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He has extensive experience as a researcher in infrastructure development and as a regional analyst and planner (>60 research projects). Among the projects are local development plans, regional airport plans, research and activities related to innovation, technology and entrepreneurship, as well as issues related to transport and tourism.

Prof. Skayannis was one of the evaluators of the YPER programme proposals to the General Secretariat of Research and Technology (GSRT), Ministry of Development, Research Evaluator at GSRT, member of the “Final Supervisory Team” for the project “Evaluation of the Research and Technology Management 1990-1998”, and member of the committee for the “Planning of the future activities of GSRT for the 4<sup>th</sup> Support Framework” (2004). He was also appointed as chair of the advisory committee for the “Entrepreneurial Activities” and the “Youth Entrepreneurship Observatory”, Ministry of Education (2008).

He has taught 16 different courses among which Infrastructure Programming and Planning, Telecommunications and Information Society, Regional Planning of Border Areas, Technology and Spatial Development, Flexible Specialisation, Public Finance, Project Programming and Planning (University of Thessaly), Town Planning and Housing Policy (Panteion University). He has been supervisor of undergraduate and postgraduate Diploma projects/theses, PhD dissertations at DPRD, as well as at the National School of Public Administration. He has also been an external examiner in several other theses. During 2009 he was a visiting professor at Newcastle University (CURDS), UK. He is currently director of one of the MA programmes of the Department, (taught in English).

He has participated with papers in >35 international and >30 national conferences and has delivered >40 invited lectures and interventions. He has been a member of the organizing committees of >21 primarily international conferences (among which the Association of European Schools of Planning – AESOP at Volos Greece).

Prof. Skayannis has published widely in his fields of research (more than 100 publications of all kinds), he is a member of editorial boards of scientific journals and is author/editor/co-editor of five books, *Infrastructure Programming Policy: Athens-Piraeus* (Stamulis, 1994), *Entrepreneurship and Innovation Policies in the European Periphery: a Research Agenda* (U.Thess Press, 2002), *Pelion and Sustainable Development* (U.Thess Press, 2004), *The Context, Dynamics and Planning of Urban Development: a collection of papers* (U.Thess Press, 2008), *Passion, Perseverance and Vision: nine windows of opportunity – nine entrepreneurial stories* (U.Thess Press, 2008). Prof. Skayannis is one of the two national representatives of Greece to

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