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INFORMATION

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

## PROFESSIONAL - ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

1/7/2021- today	Associate Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering of the Polytechnic School, University of Western Macedonia
22/2/2024 - today	Head of ENTRA Lab "Institute of Energy Development & Development Transformation", of Chemical Engineering of the Polytechnic School, University of Western Macedonia
17/5/2023 - today	Director of the Institute of Energy Development & Transition to Post-Lignite Era of the UCRI (University Center for Research & Innovation) TEMENUS at the University of Western Macedonia. <a href="https://ucri.uowm.gr/instintouta/institouto-energeiakis-anaptyksis-kai-metavasis-sti-metalignitiki-epochi/">https://ucri.uowm.gr/instintouta/institouto-energeiakis-anaptyksis-kai-metavasis-sti-metalignitiki-epochi/</a>
1/6/2023 - today	Member of the European Commission's (DG Regio) Academic Sounding Board (ASB) for Cohesion for Transition (C4T)
6/11/2023 - today	Member of the JTPeers Experts Database specializing in just transition topics.
1/7/2021 – 31/12/2022	Scientific Associate at the Regional Union of Municipalities of Western Macedonia (LGA WM)
2019-2020	Teaching (P.D. 407/80) at the Department of Regional & Cross-Border Development of the University of Western Macedonia
2011- 2021	Director of the Regional Union of Municipalities of Western Macedonia (LGA WM)
2008-2019	Teaching (P.D. 407/80) at the Department of Spatial Planning, Urban Planning & Regional Development Engineering of the University of Thessaly
2017- 2021	Appointed member by decision of the Regional Governor of the Coal Platform Working Group for the fair transition of the Region to a zero or low carbon economy (Government Gazette 433, 7/9/2017)
2017- 2021	Elected member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the European Territorial Cooperation Group HELICAS
2018- 2022	Appointed member by decision of the Regional Governor in the Regional Council for Research and Innovation (RCIC) of the WM Region (Decision 7171/94_12-1-2018)
1990-2011	Local Development Advisor (Director since 2000) at the Local Union of Municipalities & Communities (TEDK) N. Kozani
2003-today	Associate of the Center for Development of Southern & Eastern Europe, University of Thessaly

2003-2021

Member of the Laboratory of Regional Economic Analyzes & Policies of the University of Thessaly

2018- 2021

Associate of the Tourism Planning, Research & Policy Laboratory, University of Thessaly

2018- 2021

Associate of the MATER-Lab Technology Management Laboratory, University of Western Macedonia

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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from 2003 – to 2008

Title of qualification awarded: **Doctor of Philosophy**

Principal subjects covered or skills acquired: Borders, Integration and Enlargement: Space, Economy and Policies

Principal Subject: The issue explored in the doctoral thesis concerns the study of the effects of borders in space, economy and politics. In particular, the most basic parameters that influence the evolution, form and intensity of cross-border interaction are recorded, analyzed and evaluated through theory, empirical documentation, applied policies and empirical investigation.

Level in national or international classification: PhD

Education or training organisation's name: University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

from 2001 – to 2003

Title of qualification awarded: **Master of Science**

Principal subjects covered or skills acquired: Planning and Regional Development

Level in national or international classification: MSc

Education or training organisation's name: University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

from 1984 – to 1988

Title of qualification awarded: **Graduate Degree**

Principal subjects covered or skills acquired: Political Science and International Studies

Level in national or international classification: Graduate Degree

Education or training organisation's name: Panteion University, Department of Political Sciences and International Relationships, Athens, HELLAS

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### 28. JT-OBSERVATORY – HFRI

**Title:** The impact of a Just Transition Observatory on energy transition. Exploring synergies with spatial justice and place-based governance through a comparative perspective

**Short Description:** JT-OBSERVATORY probes deeper into the need for efficient governance encompassing monitoring and assessment of just transition at local/regional level. To this end, the project aims to explore synergies among Just Transition Observatories, place-based governance, spatial justice, and deliberative democracy, based on a comparative case study analysis in three different coal regions in Greece, Bulgaria, and Poland. The compelling research question relates to the potential contribution of an objective and collectively agreed monitoring and assessment mechanisms at local/regional level, on a “just” energy transition in relation to governance configuration and spatial imbalances. It is also examined whether the current set of just transition policies at local/regional level and the existing structures of the governance system support or impede spatial justice and whether place-based policies are able to mobilize local resources and generate endogenous growth.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Scientific Responsible of the University of Western Macedonia, participating as Principal Investigator (PI).

