

Apostolos Katsifaras



Apostolos Katsifaras was born in 1959 at Kalentzi of Achaia, Greece. He is married and father of two children.

After graduating in **Management and Economics** from the Technological Institute of Patras, he was **executive** at the **Greek National Tourism Organisation (GNTO)**.

He was first elected as **member of the Prefectural Council of Achaia** in 1994, and then, he was re-elected in 1998 and 2002. During his mandates, he was appointed twice **Vice-Prefect** (1997-2000 and 2003-2004).

In the national elections of 2004, 2007 and 2009, Mr. Katsifaras was elected **Member of the Greek Parliament** with PASOK (Socialist Party). From October 2009 until the regional elections in November 2010 he was **member of the Greek Government** as **Vice-Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights** (in November 2010 he resigned from his office in order to be candidate President for the Region of Western Greece).

After winning the regional elections of November 2010, he served as **the first elected President (Regional Governor)** of the newly formed Region of Western Greece, from January 2011 till August 2014.

During his first mandate as President of the Region of Western Greece, Mr. Katsifaras was:

- Vice-President of the **Union of Regions of Greece**.
- Full member of the **European Committee of the Regions (CoR)**.
- Member of the **CoR's Commission for Education, Youth and Research (EDUC)**.
- Member of the **CoR's Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE)**. *[till December 2013]*
- Member of the **CoR's Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER)**. *[from December 2013]*
- 1st Vice-President of the **CoR's Interregional Group "Adriatic-Ionian"**.
- Vice-President for Sustainable Development of the **PES Group in the Committee of the Regions**.
- Member of the **Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)**.
- Vice-President of the **CPMR's InterMediterranean Commission** *[represented by the Vice-Head for Regional Development, Mr. Giorgos Aggelopoulos].*

In May 2014 he won again the regional election and **re-elected as President of the Region of Western Greece** for a 5 years mandate (1 September 2014 – 31 August 2019).

During his second mandate as President of the Region of Western Greece, Mr. Katsifaras is:

- Member of the Board of the **Union of Regions of Greece**.
- Full member of the **European Committee of the Regions (CoR)**.
- Member of the **CoR's Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC)**.
- Member of the **CoR's Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER)**.
- 1st Vice-President of the **CoR's Interregional Group "Adriatic-Ionian"**. *[till April 2015]*
- President of the **CoR's Interregional Group "Adriatic-Ionian"**. *[from April 2015 till October 2017]*
- Vice-President of the **PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions**.
- Member of the **Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)**.
- Vice-President of the **CPMR's InterMediterranean Commission** *[till June 2016, represented by the Deputy for European and International Affairs of the Region, Mr. Konstantinos Karpetas]*.
- President of the **CPMR's InterMediterranean Commission** *[from July 2016 till June 2018]*.