

## **Minister of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth Office**

### **Curriculum Vitae**

#### **Prodromos G. Prodromou, Minister of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth**

Prodromos Prodromou was born in Tübingen, Germany, on 23 November 1958.

He graduated from the Panypryan Gymnasium in Nicosia, in 1976, and has completed his military service in the National Guard (1976-1978) at the rank of Second Lieutenant. He continued his studies in Paris, having been awarded a number of scholarships, including from the Government of France and the Leventis Foundation. He holds post-graduate degrees and diplomas in Economics and Political Science from Université de Paris-X-Nanterre and in Sociology from École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

He has authored several books and many articles.

Prior to his appointment as Minister of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth, on 3 December 2019, he served as Government Spokesman (2018-2019).

From 1985 to 1996 he was employed as an economist in the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank of Cyprus, working with international organizations such as the IMF and the World Bank, and in the fields of Exchange Rate Policy, Foreign Debt, Balance of Payments and the Tourism Industry. During the same period, he taught at a number of academic institutions of higher learning, including Sociology and Communication at KES College, Political Science at the Higher Technical Institute, and Sociology at the Cyprus Police Academy. He was also publisher and director of the weekly newspaper "Neos Typos" (New Press), which he founded in 1999, as well as a producer, host and contributor for several talk shows on a number of major TV and Radio channels. He also served as correspondent for a number of French publications such as "Confluences Méditerranée" and "Revue de politique comparée."

Mr Prodromou served as a member of the House of Representatives for a total of 13 years (11 years with the Democratic Rally and 2 years with the European Democracy party), holding several posts that included the following: Deputy Parliamentary Spokesman for the Democratic Rally (1999-2001); Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Educational Affairs (2001-2004); Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs (2013-2016); Deputy Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Development Plans and Public Expenditure Control (1996-2001); Member of the EU-Cyprus Parliamentary Committee (2001-2005), the Committee on Financial and Budgetary Affairs (2013-2016), the Committee on the Environment (1996-2006 and 2013-2016), the Committee on Human Rights (2001-2006) and the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs (2001-2006 and 2013-2016).

He also served as Spokesman of the Democratic Rally from 2013 to 2018, a post he had previously held from 1997 to 1999. He was actively involved in both successful presidential campaigns of Mr Nicos Anastasiades, in 2013 and 2018, as a member of the Democratic Rally's Central Committee and as one of the candidate's spokespersons. He was also Spokesman in the successful presidential campaign of the late President Glafcos Clerides, in 1998, as well as in the presidential campaign of former Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides in 2008.

Moreover, he served as a member and Chairman of many professional, social and cultural organizations, including the Cultural Institute of Cyprus (Democratic Rally), the Society of Sociologists and the Association of Alumni of French and French Speaking Universities. He also participated in a number of committees on important issues, including the National Committee for the Prevention of Trafficking and Use of Drugs and the scientific team consulting the Parliamentary Committee on Internal Affairs regarding juvenile delinquency, co-authoring the report on "Juvenile Delinquency in the Cyprus Society." He has been also co-founder and editor of the "Akti" review of literature (1989-1995)

He is married and has three children.