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Greece	
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Marital status	Married

### EDUCATION

- 2002 Attending the first international seminar on international environmental negotiation launched by the Mediterranean Programme for International Environmental Law and Negotiation (MEPIELAN).
- 2000 Attending the **BVQi** (Bureau Veritas Quality International) training Course on Environmental Management Systems (EMAS, ISO 14001).
- 1999 **Ph.D.** Candidate at the Athens Law School specializing on international and European Environmental Law, on the establishment and management of **Marine Protected Areas in the EU** under the supervision of Prof. Sioutis.
- 1999 Specializing at the University of Parma in Italy (Dipartimento di Scienze Ambientali), on 'New Technologies and Management of River Basins'
- 1999 Becoming a member of the Athens Bar Association
- 1998 - 1999 Attending the E.A.E.M.E ( European Association on Environmental Management and Education ) European Master Course in Environmental Management, at the National Technical University of

Athens and the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of Parma in Italy.

**1992 – 1997**

Attending the Athens Law School, at the National University of Athens, specializing in International European and Greek Environmental law.

**1990**

Candidate of Law (candidatus iuris) of the law school of the University of Heidelberg - Germany specializing in Philosophy and Sociology of Law.

**1988 – 1990**

Research assistant for Professor D. Kyriazis Gouvelis , professor of Constitutional Law at the Panteion University of Athens ,at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London .

**1983**

Passing the ‘ Intermediate State Examination in Law ’ for Baden Wuerttemberg , Germany . at the University of Heidelberg

**1982 – 1990**

Law Studies at the Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg specializing in Philosophy of Law and Public International Law.

**1981**

Studying ancient Greek modern Philosophy and German Literature at the National University of Athens.

**1974 – 1980**

Attending the German High School o Athens (Doerpfeld Gymnasium)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 - 2016** Legal Advisor to the Coordination Office for the Implementation of Environmental Liability, Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Change ( YPEKA).
- 2010 – 2012** Legal Advisor to the Special Secretary for Environment and Energy Inspectorate , Ministry for **Environment** , Energy and Climate Change ( YPEKA) .
- 2009 –2010** Legal Counsel for the Greek Minister Deputy for Environment , Energy and Climate Change ( YPEKA).
- 2009** Secretary to the international annual publication European Environmental Law Series (*Esperia Publications London*) .
- 2006 – 2009** Head of Unit Environment and Sustainable Development European Public Law Organization ( [www.eplo.eu](http://www.eplo.eu))
- 2004** Legal counsel for the Tilos Park Association
- 2004** MEPIELAN (Mediterranean Programm for International Environment Law and Negotiation (supported by UNEP/MAP)

<http://www.mepielan.gr/about-en.html>

Research Associate

- 2001 - 2004** Legal counsel for the General Secretary of the Regional Administration of Attica (Perifereia Attikis - wider Athens Area)
- 2002** Co – founder of the law firm E. Levantis – B. Thomas and Associates an Athens based international legal law firm.
- 2001** Lecturer for Environmental law and policy at the Greek Police Academy.
- 2000 - 2001** Working with the European Public Law Center as consultant in environmental law for the Cypriot government on the approximation of the Cypriot Environmental legislation to the European Union environmental *aquis*.
- 2000 – 2001** Short term consultancy contract with IUCN – The World Conservation Union ( International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) - IUCN Environmental Law Center, December 2000 – December 2001 ,Project Number: 75910
- 2000** Lecturer on national international and European environmental law for BVQi (Bureau Veritas Quality International) on the implementation

of EMS (Environmental Management Systems) in industries and other organizations.

2000

Vice President and consultant in environmental law by Zoelectronic Ltd , an Athens based international independent consultant company specialized in geomatics ,environmental security and visual forensics.

1999

Joining the law firm '**Flogaitis Pamoukis Sioutis and Associates**', working in the field of administrative and Environmental law.

1996 - today

Joining the Department of Environmental Law of the **European Public Law Center**, of the University of Athens , Achaiou Str,16 in Athens, as researcher, responsible for the participation of the Center in national European and International research projects and initiatives mainly in the field of European Environmental law ( see List of Projects) .