**Type of business sector:** Research, Project Number 16592

**URL:** <https://portal.hfri.gr/Projects/#!/projects>

### 27. COMMIT – INTERREG Europe

**Title:** Low-Carbon SME Development and Transition

**Short Description:** The overall objective of the COMMIT project is to support local and regional authorities in developing an SME support ecosystem for the industrial transition. COMMIT will focus on four inter-related areas where the mechanisms for SME access need to be improved: information/knowledge, innovation/technology, finance, and skills. Through the identification, analysis and dissemination of good practices, the project will support the development of place-based strategies, instruments, facilities and governance arrangements that they can deliver an integrated and coherent support for low-carbon entrepreneurship and SME development, while giving particular attention to microenterprises and entrepreneurship among underrepresented groups.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Scientific Responsible of the University of Western Macedonia, participating as partner

**Type of business sector:** Research, Project Number: 02C0599-COMMIT

**URL:** <https://portal.interregeurope.eu/projects/1113/summary>

### 26. JUST4ALL – ERASMUS+

**Title:** Embedding EU Green Deal and Just Transition in Teaching & Learning

2023 - 2024

**Short Description:** The central idea of the project is to implement and promote the framework of the EU Green Deal and Just Transition Mechanism as recent core EU policies which will shape its future the next decades, while the vision is a comprehensive teaching and learning material accompanied with a novel e-Intensive Learning Programme linked with 5 ECTS. In practical terms, the response of why this project matters can be found in the Just Transition annex of the recently launched European semester report for each country (EC, 2020). To underline the importance of successfully implementing the EU Just Transition projects, the failure means a high carbon economy with an environmental disaster with consequences for many generations.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Scientific Responsible of the University of Western Macedonia, participating as partner

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** [https://erasmus-](https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/?page=1&sort=&domain=eplus2021&view=grid&map=false&projectTopics=environment%2Band%2Bclimate%2Bchange_31047495&level2=ka2%3A%2Bpartnerships%2Bfor%2Bcooperation%2Band%2Bexchanges%2Bof%2Bpractices_31046221%3B43353410&level3=ka220-hed%3A%2Bcooperation%2Bpartnerships%2Bin%2Bhigher%2Beducation_43223943&searchType=projects)

[plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/?page=1&sort=&domain=eplus2021&view=grid&map=false&projectTopics=environment%2Band%2Bclimate%2Bchange\\_31047495&level2=ka2%3A%2Bpartnerships%2Bfor%2Bcooperation%2Band%2Bexchanges%2Bof%2Bpractices\\_31046221%3B43353410&level3=ka220-hed%3A%2Bcooperation%2Bpartnerships%2Bin%2Bhigher%2Beducation\\_43223943&searchType=projects](https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/?page=1&sort=&domain=eplus2021&view=grid&map=false&projectTopics=environment%2Band%2Bclimate%2Bchange_31047495&level2=ka2%3A%2Bpartnerships%2Bfor%2Bcooperation%2Band%2Bexchanges%2Bof%2Bpractices_31046221%3B43353410&level3=ka220-hed%3A%2Bcooperation%2Bpartnerships%2Bin%2Bhigher%2Beducation_43223943&searchType=projects)

