

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- September 2023 - Present **President of the Hellenic CDC**
Greek National Public Health Organization (EOΔY), Athens
- April 2013 – Present **Professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology**
Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- February 2014 – Present **Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for International Health Regulations: points of entry**
Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2022 – Present **Coordinator of the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation action: HEALTHY SAILING “Preventing, mitigating and managing infectious disease on large passenger ships”**
Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- February 2023 - Present **Training Coordinator of training centers related to Public Health and Social Medicine**
- November 2021 – Present **Member of the Hellenic Public Health Expert Committee**
Ministry of Health, Greece
- February 2020 – Present **Member of the Hellenic COVID-19 Task Force**
Ministry of Health, Greece
- 2006 – September 2023 **Director of the Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology**
Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2008 – September 2023 **Scientific Coordinator of the Peripheral Public Health Laboratory of Thessaly**
ΠΕΔY, National Public Health Organization of Greece

- 2018 – 2022 **Coordinator of the European joint action HEALTHY GATEWAYS (Grant Nr 801493): Preparedness and action at points of entry**
 Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2009 – 2022 **Director of the MSc programme: Applied Public Health and Environmental Health**
 Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2018 – 2019 **Consortium Leader of European Specific Contract: Organising a training entry – exit screening (2018-2019) – Specific Contract No 2017 72 06: “Evidence-based best practices on entry/exit screening for infectious diseases in humans under the FWC Chafea/2015/Health/05**
 Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2017 – 2020 **Elected Deputy President of the Faculty of Medicine**
 University of Thessaly, Larissa, Greece
- 2013 – 2016 **Coordinator of the European Joint Action SHIPSAN ACT “The impact on maritime transport of health threats due to biological, chemical and radiological agents, including communicable diseases”**
 Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2011 – 2015 **Surveillance Consultant for the Hellenic CDC**
 National Public Health Organization of Greece
- 2008 – 2013 **Associate Professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology**
 Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- May – December 2011 **WHO consultant (short term) for drafting technical advice documents for public health event management on board ships**
 WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2008 – 2011 **Coordinator of the European Commission funded SHIPSAN TRAINET project**
 Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2006 - 2008 **Scientific Coordinator of the European Commission funded SHIPSAN project**
 Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2003 – 2008 **Assistant Professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology**
 Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece
- 2001 – 2004 **Scientific coordinator of the Olympic Planning Unit**
 National School of Public Health, Athens, Greece
- 2000 – 2002 **Consultant Epidemiologist of the Cyprus Ministry of Health**
 Cyprus Ministry of Health, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 1997 – 2000 **Director of the National Center for Surveillance and Intervention (NCSI)**
 Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Athens, Greece
- August – December 1997 **WHO consultant (short term) to evaluate Brucellosis surveillance in Palestinian authority**
 Emerging and other Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Control Unit, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1997 **Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)**
 University of Crete, Faculty of Medicine, Heraklion, Greece

- 1997 **EPIET Fellow**
 European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training-EPIET.

 - Thesis Title: "Epidemiological investigation, surveillance and prevention of brucellosis in livestock region of Greece with the help of computerized mapping. Grade "Excellent"
- 1987 **Medical Degree**
 University of Athens, Faculty of Medicine, Athens, Greece

 - Replace with a list of principal subjects covered or skills acquired

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue	Greek				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Participation in other European projects (not included in work experience above)

1. Beneficiary in the European program from DG SANTE, European Vaccination Beyond Covid-19 (EUVABECO)
2. Beneficiary in the European Horizon programme, [HIGH Horizons](#) – HORIZON-HLTH-2021-ENVHLTH-02 with contract number 101057843.
3. Coordinated the development/implementation of the [European Digital Passenger Locator Form](#) (dPLF), initially under the Joint Action and then through the HADEA/2021/NP/0004 - E-Travel tool - Healthy Gateways.
1. External evaluator of the joint European action SHARP (April 2021 to October 2023)
2. Beneficiary in the European program EYE: [Economy bY spacE](#), which is funded by Horizon 2020 (H2020-MSCA-RISE) under contract number 101007638.
3. Participation in the European Joint Action [SHARP](#), financed by the Third Health Program (2014-2020) of the European Union started in April 2019 and has a duration of 42 months.
4. Work Package Leader (WP 5) entitled «Development of an interaction electronic platform for communication exchange between the Network members» of the European Project «Coordinated action to control infectious diseases transmission on the aircrafts» ([AIRSAN](#))
5. Evaluator of the midterm and final evaluation of the European Program «[EpiSouth plus Project](#)». The project had a total budget of € 58.000. (September to December 2012).

Participation in national research projects (not included in work experience above)

1. Coordinator of the “Integrated surveillance and control program for West Nile virus and malaria in Greece” under the NSRF 2007-2013. The project has a total budget of € 1,189,999. (January 2012 – February 2015) For more information on the programme you can visit the website www.malwest.gr
2. Scientific Coordinator of the research project Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) with international participation (WHO, CDC), 2012-2013.
3. Participation in research team of the program, Global Adults Tobacco Survey (GATS), in collaboration with the National School of Public Health, under the NSRF 2007-2013.
4. Work Package Leader in the research project entitled "National Morbidity and Risk Factors Survey (E.ME.NO)", NSRF 2007-2013 Funded by the Ministry of Education, January 2012 - December 2015
5. Scientific Coordinator of the research project Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) with international participation (WHO, CDC), 2004-2005
6. Participated in the research programme “Temporal Course of bacterial meningitis, 30 years experience”, first Paediatric Clinic, University of Athens, 2000 until today.
7. Main investigator of the Balkan project “Balkan Network for Communicable Diseases Surveillance” funded by the Greek Ministry of Health in which seven Balkan countries participated. 1999-2000.
8. Co-researcher in a vaccine coverage study and intervention in gypsy communities in Greece, 1998-2000.

Membership of scientific / advisory groups

1. WHO roster of experts for International Health Regulations (2011 – present)
2. Member of the Technical Advisory Group on the development of the Strategy and Action Plan on health emergency preparedness, response, and resilience (Preparedness 2.0) in the WHO EURO region (2023 – present)

3. Founding member and President of the European Scientific Association for Health and Hygiene in Maritime Transport ([EU SHIPSAN Association](#)) (2019 – Present)
4. Founding member and President of the [Hellenic Forum of Public Health and Social Medicine](#) (2018 – Present)
5. Advisory Board member of the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action "[Healthy Ship 4u](#)"
6. Advisory Board member of the European joint action to strengthen epidemiological surveillance in EU MS
7. Advisory Board member of the European joint action SHARP
8. Founding member and Chairman of the Society for Public Health and Environmental Hygiene (2009 – Present)
9. Founding member and board member of the Society of Travel and Geographical Medicine (2004 – Present)
10. Member of the Hellenic Pediatric Society
11. Member of the Larissa Medical Association

Publications

I have over 280 scientific articles in international journals with a total impact factor of 1.172.733 (2021/2022), with over 5300 citations in Scopus and 9557 citations in Google Scholar. My scientific research is primarily focused on prevention of infectious disease and public health issues related to (human) transport and points of entry, cross-border health threats, epidemiological surveillance, environmental health and hygiene.