

CHRISTOS STYLIANIDES

Date of birth: 26 June 1958

Current duties

- Visiting Professor in Practice at the Department of Health Policy of the London School of Economics (LSE).
- Faculty Member at the University of Nicosia Medical School.
- Visiting International Professor at Ruhr Universität Bochum (RUB) Research School.
- Special Advisor, European Commission (to Vice President Margaritis Schinas) on Education in Emergencies, migration and inclusion.

Political Career

November 2014-November 2019: European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management.

- On October 24th, 2014 was appointed by the European Council EU Ebola Coordinator and served until the end of the term of the Juncker Commission.

May 2014-October 2014: Member of the European Parliament (EPP Group)

- Member of the Committee on Budgets and substitute Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy.
- Member of the Delegation for relations with the USA. Substitute Member of the Delegation for relations with Israel.

2013-2014: Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus

- Senior political official in the Executive branch, managing the Government's communication strategy and heading the Government's centralized Press and Information Office.
- Participated in the proceedings of the Council of Ministers and the meetings of the National Council of Cyprus.
- Member of the President's delegation to all EU and international high-level meetings and intercommunal negotiations for Cyprus's reunification.
- Stepped down in April 2014 to run as candidate in the May 2014 European Parliament elections.

2006-2013: Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives (Elected in 2006 and 2011 with Democratic Rally/DISY)

- Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs (2011-2013).
- Member of the Committee on European Affairs, the Committee of Internal Affairs and the Committee of Employment and Social Affairs (2006-2011).

2006-2013: Member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

- Elected Member of the Bureau of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in 2012.
- Member in several missions of the OSCE PA.
- Represented Cyprus at plenary sessions and committee meetings of the Union for the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.

1998-1999: Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus

- Senior political official in the Executive branch, managing the Government's communication strategy and heading the Government's centralized Press and Information Office.
- Member of the President's delegation to EU accession talks, international high-level meetings and intercommunal negotiations for Cyprus's reunification.
- Resigned in 1999, in protest over a political corruption case which involved the public administration.

Education

- 1978-1984: School of Dentistry, Aristoteleion University, Thessaloniki, Greece
- Executive education in International Development (JFK School of Government, Harvard University, USA)
- Postgraduate seminars in political science, international relations and European Institutions.

Decorations/Awards

- "Global Champion for Education in Emergencies" by Education Cannot Wait (ECW)
- "Their Inspiration Award" by the Their World and the Global Business Coalition for Education.
- Golden Decoration of Honour by the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Political Champion for Education in Emergencies by the Malala Fund.
- Gernika Prize for Peace and Reconciliation (Spain).
- "Andreas Yannopoulos" Award by the Smile of the Child (Greece).
- Honorary Recognition by the "Elpida" Foundation (Greece)
- Highest Honorary Recognition by the Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology (Greece)
- "Yannos Kranidiotis" Award by the Association for Social Reform (Cyprus).
- Democracy Award by the POLITEIA organization (Cyprus)

Other activities

- Member of the Board of Trustees of Friends of Europe.
- Council Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR).
- Member of the High-Level Steering Group (HLSG) of the Education Outcomes Fund (EOF) for Africa and The Middle East.
- Member of the Advisory Council of the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of Cyprus.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence.
- Co-founded the Movement for Political Modernization and Reform (1995), promoting Cyprus's EU accession and state & political reform.
- Leading member of grassroots youth movements in support of EU membership and the solution of the Cyprus problem since the early 1980's.
- Actively involved in the rapprochement between the Greek Cypriot and the Turkish Cypriot communities through joint civil society and political initiatives.