## 25. SITRANS – LIFE-2021-CET-COALREGIONS

**Title:** Governance and Social Impact of Coal Regions under transition

**Short Description:** The main objective of SITRANS is to promote the place-based governance approach and tailor-made transformative policies in areas that are intensely experiencing the process of coal phase out. It is estimated to enhance public and citizens' engagement and the legitimacy of policies in the perception of citizens who suffer the consequences of the success or failure of these strategies through deliberative democracy practises. SITRANS aims to elaborate on the complex and challenging nature of decarbonization in coal regions considering the social, economic and environmental factors that influence the transition process and develop a robust framework for citizens to flourish on an individual and/or collective basis with the ultimate purpose of contributing to all decisions involved towards a just transition.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Researcher in the Deliverables: T1.4 ST1A1: FDI determinants, T1.4 ST1 A2: FDI interregional flows, T1.4ST1A3: FDI national flows regionalization, T1.4ST1A4: Remittances determinants, T1.4 ST1A5: Remittances interregional flows, T1.4 ST1A10: Typologies of regions, T1.4 ST1A11: Typologies of flows

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <https://sitrans-project.eu/>

## 24. IRiE – ESPON

**Title:** Interregional relations in Europe

**Short Description:** The research project aimed at a new understanding of the relations between European economies at the regional level. To achieve this goal, the research uses innovative methods to overcome limited data on interregional linkages and flows of people, goods, capital, knowledge and services. The analysis of interregional relations determines the extent to which the existence and intensity of interregional flows are a driving force for the development of regional competitiveness and cohesion. The ultimate goal is to provide a new reference framework to support regional development policies and inform regional convergence.

2022 - 2025

2020 - 2022

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Researcher in the Deliverables: T1.4 ST1A1: FDI determinants, T1.4 ST1 A2: FDI interregional flows, T1.4ST1A3: FDI national flows regionalization, T1.4ST1A4: Remittances determinants, T1.4 ST1A5: Remittances interregional flows, T1.4 ST1A10: Typologies of regions, T1.4 ST1A11: Typologies of flows

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <https://irie.espon.eu/>

## 23. Green Rural Deal – EUKI

**Title:** Citizens' Forum for United Europe

**Short Description:** The Green Rural Deal project aims to support and empower regions in Greece, Serbia, Kosovo and Germany to develop and implement policies consistent with the strategy of a zero-carbon economy. Local experiences in the four countries are analyzed and evaluated for implementation by decision-makers at local, regional and national levels. Municipalities in regions of Europe with these characteristics face very specific challenges such as demographic trends of shrinking and aging populations and significant job losses.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <https://www.euki.de/en/>

2020 - 2022

## 22. e-UNITED – Europe for Citizens

**Title:** Citizens' Forum for United Europe

**Short Description:** The aim of the e-United project is to summarize the progress made in 6 Member States (Bulgaria, Greece, Poland, Germany, Spain and Italy) in relation to the White Paper on the Future of Europe, introduced by the European Commission in 2017. The project analyzes the strengths and weaknesses of local and regional policies regarding the development of the e-Bible "Europe of Citizens", emphasizing the opportunities for a better future of the EU.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en)

2020 - 2022

## 21. ACCEL – INTERREG-IPA Greece-Albania 2014-2020

**Title:** Corporate Acceleration for existing ventures

**Short Description:** The project addresses two common cross-border challenges: a) population decline due to the brain-drain phenomenon where highly educated people migrate abroad in search of better career opportunities and b) high unemployment rates (youth unemployment rates). In order to reverse the trends of further increase in unemployment rates due to the long-term economic crisis, the project launches business support through a holistic acceleration and incubation program. The project includes training actions and guidance (mentoring/coaching) in order to implement business innovation plans whose products/services are tested before entering the market

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <https://2014-2020.greece-albania.eu/projects/corporate-acceleration-for-existing-ventures>

2020 - 2022

## 20. FUNGI-WOOD – GREEN FUND in Greece

**Title:** \_Production of Plastic Substitutes using Cellulose Fungal Growth Substrates

**Short Description:** The project concerns the utilization of crop residues and wood processing residues from mushroom substrate, to create a cohesive building material to replace single-use plastic products

2020 - 2022

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <https://www.prasinotameio.gr/>

## 19. CULTURE LANDS – INTERREG-IPA Greece-Albania 2014-2020

**Title:** Promoting Cultural Tourism & Networking

**Short Description:** The research project focuses on the creation of a network of cultural events to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the cross-border reference area. Furthermore, it aims to create integrated tourist destinations in order to combat the stagnation and lack of dynamism in the tourism sector faced by the Greece-Albania cross-border region. In this context the project attempts to integrate the main cultural and natural resources to promote the development of the tourism product.

