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## S U M M A R Y

**Professor Christos Hadjichristodoulou** is an internationally recognised expert in infectious disease prevention, public health preparedness and response, and cross-border health threats. He is a professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology at the Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Thessaly in Greece, and Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for International Health Regulations (IHR): points of entry (GRE-27). For more than 25 years, he has led research, policy development and capacity-building initiatives at European and national levels in infectious disease prevention, epidemiological surveillance, environmental health and hygiene, with particular expertise in public health issues related to human transport, points of entry and cross-border health threats. He has coordinated major European Commission-funded projects and Joint Actions, contributing to the development of European guidance, surveillance systems and preparedness capacities. He has served as a WHO IHR Roster of Experts member and has provided technical expertise to WHO, the European Commission and ECDC. Professor Hadjichristodoulou has published over 350 peer-reviewed scientific articles, receiving more than 7,380 citations in Scopus (h-index 43) and 13,260 citations in Google Scholar (h-index 60) (July 2026).

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## E X P E R I E N C E

### A C A D E M I C & I N S T I T U T I O N A L P O S I T I O N S

#### **Professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology**

*April 2013 – Present | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece*

#### **Elected Director of the Clinical-Laboratory Sector**

*2021 – Present | Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece*

#### **Head of the [WHO Collaborating Centre for International Health Regulations: points of entry](#)**

*February 2014 – Present | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece*

#### **Member of the Coordination Committee of the [MSc in Public Health and Epidemiology](#)**

*2023 – Present | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece*

#### **Training Coordinator of Training Centres related to Public Health and Social Medicine**

*November 2021 – Present | University of Thessaly, Greece*

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**Director of the MSc Programme: Applied Public Health and Environmental Health**

2009 – 2022 | Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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**Director of the Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology**

2006 – 2023 | Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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**Elected Deputy President of the Faculty of Medicine**

2017 – 2020 | University of Thessaly, Larissa, Greece

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**Associate Professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology**

2008 – 2013 | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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**Assistant Professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology**

2003 – 2008 | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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**P U B L I C H E A L T H L E A D E R S H I P****President of the Hellenic CDC**

September 2023 – March 2026 | Greek National Public Health Organization (EODY), Athens, Greece

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**Scientific Coordinator of the Peripheral Public Health Laboratory of Thessaly (PEDY)**

2008 – 2023 | National Public Health Organization of Greece

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**Surveillance Consultant for the Hellenic CDC**

2011 – 2015 | National Public Health Organization of Greece

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**Director of the National Center for Surveillance and Intervention (NCSI)**

1997 – 2000 | Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Athens, Greece

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**Consultant Epidemiologist**

2000 – 2002 | Cyprus Ministry of Health, Nicosia, Cyprus

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**Scientific Coordinator of the Olympic Planning Unit**

2001 – 2004 | National School of Public Health, Athens, Greece

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**E U R O P E A N P R O J E C T S & I N T E R N A T I O N A L R O L E S****President of the [European Scientific Association for Health and Hygiene in Maritime Transport](#)**

2018 – Present | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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**Coordinator of the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action: [HEALTHY SAILING](#) (Grant 101069764)**

"Preventing, mitigating and managing infectious disease on large passenger ships"

2022 – 2026 | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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**Coordinator of the European Joint Action [HEALTHY GATEWAYS](#) (Grant 801493)**

Preparedness and action at points of entry

2018 – 2022 | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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**Consortium Leader of European Specific Contract Evidence-based best practices on entry/exit screening for infectious diseases in humans (Nr 2017 72 06) - FWC Chafea/2015/Health/05)**

2018 – 2019 | Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece

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### **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"

2013 – 2016 | *Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece*

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### **Coordinator of the European Commission funded SHIPSAN TRAINET Project**

2008 – 2011 | *Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece*

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### **Scientific Coordinator of the European Commission funded SHIPSAN Project**

2006 – 2008 | *Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Thessaly, Greece*

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### **WHO Consultant — Technical advice documents for public health event management on board ships**

May – December 2011 | *WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland*

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### **WHO Consultant — Evaluation of Brucellosis surveillance in Palestinian Authority**

August – December 1997 | *Emerging and other Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Control Unit, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland*

