

CHRISTOS STYLIANIDES

Current duties

On 1 November 2014, Christos Stylianides started as the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management.

On October 24 2014, he was appointed by the European Council EU Ebola Coordinator.

Political Career

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.
- Accompanied President Nicos Anastasiades, as a member of his delegation, to all EU and UN high-level meetings.
- 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 (2006-2011).

- 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 (under former President Glafcos Clerides).

- Senior member of Government with a similar institutional role as in 2013.
- Member of the President's delegation to EU accession talks and intercommunal negotiations for Cyprus's reunification.
- Resigned in 1999, in protest over a political corruption case which involved the public administration.

Professional career and education

- Dental Surgeon (1984, 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.

Other activities

- Council Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR).
- 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.

Personal details

Cypriot

Born on 26 June 1958 in Nicosia

Married with one son

Languages: Greek and English