

Curriculum Vitae of Stavros Arnaoutakis



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Stavros Arnaoutakis was born in 1956 and grew up in Archanes of Iraklion in Crete. He is an economist. From 1981 to 1991 he was an executive in a private business.

In the Local Government elections of 1990 he was elected Mayor of Archanes at the age of 34. He served as Mayor of Archanes until 2004, as his fellow-citizens elected him for four consecutive periods.

As Mayor of Archanes he started the implementation of a development plan, the philosophy of which was based on the close cooperation of local authorities and entities and the effective use of the human resources of the area.

The following factors played a catalytic role in the implementation of this plan: Optimum use of European programs, cooperation of the municipality with scientific bodies and universities and practical application of available expertise for developing more effective interventions.

During his office Archanes was awarded the following prizes:

- 2nd Award in the European Contest "Integrated and Sustainable Development of Exceptional Quality" in 2000, and
- 1st Award in the Contest "Local development respecting the natural environment and the human being" in 2002.

From 1991 to 2004 he was the Chairman of Iraklion Development S.A. From this position he managed the implementation of many European Programs, the results of which were evident both in the Municipality of Archanes and in the rest of the peripheral municipalities of the Regional Unit of Iraklion. It was because of his initiative that Iraklion Development became the first development company in Greece to acquire its own office in Brussels, with the aim of claiming and optimally implementing European Programs. By decision of the President of the Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (P.A.S.O.K.), Giorgos A. Papandreou, he was placed in the 4th position of the European ballot paper in the European Parliament elections in 2004.

From 2004 to 2009, in his capacity as a member of the European Parliament, he was a member of the Regional Development Committee, of the Fishery Committee and of the Delegation of Relations with the People's Republic of China.

In the parliamentary elections of 2009 he was elected a PA.SO.K. Member of Parliament and was appointed Vice Minister of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping.

In the elections of November 2010 he was elected the first elective Regional Governor of Crete.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Union of Regions of Greece.

He is a member of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR).

He is a regular member of the Committee of the Regions.

He is married to Irene Tzortzakaki and they have got two daughters, Antonia and Maria.