

## Dr Dimitri CORPAKIS CV

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Dr **Dimitri CORPAKIS**, an engineer by training, has to date more than 30 years' experience in European affairs. Dimitri has worked in many EU policy areas including Education, ICT, Social Sciences and Humanities, and Regional Innovation Ecosystems with an emphasis on interactions and synergies between the Union's Research and Innovation and Cohesion Policies (European Structural and Investment Funds).

In recent years, Dimitri led the European Commission's DG Research's Unit on the Regional Dimension of Innovation (now called '*Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation*') managing the FP7 Programmes on Regions of Knowledge and Research Potential, building links with the Union's Cohesion Policy, with a strong focus on developing Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart

Specialisation (RIS3), ensuring the Commission's link with the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe and managing actions on closing the innovation divide (new Horizon 2020 Part IV on *Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation* (Teaming, Twinning and ERA Chairs).

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