS

- Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance - Member
- Greece Ecologist Greens
- Born on 13 May 1959, Athina

- Vice-Chair of the Committee Regional Development (REGI)
- Substitute Member of the Committee Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)
- Shadow rapporteur for social cohesion policies, regional development and environmental issues for the Greens in EP. Top candidate of Ecologists Greens for the national elections 2009, coordinator of the campaign for the European elections 2009. Regional Councillor of South Aegean (Eco-wind list).
- Chemist, environmentalist. One of the founders of the Greek green and ecological movement in late 70s, co-founder of some of the most important Greek environmental organisations and initiatives.
- Member of the Delegation Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo
- Substitute Member of the Delegation EU-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Active in promoting the dialogue between the cultures. Editor of environmental magazines and writing in many magazines and newspapers. Lectures and teaching about environmental policies and practices. Speaker in hundreds of conferences. Co-writer in 6 books. Cyclist.
- For some years, representative of the Greek Greens in the European Federation of Green Parties and member of the National Committee of Ecologists Greens