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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE & KEY COMPETENCES

Legal and policy specialist with 10+ years' experience supporting EU energy and climate governance, regulatory analysis, and sustainable investment frameworks. Experienced in interpreting EU legal and policy instruments (renewable energy, electricity market design, EU ETS, EU Taxonomy) and delivering comparative assessments, compliance reviews, and evidence-based recommendations. Proven track record in drafting policy briefs, managing EU-funded research outputs, and supporting legislative alignment in the EU and partner countries. Strong communicator with extensive experience engaging with EU institutions, national authorities, and international organisations, including in support of policy dialogue and decision-making processes. Key competences include EU energy and climate policy; regulatory and policy analysis; compliance and gap assessments; sustainable investment and international governance; coordination of EU-funded projects and multi-stakeholder processes; policy and legal drafting; and qualitative analysis with quantitative familiarity (Excel, indicators, datasets).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug 2025 – Present Leiden University, Faculty of Law – Europa Institute, Leiden, Netherlands

Guest Lecturer (Privatissimum: EU Law & International Investment in Green Energy). Provide advanced postgraduate instruction on the legal and policy dimensions of the energy transition, EU energy law, and the Energy Charter Treaty, with a focus on the interface between international investment and sustainable development.

- Supervise student research on legal and regulatory frameworks for the energy transition, investor–State dispute settlement mechanisms, and the compatibility of international investment regimes with the EU climate and energy acquis;
- Deliver specialised seminars, guidance on literature reviews, and structured peer-review sessions to strengthen analytical, drafting, and critical reasoning skills;
- Guide students in evaluating EU and international case law and policy instruments supporting decarbonisation, clean energy deployment, and sustainable investment governance.

Oct 2017 – Dec 2023 International Energy Charter, Brussels – Investment Fellow (until July 2018) / Investment Official

Core member of the investment team responsible for the Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA), an EU-funded flagship project assessing regulatory and legal frameworks across more than 30 countries, with a view to supporting sustainable energy investment and informed policy dialogue.

- Conducted policy research and comparative regulatory and legal analysis on EU energy and climate legislation, electricity market reforms, carbon pricing mechanisms (EU ETS), and clean energy investment frameworks;
- Provided regulatory and policy support to national authorities on the design and implementation of renewable energy support schemes (auctions, CCfDs, PPAs), as well as energy storage and energy efficiency measures, ensuring alignment with EU directives and climate objectives;
- Drafted policy briefs, technical reports, and impact assessments addressing energy transition, decarbonisation, and industrial transformation;
- Oversaw editorial coordination and quality control processes to ensure the accuracy, coherence, and timely delivery of policy and compliance-related outputs;
- Liaised with EU institutions, including DG ENER and DG CLIMA, to align policy recommendations with EU Green Deal priorities;
- Coordinated multi-stakeholder workshops, high-level policy consultations, and international dialogues to disseminate findings and support regulatory convergence with EU climate and energy goals.

Additionally, contributed to the EU4Energy Programme (under DG ENEST), supporting legislative reform and institutional strengthening in Eastern Partnership countries.

- Assisted in the transposition of EU energy and climate legislation, and contributed to the drafting of modern electricity and investment laws in Armenia and Belarus;
- Co-authored a post-conflict energy sector legal and policy impact assessment in cooperation with the Ukrainian Ministry of Energy;
- Organised and participated in awareness-raising missions and capacity-building workshops;
- Maintained structured coordination with DG ENEST, national focal points, and EU partner institutions, including follow-up on the implementation of policy recommendations.

Apr 2016 – Jan 2017 Arnold & Porter, London, UK – International Arbitration Clerk

Worked at associate level on high-profile investor–State arbitration cases involving renewable energy and regulatory compliance.

