

| CURRICULUM VITAE | |
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| Personal Information | |
| First name(s) / Surname(s) | Artemios KOURTESIS |
| E-mail | artemios.kourtesis@gmail.com |
| Nationality | Greek |
| Date of birth | 28 June 1963 |
| Work experience | |
| Dates | <i>March 2009 – currently</i> |
| Occupation or position held | Lecturer at the Department of Spatial Planning and Development of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Since March 2009, I teach at the Department of Spatial Planning and Development the following semester courses: 1. Technology, Innovation and Spatial Development (8th Semester course) 2. European Integration and Regional Inequalities (8th Semester course) 3. Evaluation of European Development Programmes (9th Semester course). The curricula of all three courses have a significant content of issues relevant to the EU structural policies and the EU Research and Innovation policy and in particular: The evolution of the EU Structural Policies, Regional inequalities and Structural Actions, The analysis of the Greek NSRF and its Operational Programmes, the importance of knowledge and learning in a globalised learning economy, creativity as a factor of urban development, the Europe 2020 agenda and objectives, The proposals of the European Commission for the 2014-2020 MFF, etc. |
| Name and address of employer | Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - GR 541 24 Thessaloniki - Greece |
| Type of business or sector | Public sector – Higher Education |
| Dates | <i>June 2004 – currently</i> |
| Occupation or position held | General Director and member of the BoD |
| Main activities and responsibilities | As the general director of AKTIS S.A, a construction company operating in Greece, Bulgaria and Romania, I am responsible for its overall performance. I represent the firm against all third parties while my principal duties include the determination of the firm's strategy and priorities, financial management and programming and management of human resources. In addition, the fact that AKTIS has been active in projects funded by the Structural Funds (ERDF) in all 3 countries, has enabled me to obtain an insight of the Funds operations from the final beneficiary's point of view (payment procedures and delays, etc). |
| Name and address of employer | AKTIS S.A – 13, Odisseos str. 54629 Thessaloniki, Greece |
| Type of business or sector | Private Sector - Construction |
| Dates | <i>November 1996 - January 2000 and April 2002 –April 2004</i> |
| Occupation or position held | Official of the European Commission at the Socio-economic research programmes of FP4, 5 and 6 - DG Research |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <p>Main responsibilities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution to the elaboration of multi-annual research programmes (TSER, Key Action for socio-economic research) - Development and drafting of annual working programmes and calls for proposals in the socio-economic sciences in FP 5 and 6 - Organization of the evaluation of proposals in FP 5 and 6 - Draft of briefings and speaking notes for the Director General |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific officer, responsible for research projects in the fields of regional development, welfare states, economics of knowledge and innovation in FPs 4, 5 and 6. - Presentation of the socio-economic research programmes in seminars, workshops and info days across the EU |
| Name and address of employer | European Commission, B-1049, Brussels, Belgium |
| Type of business or sector | European Union Institutions |
| Dates | January 2000 – March 2002 |
| Occupation or position held | Official of the European Commission seconded at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. |
| Main activities and responsibilities | I was seconded to the International Relations Directorate in Thessaloniki, Greece. My main activities were to follow up on behalf of the Ministry, the International Organisations and Agencies based in Thessaloniki (such as CEDEFOP, The Black Sea Trade and Development Bank, and the European Agency for Reconstruction) and to assist the Director of the Ministry as well as the Minister for Macedonia and Thrace on issues related to the European Union and EU policies |
| Name and address of employer | European Commission, B-1049, Brussels, Belgium |
| Type of business or sector | European Union Institutions |
| Dates | September 1993 – June 1996 |
| Occupation or position held | Financial Director |
| Main activities and responsibilities | In that period, I was under CCP from the European Commission and I worked in the position of the Financial Director of Bitoumina S.A, an industrial unit producing asphalt-based emulsions and water proofing materials, based in Thessaloniki, Greece. My responsibilities included financial programming, investment appraisal, while I was also responsible for personnel matters, including selection procedures, allocation of tasks and training activities. |
| Name and address of employer | BITOUMINA S.A. – 14th klm Old National road Thessaloniki – Veria, 57008 – N. Aghialos, Greece |
| Type of business or sector | Private Sector – Chemical products |
| Dates | January 1990 – July 1993 |
| Occupation or position held | Official of the European Commission at the DG for the Coordination of Structural Policies |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the elaboration of the new regulations of the Structural Funds, for the period 1994-1999. • Evaluation of actions of the Structural Funds for the period 1989-1993 • Coordination of the Structural Policies with other European Policies such as: Competition, Telecommunications, Social Policy, Transport, RTD, Tourism and S.M.E |
| Name and address of employer | European Commission, B-1049, Brussels, Belgium |
| Type of business or sector | European Union Institutions |
| Education and training | |
| Dates | March 2000 – November 2003 |
| Title of qualification awarded | Didaktoriko Diploma (Greek equivalent to PhD) in Economics |
| Principal subjects | <i>Thesis title:</i> "The impact of European RTD policy on the Greek RTD system". Main subjects covered: Knowledge economy, Systems of innovation, R&D policies, impact of EU research policy. The research involved included analysis |