2019 - 2021

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <https://2014-2020.greece-albania.eu/projects/culture-lands>

## 18. CULTURE PLUS – INTERREG-IPA Greece-Albania 2014-2020

**Title:** Culture Branding – Strengthening Extroversion

**Short Description:** The research project concerns the rebranding of the Greece-Albania cross-border region through the promotion of ecological and cultural resources, with a focus on tourism development. The goal of the project is the new identity which will be based on the tangible and intangible cultural and natural heritage of the cross-border region. On this basis, this project attempts to shape a new narrative of sustainable tourism development and promotion of the cross-border region through place branding and place marketing strategies.

2019 - 2022

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <https://greece-albania.eu/projects/culture-branding-strengthening-extroversion>

## 17. INECO – INTERREG-IPA Greece-Albania 2014-2020

**Title:** \_Innovative Economy Ecosystem

**Short Description:** The aim of the research project is to enhance innovation in the business ecosystem of the cross-border region by creating two pre-incubation mechanisms, in order to encourage young entrepreneurs and teams to prepare and test their business ideas under real conditions before taking on business risk.

2018 - 2020

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

URL: <https://2014-2020.greece-albania.eu/projects/innovative-economy-ecosystem>

## 16. De-Carb – INTERREG EUROPE

**Title:** Supporting the clean energy transition of coal-intensive EU regions

**Short Description:** The DeCarb project aims, through networking and exchange of experiences with 9 other countries of the European Union, to explore the best ways of a smooth and fair transition to a carbon neutral economy. In particular, the project aims to support the regions with a high dependence on coal, to design models of sustainable development, economic and social stability, in the perspective of the new energy mix in view of 2030. Through the actions of the project, the critical players (Stakeholders) are foreseen in the field of energy and development planning: (a) to exchange experiences on an international scale (b) to identify development strategies that will mitigate the effects of decarbonisation (c) to make the most of available capital and financial instruments and (d) to promote public debate effectively

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

URL: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/decarb/>

2018 - 2022

## 15. ALL-IN – Europe for Citizens

**Title:** Pathways to belonging: From inter-cultural dialogue to social Inclusion

**Short Description:** The project aims to raise awareness of tolerance, intercultural dialogue, as well as to highlight the importance of support and opportunities for social integration of immigrants and refugees. In this context, exchanges of good practices are carried out regarding the provision of support services in the labor market and the examination of asylum applications. The aim of the project is to change negative stereotypes, encourage tolerance and help fight xenophobia, racism and prejudice.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Fon Karagianni 1-3, 50100, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

URL: <https://www.rra-zasavje.si/en/projects/europe-for-citizens---project-all-in-12.html?info>

2019 - 2021

## 14. 4PLUS – INTERREG-IPA Greece-Albania 2014-2020

**Title:** Public awareness, Preparedness, Participation and Coordination for Civil Protection for All

**Short Description:** The research project approaches civil protection and human rights with an emphasis on the protection of a specific group of vulnerable people, which is the population of people with disabilities. The project focuses on rescue strategies and planning for this special population group and covers all phases and forms of possible risks. In particular, the project takes into account integrated methods that aim to promote the development of civil protection actions through a holistic approach.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Fon Karagianni 1-3, 50100, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

URL: <https://2014-2020.greece-albania.eu/blog/news/4plus-diadiktyaki-ekdilosi-thema-symperiliptiki-politiki-prostasia-kai-ypostiriksi-atomon-anapiria-i-kai-chronies-pathiseis-periptoseis-kriseon-kai-katastrofon>