Representing the European Public Law Center , as well as national and international non governmental environmental organizations to the Council of Europe in Scientific Workshops as well as the Proceedings of the Bern Convention on the protection of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.

Consulting and representing national or international environmental organizations to national authorities or in

(Archipelagos Marine and coastal management, Mediterranean SOS Action Group, Zakynthine Ecological Movement, MEDASSET, e.t.c.)

**1994 –1996**

International Treaties and legal advisor of the international Environmental Organization 'Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles' (MEDASSET).

**1992 - 1994**

**Military service at the Environment Protection Department of the Hellenic Navy General Staff ( HNGS ) , Greek Ministry of Defense.**

My duties there consisted in assisting the HNGS to adjust its military activities to environmental sound standards as decided by international conventions and bodies ( for instance the decisions of the NATO Special Working group for the Environment SWG 12, the Barcelona Convention, the MARPOL , the 1972 London Dumping' Convention , EU and national environmental legislation e.t.c.).

## **A. List of projects**

1. Organization of a two years project (1992 – 1994) on **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** for the Hellenic Navy with the participation of several national and international non

governmental environmental Organizations i.e. UNEP/MAP , WWF – Greece, Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature e.t.c. In 1994 appointed by the Greek Ministry of Defense to organize several projects on environmental education for the Armed Forces throughout the country

**2. PENELOPE:** Pan European Network of Environmental Legislation Observatories for Planning Education and Research. The aim of the project is the creation of a comparative electronic database on European environmental legislation , starting with the presentation of the environmental management tool of the Environmental Impact Assessment .PENELOPE is funded by DG XIII, Education and Training Sector under the European Commissions Telematics Applications Programme - Contract Nr.: ET 3002

**3. APERTURE:** Environmental topological space mapping facilitating the implementation of European environmental legislation. The project aims to investigate in four pilot European sites if and how merged very high and high resolution EO Data can be used in administrative and judicial proceedings concerning the implementation of European environmental Law. The project is funded by DG XII, under the Commissions Environment and Climate Programme.

**4. LIFE – Nature B4/3200/96/500,** “ The Mediterranean Monk Seal in Greece”. The project aims at establishing a **protected area** on the northwestern coasts of Zakynthos island in Greece, one of the last remaining habitats of the species in the Mediterranean

**5.COASTMAN, EN/4- CT97-0445 – Environment and Climate Program** A comparative review of the institutional and legal framework for an effective implementation of an ICZM scheme in selected European Coasts.



**6.ROMANOS** – Seminars on European Union Environmental Law and policy for Greek Administrative Judges ,Directorate General Environment, Nuclear Safety and Civil Protection, 1999.

**7. ROMANOS II** - Seminars on European Union Environmental Law and policy for Greek Administrative Judges throughout the Greek Region ,Directorate General Environment, Nuclear Safety and Civil Protection, 2000.

**8.TEMPUS – PHARE** – Institutional building project of Polish Trainees to train Public Administration Officials in Poland. The project aims to train polish lecturers/lawyers in issues of EU environmental law, in order to support the accession process of Poland in the European Union, 1999.

**9. GREEK BULGARIAN ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION**, European Commission DG XI, Hellenic Ministry of Environment Physical Planning and Public Works, January – August 2000.

**10. PHARE** project 2000. A study visit of the **RIGA** Graduate School of law in European Public Law topics. Lessons on Nature protection in the European Union.

**11.The DUMPING of wastes into the sea** The national and international legal framework .A study carried out for the Hellenic Navy General Staff in order to define the existing legal framework on dumping, April 1993

**12. The promotion and implementation of the MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (UNEP/MAP) and its related protocols.** proposal made for the participation of he Hellenic Navy to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the contracting parties in Antalya Turkey,June 1992.

**13. Bureau Veritas EMS Training Course** Teaching International, European and Greek Environmental law at the Training Course on Environmental Management Systems, organized by Bureau Veritas Quality International and held in Athens from 27 November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2000.