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| | of micro data on FP 4 and 5 using SPSS, as well as the conduct of questionnaire-based surveys and of structured interviews with stakeholders. | | | | | |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece | | | | | |
| Dates | September 1986 – June 1988 | | | | | |
| Title of qualification awarded | Master of Sciences (M.Sc.) in Management Sciences | | | | | |
| Principal subjects | Accounting, Decision modelling, Organisational behaviour | | | | | |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | University of Southampton, Southampton, UK | | | | | |
| Dates | September 1981 – October 1986 | | | | | |
| Title of qualification awarded | Ptyhio (University degree) in Economic Sciences | | | | | |
| Principal subjects | Macro and micro economics, statistical analysis, fiscal policies, political economy, growth theories | | | | | |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece | | | | | |
| Personal skills and competences | | | | | | |
| Mother tongue | Greek | | | | | |
| Other languages | | Understanding | | Speaking | | Writing |
| Self-assessment | | Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production | |
| Language | English | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 |
| Language | French | B2 | B2 | B1 | B1 | A2 |
| Language | Spanish | B1 | B1 | B1 | B1 | A2 |
| Language | Italian | B1 | B1 | B1 | B1 | A2 |
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| Social skills and competences | Having studied abroad for 2 years and worked at the European Commission for almost 10 years I have developed a high adaptability in multicultural working environments. I enjoy working in a team both as a simple member of it or as a team coordinator and I have developed the ability to motivate people around me. | | | | | |
| Organisational skills and competences | During the past years of my professional career as a director general, I have been responsible for the operation of a construction firm of 25 persons on average, which operates in 3 different countries. I have therefore developed leadership and organisational skills which are necessary for my everyday work. My experience at the European Commission have familiarised me completely with the organisation and everyday work of the Commission services, and allow me therefore to become fully operational within a very short time period. | | | | | |
| Computer skills and competences | Advanced use of various Microsoft tools (Office environment) – good knowledge of SPSS | | | | | |
| Additional Information | <p>Over the past 5 years I participate as an independent expert in the evaluation of Socio-economic research proposals and proposals related to the Regions of Knowledge, of DG Research at the European Commission, as well as a reviewer of projects. I also act as a referee for the international Scientific Journal “European and Urban Regional Studies”.</p> <p>I am member of the Regional Development and Policy Research Unit of the University of Macedonia, and I have participated in a number of research projects (national and international) which involved extensive use of questionnaires, surveys, interviews and statistical analysis.</p> | | | | | |

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| | <p>From December 2010 – January 2012, I was appointed as deputy national representative of Greece to the PEOPLE Programme Committee of FP 7.</p> <p>I have participated in several international workshops and seminars, on European Union policies, and in particular on: Research Policy ; Fifth and Sixth Framework Programmes -;Socio-economic research -;Systems of Innovation, Welfare States; Regional Development ;Economic and Social Cohesion</p> |
| Annexes | List of Publications |

List of Publications

Labrianidis, L., Kalogeresis, T., Kourtesis, A. and Skordili, S. (2004), ‘Technology, Peripherality and Rurality’ in L. Labrianidis (ed.) *The Future of Europe’s Rural Peripheries*, Ashgate: Aldershot, pp. 114-136.

Ivaylo Vassilev, Grzegorz Micek, Artemios Kourtesis (2008) “Between Policy Regimes and Value Chains in the Restructuring of Labour Intensive Industries”, in Labrianidis L. (ed) *The Moving Frontier: The Changing Geography of Production in Labour–Intensive Industries*, Asghate., pp 123 – 146

Kakderi, C. and A. Kourtesis, (2009), “Local e-governance applications for the enforcement of entrepreneurship policy: examining the case of Thessaloniki metropolitan area”, *International Journal of Innovation and Regional Development*, Vol 1, No 4, pp 423 – 442, London

Kourtesis A. (2000), «The RTD systems of Central and Eastern European Countries» in Andrikopoulou E. – Kafkalas G. (eds) *The New European Space: Enlargement and the Geography of European Development*, Themelio, Athens pp.213-235. (in Greek)

Labrianidis, L., Kalogeresis, T., Kourtesis, A. (2004), «New technologies, Innovation and Rural Development», in Labrianidis, L. (ed.) *Entrepreneurship in European Rural Areas: The case of Greece*, Paratiritis, Thessaloniki, pp. 143-171. (in Greek)

Kourtesis, A. (2008), “Creative Cities and Thessaloniki: an initial assessment” in Kafkalas G, Labrianidis L. and Papamichos N. (eds) *Thessaloniki on the verge: The city as a process of change*, Kritiki, Thessaloniki.): p.p. 265 - 294 (in Greek)