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PRESS RELEASE

About the loss of Vassilis Karydis

Professor Vasilis Karydis held the crucial post of Deputy Ombudsman for Human Rights from 2010 to 2015, while in 2016 he served as Acting Ombudsman.

Vasilis Karydis studied law in Athens and London (University College London) and held a Ph.D. from the Department of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace, where he taught Criminal Sciences from 1993 to 2005. Since 2004, he was a professor in the Department of Social and Educational Policy of the University of Peloponnese.

He sat in the boards of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture of the Council of Europe (CPT), the Central Committee of Transfers (KEM), the Central Scientific Council of State Penitentiaries (KESF), the Board of Directors of the Greek Organisation against drugs OKANA, the Scientific Committee of the Hellenic Migration Policy Institute IMEPO, as well as numerous legislative committees, scientific committees and project teams. He participated in the International University Network of Critical Criminology and Criminal Justice Systems in Europe and in the Coordination Committee of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control. He left a rich scientific work and extensive publications.

His action has highlighted the constant demand for maximum safeguard and protection of fundamental rights.

Vassilis Karydis won a special place in the heart of those who had the honour to work with him.

We express our deep sorrow for his loss and our warm condolences in his family.

Statement by the Greek Ombudsman, Andreas Pottakis for Vassilis Karydis

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