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## **E D U C A T I O N   &   T R A I N I N G**

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### **Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)**

1997 | *University of Crete, Faculty of Medicine, Heraklion, Greece*

*Dissertation: "Epidemiological investigation, surveillance and prevention of brucellosis in livestock region of Greece with the help of computerized mapping." Grade: Excellent*

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### **EPIET Fellow**

1997 | *European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET)*

*Intervention epidemiology in the European Programme on Intervention Epidemiology Training*

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### **Medical Degree**

1987 | *University of Athens, Faculty of Medicine, Athens, Greece*

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## **P A R T I C I P A T I O N   I N   E U - F U N D E D   P R O J E C T S**

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### **[EUVABECO: European Vaccination Beyond Covid-19](#) (EU4Health · Grant Nr. 101132545)**

January 2024 – Present | Beneficiary: Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University of Thessaly

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### **[HIGH Horizons: Heat Indicators for Global Health](#) (Horizon Europe · Grant Nr. 101057843)**

September 2022 – Present | Beneficiary: Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University of Thessaly

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### **[European Digital Passenger Locator Form \(dPLF\)](#)**

Coordinated development and implementation — funded under EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS (Grant Nr. 801493) and HADEA/2021/NP/0004

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### **[SHARP: Strengthened International Health Regulations & Preparedness in the EU](#) (Third EU Health Programme Joint Action)**

April 2019 – March 2023 | Affiliated Entity: Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University of Thessaly

April 2021 – October 2023 | External Evaluator

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### **[EYE: Economy by SPACE](#) (Horizon 2020 · Grant Nr. 101007638)**

Beneficiary: Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University of Thessaly

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AIRSAN: Coordinated action to control infectious diseases transmission in aviation (Third EU Health Programme)

2013 – 2016 | Work Package Leader: Laboratory of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University of Thessaly

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### EpiSouth Plus Project

September 2012 – December 2012 | Evaluator of the European Program

## **PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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- Coordinator — "Integrated surveillance and control program for West Nile virus and malaria in Greece" (NSRF 2007–2013) · January 2012 – February 2015
- Scientific Coordinator — Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), international participation (WHO, CDC) · 2012–2013 and 2004–2005
- Participation in research team — Global Adults Tobacco Survey (GATS), National School of Public Health, NSRF 2007–2013
- Work Package Leader — "National Morbidity and Risk Factors Survey (E.ME.NO)", NSRF 2007–2013, Ministry of Education · January 2012 – December 2015
- Participant — "Temporal Course of bacterial meningitis, 30 years experience", First Paediatric Clinic, University of Athens · 2000 – present
- Main Investigator — "Balkan Network for Communicable Diseases Surveillance", Greek Ministry of Health (seven Balkan countries) · 1999–2000
- Co-researcher — Vaccine coverage study and intervention in Roma communities in Greece · 1998–2000

## **MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC & ADVISORY GROUPS**

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- Member of the Technical Advisory Group on the Strategy and Action Plan on health emergency preparedness, response, and resilience (Preparedness 2.0) — WHO EURO region (2023 – present)
- WHO Roster of Experts for International Health Regulations (2011 – present)
- Founding Member and President — European Scientific Association for Health and Hygiene in Maritime Transport (EU SHIPSAN Association) (2018 – present)
- Member of the Hellenic Public Health Expert Committee, Ministry of Health, Greece (February 2023 – present)
- Member of the Hellenic COVID-19 Task Force, Ministry of Health, Greece (February 2020 – Present)
- Founding Member and President — Hellenic Forum of Public Health and Social Medicine (2018 – present)
- Advisory Board Member — Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action "Healthy Ship 4u"
- Advisory Board Member — European Joint Action to strengthen epidemiological surveillance in EU MS
- Advisory Board Member — European Joint Action SHARP
- Founding Member and Chairman — Society for Public Health and Environmental Hygiene (2009 – present)
- Founding Member and Board Member — Society of Travel and Geographical Medicine (2004 – 2010)
- Member — Larissa Medical Association

## **A W A R D S**

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### **Oikothen Award (2023)**

Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Literature and Arts, following a unanimous decision of the Plenary Session, in recognition of his internationally impactful scientific work and his contribution to Public Health and Epidemiology.