- Represented Bulgaria in an ICSID arbitration on energy distribution and the Czech Republic in UNCITRAL disputes related to solar power sector subsidies;

- Advised an international automotive client on cross-border regulatory investigations concerning environmental compliance and applicable sustainability regulations;
- Conducted in-depth legal analysis on EU competition law, State aid, and environmental regulations to support litigation strategy;
- Managed complex evidentiary materials and drafted expert reports and legal memoranda for DG COMP;
- Developed factual timelines and case narratives to strengthen procedural and substantive arguments;
- Coordinated with technical experts to ensure legal and regulatory consistency in case materials.

Dec 2015 – Mar 2016 Volterra Fietta, London, UK – Legal Trainee

Supported counsel in investor-State and international commercial arbitration cases, with a focus on regulatory frameworks affecting energy, infrastructure, and strategic sectors.

- Conducted detailed analyses of investment protection frameworks and regulatory compliance measures, identifying legal and policy risks for EU Member States and international investors;
- Drafted memoranda and client briefings on EU trade, investment, and energy-related regulatory issues, linking legal assessments to broader policy and market implications;
- Contributed to the interpretation of EU law, bilateral treaties, and FTAs in relation to sectoral reforms, supporting evidence-based recommendations for institutional clients.

Sep 2008 – Feb 2014 European University Institute, Department of Law, Florence, Italy – Ph.D. Researcher

Conducted doctoral research at the intersection of WTO law, international institutions, and global public goods, with implications for regulatory governance, policy coordination, and sustainable development.

- Authored Ph.D. thesis titled "*Institutional Linkages: WTO-IMF, World Bank, WIPO, WHO – A Global Administrative Law (GAL) Approach as a Means for Supplying Public Goods*", analysing institutional interlinkages and their implications for regulatory coherence and policy design;
- Analysed trade-related regulatory frameworks using interdisciplinary legal, economic, and policy lenses;
- Published scholarly articles on WTO law, international investment governance, and trade-development nexus.

Nov 2008 – Dec 2010 European University Institute, Department of Law, Florence, Italy – University Research Assistant

Contributed to EU-funded academic projects on international trade, investment law, and regulatory governance.

- Supported legal and policy research on WTO dispute settlement, regulatory coherence, and EU internal market law;
- Provided editorial input and content verification for academic publications on EU law, trade, and human rights;
- Organised interdisciplinary conferences and legal seminars on trade, investment, public goods and sustainable development.

Sep 2005 – Jul 2006 Siaperas and Associates Law Offices, Thessaloniki, Greece – Legal Trainee

- Corporate, commercial disputes and litigation.

EDUCATION

2008 – 2014 European University Institute, Department of Law, Florence, Italy, *Ph.D. in Law*

2008 – 2009 European University Institute, Department of Law, Florence, Italy, *Master in Comparative, European and International Legal Studies*

2006 – 2007 New York University School of Law, New York, NY, USA, *LL.M. in International Legal Studies*

2004 – 2005 Cornell University School of Law, Ithaca, NY, USA, *LL.M. in General Legal Studies*

1999 – 2004 Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, *Faculty of Law, Pthion (LL.B.)*

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- *Energy Investment Risk Assessment Report (EIRA)*, Energy Charter Secretariat: Co-author of six annual flagship reports (2017–2023). ISBNs and online access available at: energycharter.org/media/all-publications
- Maier, B. and Pitaraki, A. (2016), "The Many Identities of the European Union: Exploring the Rival Trade and Investment Ambitions of Organization and Members", 13 *Manchester Journal of International Economic Law* 3.
- Pitaraki, A. (2012), "Can the 'Development Dimension' of the WTO be Secured Without Stronger Synergies Among the WTO and the World Bank Group?", in E.U. Petersmann (ed.), *Multilevel Governance of Interdependent Public Goods. Theories, Rules and Institutions for the Central Policy Challenge in the 21st Century*, EUI Global Governance Program Working Paper Series.

LANGUAGES Greek (Native); English (Fluent); Italian (Fluent); French (Intermediate working proficiency)

BAR ADMISSION Qualified as *Attorney-at-Law*, Greece (2006)