



## Europass Curriculum Vitae

### Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **Paraskevi Gilchrist Soula**

Nationality	Greek
Date of birth	13/10/1948
Gender	F
Dates	As from September 2014- (continuing)
Occupation or position held	<b>European Commission</b> <b>Special Adviser</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>Advising on financial management reforms and on the regulatory framework of EU Member States governing the design and the implementation of the budget, including the part relating to the Structural Funds. In this context, usually I performed the following tasks within the EU Task Force for Greece. These tasks I continue to perform now in the context of the Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS) for all Member States concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Carry out missions on the ground</li> <li>➤ Develop close cooperation with the Member State</li> <li>➤ Draft reports and recommendations, often jointly with the IMF.</li> <li>➤ Follow up results on the recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Advising on the preparation and negotiation of the Commission proposal on the creation of the EU Programme for Structural Reforms (SRSP)</p> <p>Advising on the amendment of the SRSP and on the preparation of the successor programme (SRSP /2) under the future MFF (post 2020)</p>
Occupation or position held	July 2011–May 2014 <b>European Commission</b> <b>Principal Adviser to the Director General of DG BUDGET</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Chair-person of the Commission Task Force on the coordination of the Commission proposals for the new programmes under MMF 2014-2020 to ensure overall coherence and simplification</li> <li>➤ Negotiator for the new Financial Regulation</li> <li>➤ Joint negotiator with the Deputy Director General of DG REGIO for the Common Provisions Regulation covering the five Structural and Investment Funds</li> </ul>
Dates	May 2000 – July 2011
Occupation or position held	<b>Head of Unit "Financial Regulations"</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Conception, elaboration and inter-institutional negotiation of the Financial Regulations applicable to the general budget, the agencies and similar bodies.</li> <li>➤ Verification and advice on the coherence between the Financial Regulation and the sector specific rules.</li> <li>➤ Advising DG Budget and the other Commission services on the implementation of the above legislative instruments.</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	European Commission DG Budget / Central Financial Service
Dates	September 1998 – April 2000

Occupation or position held **Head of Unit "Financial Regulations, Simplification of Procedures" with 3 separate sectors**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Conception, elaboration and inter-institutional negotiation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget. Simplification of administrative and financial instruments and procedures.
- Conception and elaboration of model contracts for Commission services.
- Debt collection and creation of their legal framework.

Name and address of employer European Commission  
DG Budget

Dates January 1998 – August 1998

Occupation or position held **Adviser in Directorate "Relations with the Council (Coreper)"**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Advising and assisting in Coreper

Name and address of employer European Commission  
DG Secretariat General

Dates January 1995 – December 1997

Occupation or position held **Adviser "1996 IGC Task Force"**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Preparation of the Commission positions and participation in the negotiations for the revision of the Treaty

Name and address of employer European Commission  
DG Secretariat General

Dates January 1993 – December 1994

Occupation or position held **Member of Cabinet of the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Fisheries**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Preparing and follow-up of legislative proposals in these areas and their implementation

Name and address of employer European Commission  
DG Environment and Fisheries

Dates January 1990 – December 1992

Occupation or position held **Principal administrator in the Unit "Agricultural Law"**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Elaboration of the legal framework of agricultural markets and CAP Financing (FEOGA)

Name and address of employer European Commission  
DG Agriculture

Dates June 1984 – December 1989

Occupation or position held **Administrator in the Unit "Monitoring of the application of agricultural legislation, infringements and complaints"**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Monitoring the implementation by Member States of Regulations and Directives in the Common Agriculture Policy
- Examination and follow-up of clearance of accounts cases.

Name and address of employer European Commission  
DG Agriculture

Dates May 1981 – May 1984

Occupation or position held **Administrator in the Unit "Regulations on Social Security for Migrant Workers"**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Conception, preparation and inter-institutional negotiation of Regulations in the field of social security for migrant workers.

Name and address of employer European Commission  
DG Social Affairs

Dates February 1979 – July 1979

Occupation or position held **"Stage" with the Legal Service**

Main activities and responsibilities ➤ "Stage"  
 Name and address of employer European Commission  
 DG Legal Service

Dates January 1976 – April 1981

Occupation or position held Legal Adviser in the "Task Force for Greek Accession to the European Communities"

Main activities and responsibilities ➤ Preparation and participation in the negotiations for the accession of Greece to the European Union.

Name and address of employer Greek Government – Ministry of Coordination (Athens)

Dates January 1972 – August 1974

Occupation or position held Barrister in law in Athens

Main activities and responsibilities ➤ Advising and defending cases before the Courts in commercial and civil law.

Name and address of employer Law firm of Messrs Papaconstantinou – Athens

Education and training

Dates September 1967 – June 1972

Title of qualification awarded University Degree in Law (First Class Honours with distinction)

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered

Name and type of organisation providing education and training National University of Athens, Faculty of Law

Dates September 1974 – September 1975

Title of qualification awarded Master's Degree in Law (LLM) in European and International law

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered

Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of London, University College, Faculty of Law

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) Greek

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (\*)

French

English

German

Understanding

Listening

Reading

Speaking

Spoken interaction

Spoken production

Writing

	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user

(\*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences

Active and sociable person liking challenges involving a wide range of activities and personalities. Firm believer in team work. Used to work with civil servants and politicians.

Organisational skills and competences

➤ Sense of organisation and priorities instrumental to carry out simultaneously a multitude of tasks brought successfully and smoothly to an end.  
 ➤ Leadership gained in managing multifaceted teams since 1998 and excellent ability to build and motivate teams.

Technical skills and competences

- Solid legal and institutional knowledge and experience
- Very good knowledge of Financial Regulations and financial and administrative procedures in the Commission
- and insight knowledge of the Common Provisions Regulation on the Structural and Investment Funds
- Solid negotiating skills and experience with Commission services, cabinets and other institutions.
- Very good ability to analyse complex problems and solve them.

Computer skills and competences

Adequate

Artistic skills and competences

Poetry

Other skills and competences

Active, open-minded, sociable

Additional information

Followed training courses in various areas in the Commission and other organisations including several modules in management. Published numerous articles in Constitutional, European and international law. Work in the Legal Service of the German Ministry of Agriculture on secondment from Commission. (April – June 1991)