2018 - 2021

## 13. ACCESS – Europe for Citizens

**Title:** European Association: Common Challenges, Experiences of Shared Solutions for Migrants

2017 - 2019



**Short Description:** The project includes a variety of activities regarding the Lisbon Strategy, the Territorial Agenda of the EU, the Green Paper on the future Common European Asylum System, the Common Framework for the Integration of Third Country Nationals, the active role of migrants in local economies and the better integration of refugees.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <https://www.forum-ekonomiczne.pl/europe-for-citizens-project-access/?lang=en>

## 12. RELOCAL – Horizon 2020

**Title:** Resituating the local in cohesion and territorial development

**Short Description:** The RELOCAL project aims to identify the determinants that shape better access of the local scale to European policies and the ability of the local level to deal adequately with inequalities, leveraging local capacities and European structures. In this sense, the hypothesis explored in the RELOCAL project is that place-based public policies can contribute positively to spatial justice and the strengthening of democracy.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Principal Researcher on Work Packages: WP2. Mapping patterns of inequality and change", WP3 - Territorial governance structures and practices, WP4 - The Local, Spatial Justice and Cohesion Policy, WP5 - Longitudinal studies of territorial inequality, WP6 - Case Studies, WP7 - Regional Autonomy and Spatial Justice, WP8 - Coherence and Scenarios, WP9 - Policy Considerations, WP10 - Dissemination and Impact.

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <https://relocal.eu/>

2016 - 2020

## 11. INACT – INTERREG-IPA Greece-Albania 2007-2013

**Title:** An Integrated Approach for Promoting C-B Business and Development

**Short Description:** INACT promoted an integrated action plan for cross-border economic cooperation and the active involvement of businesses in the development of the Greece-Albania cross-border region. In particular, the project aimed to: a) strengthen the competitiveness of the border region within a rapidly changing geography of entrepreneurship and development in Europe (b) strengthen cross-border economic development with an emphasis on promoting entrepreneurship and capitalizing on existing potential and emerging opportunities.

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Project Manager and head coordinator of the partnership consisted by 11 partners

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <https://keep.eu/projects/15979/AN-INTEGRATED-APPROACH-FOR--EN/>

2014 - 2016

## 10. SIVA – INTERREG South-East Europe

**Title:** SIVA: South-East Europe improved virtual accessibility through joint initiatives facilitating the rollout of broadband networks

**Short Description:** SIVA aimed at improving access to broadband through joint initiatives in SE Europe. Among the key objectives of the SIVA project were: (a) Reducing the broadband access gap between the center and the periphery with an emphasis on remote and mountainous areas. (b) The determination of the role of regional and local authorities in the implementation of Telecommunications and IT applications. (c) The development of strategies and scenarios for better coordination of digital accessibility policies and strategies in SE Europe. (d) The elaboration of a broadband strategy for Western Macedonia.

2012 - 2014

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Project Manager and head coordinator of the partnership consisted by 11 partners

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** [www.peddm.gov.gr](http://www.peddm.gov.gr)

## 9. SEARCH – FP7

**Title:** European Regions, EU External Borders and the Immediate Neighbours. Analysing Regional Development Options through Policies and Practices of Cross-Border Cooperation

**Short Description:** The SEARCH project aims to: (1) Develop quantitative and qualitative analysis of the regional dimension and sectoral approach to economic development, (2) Develop theoretical and empirical economic models incorporating the geographical and spatial-econometric dimension (3) The analysis of the phenomenon of immigration from the point of view of the creation of knowledge and innovation, (4) the comprehensive analysis of the role of innovation and research in competitiveness social cohesion

2011 - 2013

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Scientific support and participation in the preparation of the final reports of Actions 2.2 'Trade Patterns between EU and Neighboring Countries' and 2.3 'Localisation Choices of EU mobile investment: Drivers of capital mobility', of Work Package 2 Trade Flows and Localization Choices

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/266920>

## 8. EUBORDERREGIONS – FP7

**Title:** European Regions, EU External Borders and the Immediate Neighbours. Analysing Regional Development Options through Policies and Practices of Cross-Border Cooperation

**Short Description:** This research project explores the multiple effects of increasing cross-border interaction on the development perspective of the EU's external border regions. Through this perspective, the project feeds into the scholarly and policy debate on the future of economic, social and territorial cohesion within the EU.