**14. Project on Enhancing Environmental Information and CROSS - BORDER cooperation** Cross border cooperation between Albania, Bulgaria, FYROM and Greece. Center for European

Constitutional Law in Athens, financed by EU/DG XI and the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, contract no. 00/258981

**15. Enforcement of International WILD TRADE Controls in the EU** Short term consultancy contract with IUCN – The World Conservation Union (International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) - IUCN Environmental Law Center, December 2000 – December 2001 ,Project Number: 75910

**16. WASTE management in Cyprus** , Technical Assistance to the Cypriot government during the years 2000- 2001 on the approximation of the Cypriot Legislation on waste management to the European Union environmental *aquis*.

**17. AEGEAN , ( TTET 2002 – 2005 )** , Development of an Operational System and Methodology for the Determination of the Environmentally, Legally and Socio-economically Best Routes for the Transit of the Oil Products from the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea through the Aegean Sea”.

**18. No. MARE/2010/05 , 2010 - 2011 , European Commission, DG-MARE , Costs and benefits arising from the establishment of maritime zones in the Mediterranean Sea.** An analysis of the legal impacts of the potential establishment of maritime zones in the Mediterranean in terms both of international law and EU law: the Mediterranean States that are EU members, as well as acceding, candidate and potential candidate countries, are also subject to a range of EU policies relating to the use and protection of the Mediterranean and its resources in particular and to

maritime issues in general. A comparative analysis in Mediterranean countries.

**19. From 2010 to 2012, participated with the EPLO in the Twinning project “Strengthening Administrative Capacities for Protected Areas in Serbia (Natura 2000)”** aimed at strengthening the capacities of the competent bodies at the central level, as well as local authorities for the implementation and enforcement of environmental legislation in designated protected areas in Serbia.. The project aimed at contributing to the creation of preconditions for the establishment of a nature protection management system, It involved the harmonization of the Serbian legislation with the EU nature protection legislation, the establishment of the Natura 2000 network in line with EU criteria, the development of two pilot management plans for Natura 2000 areas and the elaboration and implementation of a training program that will systematically deal with capacity building in the development of the Natura 2000 in Serbia.

**20 . Costs and benefits arising from the establishment of maritime zones in the Mediterranean Sea (Call for tenders No.**

**MARE/2010/05 - Client: European Commission, DG MARE**

The main purpose of this Study was to inform the debate over maritime governance in the Mediterranean by shedding light on the costs and benefits of establishing maritime zones in the Mediterranean in accordance with international law. In effect, the Study uses a cost benefit approach to analyse different scenarios even as regards activities that are not in themselves ‘economic’ activities and may necessitate a more indirect approach.

## **B. Publications**

### **1.Law and Rationality**

Karl Poppers critical rationalism and its application on the legal decision – making process (University of Heidelberg Law School, June 1986 .

**2. Environmental regulations and short-run unemployment fluctuations : casualty or coincidence?**

An interdisciplinary approach from the point of view of a lawyer and an economist ( E Levantis E. Pittis N. March 1987 mimeograph)

**3. Do environmental regulations initiate short- run circles? Evidence from industrial production? An interdisciplinary approach ( Levantis E. Pittis N. , March 1988 mimeograph)**

**6. Some issues concerning the relation of the Bern Convention ( 1979) and the Council Dir. 92/43 EU establishing the Natura 2000 Network. A critical approach.** Article, published in the conference proceedings of the HELECO 95 Conference and Exhibition for Environmental Technology for the Mediterranean region, 9-12 November 1995).

**7. Ecological communication.** An introduction to Nicklas Luhmanns book, published in Ardin magazine in March 1996

**8. Threatened species in Greece.** An interview with Eladio-Fernandez Galiano, Secretariat of the Bern Convention (1979). Published in ‘ARDIN’ magazine in May 1996.

**9. Legal aspects on the implementation of the European Environmental legislation in Greece.** Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment, Management Organization Unit of the Community Support Framework, Loutraki – Greece, September 1998.

**10. Collaborative Management of marine protected areas: towards an effective management scheme.** Dissertation Thesis for the

European Association for Environmental Management and Education, Mai 1999 (under publication)

**11. The binding effect of international law in the European Community legal order. Towards a more effective implementation of the 1979 Bern Convention, on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.** Presentation for the “Workshop on The Bern Convention and National Case Law: Effecting Implementation, held in Strasbourg from 28-29 June 1999.

