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Dr. Christos Katsanis is a graduate of the School of Economics of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). He holds postgraduate degrees and a doctorate from Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

For more than 30 years, he held senior positions in the banking sector in Greece, London, and the Balkans, and in recent years has worked as a business consultant.

From 1992 to 1995, he was Director of XIOSBANK in Sofia, and from 1995 to 1997 he headed the Balkan Office of Global Finance.

From 1997 to 2001, he served as Regional Director for the Balkans at the National Bank of Greece, based in Sofia. From 2001 to 2007, he was Executive Director of United Bulgarian Bank, a subsidiary of the National Bank of Greece.

From 2008 to 2012, as Head of the International Subsidiaries Unit of Emporiki Bank (Credit Agricole Group), he served as Chairman of the Boards of Directors of Emporiki Bank Albania, Cyprus, and Bulgaria, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Emporiki Bank Romania.

He has served as President and as a member of the Boards of Directors of international business and banking associations in the Balkans. For many years, he represented the Hellenic Bank Association on committees of the European Banking Federation.

He has authored numerous articles and studies on economic issues. In 2009, his book *From the Balkans to Europe: Bulgaria Through the Eyes of a Neighbor* was published. **The book is available in Greek only.** As a member of the Hellenic Institute for Strategic Studies (ELISME), he has contributed to the writing of several works on Balkan affairs.

He speaks seven foreign languages.