2011 - 2015

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Major researcher for WPs 1: 'State of the Debate Report, 3: Socioeconomic Data, 4: Empirical Design of Fieldwork, 5: Case Study, 6: Cross-sectional analysis & policies option, 7: Fieldwork implementation, & 8: Fieldwork Training

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <http://www.euborderregions.eu/>

## 7. TERCO – Espon

**Title:** European Territorial Cooperation as a Factor of Growth, Jobs and Quality of Life

**Short Description:** The main objective of TERCO was to assess the relationship between transnational territorial co-operation (TTC) and the development paths of EU and neighbouring regions

2010 - 2012

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Major researcher for WP2.5 "Identification of adequate territorial structures of Transnational Territorial Cooperation and analysis of specific border situations of territorial cooperation"

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <http://esponterco.wordpress.com/>

## 6. EUDIMENSIONS – FP6

**Title:** New Borders, New Visions of Neighborhood

**Short Description:** EUDIMENSIONS seeks to understand the implications of the emerging geopolitical contexts for crossborder co-operation and political relationships between the EU and neighbouring states. More specifically, we will scrutinise the development of a Wider European political community as manifested by co-operation initiatives and changing political discourses that relate communities and groups to each other across national and EU borders.

2006 - 2009

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Major researcher of WP10 “Greek – Turkish Regional Case Study”. EUDIMENSIONS seeks to understand the implications of the emerging geopolitical contexts for cross border co-operation and political relationships between the EU and neighbouring states

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/28804>

## 5. EXLINEA – FP5

**Title:** Lines of Exclusion as Arenas of Cooperation: Re-configuring the External Boundaries of Europe-Policies, Practices, Perceptions

**Short Description:** EXLINEA explores consequences for future comparative research on borders and cross-border cooperation placing emphasis on the EU’s external boundaries

2002 - 2005

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Major researcher of WP9 “Case study of the Greek-Bulgarian-FYROM-Albanian border regions

**Name of the employer:** University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD), Volos, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research

**URL:** <http://www.exlinea.comparative-research.net>

## 4. WASTERLEARN – Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between the EU and Turkey

**Title:** Sustainable Solid Waste Management for Small-Medium Sized Municipalities

**Short Description:** Exchange of experience and know-how on waste treatment between municipalities in Greece, Turkey and Denmark

2006 - 2009

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior Expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** <http://www.peddm.gov.gr>

## 3. REPLAN – Progresdec INTTERREG IIIC

**Title:** Re-assessment of Planning Instruments

**Short Description:** The project aimed to the development of a common methodology through the building a series of synthesized indicators and also a typology of settlements by using factor analysis regarding the planning system in Greece, Spain and Italy

2006 - 2007

**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior Expert researcher

**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS

**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy

**URL:** [www.peddm.gov.gr](http://www.peddm.gov.gr)

## 2. ECOLOGICAL MUSEUMS - Article 10 ERDF

1997 - 1998

**Title:** Cultural Actions and Ecological Museums  
**Short Description:** Exchange of know-how and experiences on cultural actions and ecologicila museums promoting Historic Monuments  
**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior Expert researcher  
**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS  
**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy  
**URL:** [www.peddm.gov.gr](http://www.peddm.gov.gr)

### 1. ECOS - Article 10 ERDF

1995 - 1997

**Title:** Protection of the Environment and creation of employment  
**Short Description:** Exchange know-how & practices on the protection of the environment and creation of employment  
**Main Activities & Responsibilities:** Senior Expert researcher  
**Name of the employer:** Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia, Tsontza 3, 50131, KOZANI, HELLAS  
**Type of business sector:** Research and Consultancy  
**URL:** [www.peddm.gov.gr](http://www.peddm.gov.gr)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books & Book Editing

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