**12. Vers une application plus efficace de la Convention de Berne ,** Revue Europeenne de droit de l’ environnement , Limoge, n.1(2002), p.42-47.

**13. Report on Coastal Zone Management in Greece,** for the Symposium on the Integrated Development and Management of Coastal Zones : The legal Aspects, Universite du Littoral , France 11,12,13 May 2000 published in Revue Juridique de l’environnement , numero special 2001

**14. Forest Protection and illegal development of settlements in forests and forest areas in Greece,** ‘Droit et ville’ No 51/2001, Toulouse 2001

**15. On the protection of the international river Nestos: Towards an effective management scheme.** Greek-Bulgarian Cooperation, Center for European Constitutional Law, Athens October 2000.

**16. Principles of Greek environmental law.** Enhancing Environmental Information and Cross-Border Cooperation, Albania, Bulgaria, FYROM, Greece, Center for European Constitutional Law, Athens 2001

**17. Anastasia Kaltsa, Eleftherios Levantis, 'Rapports: Greece: The Effectiveness of the New Habitats Directive in Greece. The Heritage of the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats'** (2002) 8 *European Public Law* pp. 197–200 , 2002 *Kluwer Law International*

**18. Collaborative Management of marine protected areas: towards an effective management scheme.** Dissertation Thesis for the European Association for Environmental Management and Education, Mai 1999 ( under publication)

**19. The binding effect of international law in the European Community legal order. Towards a more effective implementation of the 1979 Bern Convention, on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.** Presentation for the “Workshop on The Bern Convention and National Case Law: Effecting Implementation, held in Strasbourg from 28-29 June 1999, Council of Europe Publishing ISBN 92 - 871- 4167- 3.

**20. Environmental legislation compliance map at national level: The Greek forest law case.**

D.Rokos, V. Karavassili, E.Levantis. Presentation for the XIX Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS ).

**21. Greek Report on Coastal Zone Management,** Symposium on the Integrated Development and Management of Coastal Zones: The legal Aspects, *Revue Juridique de l'environnement* , numero special 2001.

**22 . Enforcement of International Wildlife Trade Controls in Greece** Eleftherios N. Levantis, M. Sc. Attorney, **CITES STATUS:** Proceedings of the IUCN International Expert Workshop on the Enforcement of Wildlife Trade Controls in the EU , P. 158 5-6 November 2001 ~ Frankfurt,Germany by Monika Anton, Nicholas Dragffy, Stephanie Pendry and Tomme Rozanne Young (Eds)

**23 From Trail Smelter to Kyotto** , *European Environmental Law Series 2009* , *Special Edition* No 1. , Environmental Protection and Small Island States.

24 Prof. Dr. Spyridon Flogaitis<sup>1</sup> , Eleftherios Levantis<sup>2</sup> , **The legal aspects of environmental protection , The first International Chernobyl Conference , Kiev Mai 18<sup>th</sup> 2011** published by the Kyiv National Economic Vadym Getman University

## REPORTS

- Reports of the Zakynthian Ecological Movement to the Steering Committee of the Bern Convention, for the years 1996 , 1997,1999 ,T – PVS (97) 52 ,on the conservation of the marine turtle *Careta careta* in Laganas Bay , Zakynthos, Greece.

## LANGUAGES

Greek : excellent (level C)  
 German : excellent (level C)  
 English : good (level C)  
 French : fair (level B)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Scienific Committee of the bimonthly legal magazine “ **Periballon kai Dikaio**”, (Environment and Law).

Member of the European Environmental Law Association (EELA).

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<sup>1</sup> Professor of Public Law at the Athens Law School , Director of the European Public Law Organization

<sup>2</sup> M.Sc., PhD cand. , Attorney at Law , Advisor to the Greek Minister of Environment

Member of the EELA working party on environmental liability.  
Member of the EELA expert group on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM).

Member of the Scientific Committee of the environmental NGO 'Archipelagos'.

Member of the Greek Environmental Law Association

Member of the Greek Society of Environmental law

Member of the Heidelberg Alumni International