

### Short Biography

George Kopits has been engaged in the analysis and design of fiscal, financial, and monetary policies, over a wide range of public institutions and countries.

Until recently, during 2012-22, he was a member of the Public Finance Council in Portugal. In 2009-11, Kopits served as the founding chair of the Fiscal Council in Hungary — elected unanimously by Parliament. In 2004-09, he was a member of the Monetary Council, National Bank of Hungary. Previous positions include assistant director at the International Monetary Fund (1974-2003), and earlier, financial economist at the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Treasury Department (1969-1974).

Besides involvement in policymaking in Hungary and the United States, Kopits headed technical assistance teams and was invited to give advice on economic policy issues in Europe (Austria, Belgium, Ireland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom), Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru), Asia (China, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Thailand), and Africa (Madagascar, Nigeria, South Africa).

In addition, he was a consultant at the OECD, ADB, IDB, CAF, IBRD, European Court of Auditors, and European Parliament.

On the academic front, Kopits has held visiting academic appointments at Bocconi, Cape Town, CEU, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Siena, UCEMA, and Vienna universities, and authored numerous professional publications.

Kopits holds a Ph.D. degree in economics from Georgetown University and is a member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.