

COSTAS KADIS
MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Prof Costas Kadis assumed office as Minister of Education and Culture on the 14th of March, 2014.

Costas Kadis was born in Nicosia in 1967. He graduated from the Pancyprian Gymnasium in 1985 and served in the National Guard of Cyprus until 1987.



He graduated from the Department of Biology - University of Athens in 1991 and received a PhD from the same Department in 1995. Prof. Kadis attended other post graduate courses, including the “Teaching in Natural Sciences” Course at the University of Athens - Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, the Intensive Course on “Mediterranean Landscape Ecology” at the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania and the training course on “Approaches to the administration of publicly funded scientific research in the USA” at Cornell University.

Until his appointment as the Minister of Education and Culture, he served as Dean of the School of Education and the Head of the Nature Conservation Unit of Frederick University.

His professional career began at the University of Athens, where he worked as a postgraduate and postdoctoral researcher. In 1996 he returned to Cyprus and joined Enalion Environmental Management Centre of the Cyprus Development Bank, as scientific consultant. In 1998 he joined the Research Promotion Foundation and he served the Foundation from various positions, including that of the Deputy Director General. In 2005 he joined the faculty of Frederick University and established the Nature Conservation Unit within the University. Since then he has coordinated numerous research projects led by the Nature Conservation Unit and built networks of cooperation with dozens of Universities, research centers and scientists in Cyprus and abroad. These projects were funded by the European Commission, the United Nations, the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus, the Government of Cyprus and other funding agencies.

Prof. Kadis has participated in many local and international professional conferences, where he has presented the results of his scientific work. He is the author and co-author of scientific books, scientific articles published in international journals and proceedings of professional conferences, after peer review, research reports, and studies focusing on the sustainable management of natural resources, biodiversity conservation and environmental education.

He has been member of several scientific committees in the fields of Research and Environment, in Cyprus and abroad.

Prof. Kadis served as Minister of Health of the Republic of Cyprus from July 2007 to February 2008. In March 2008 he was appointed by the President of the Republic of Cyprus as the Leader of the Greek Cypriot Technical Committee on the Environment, and led talks with the Turkish Cypriot Technical Committee, within the framework of The Government's efforts for the reunification of Cyprus.

Costas Kadis is married to Marina Michaelidou Kadi and they have two Children, Sophia and Christoforos.