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Proposed Position : **Architect Urbanist – Urban Planner**

International Consultant with 23 years of professional experience and more than 40 successfully completed projects and assignments in various countries as Key Expert, Team Leader and Technical Director. As a licensed architect engineer with postgraduate specialization in urban planning (Msc/PhD) I have a double profile with hands on experience as practicing planner, responsible for the preparation of 13 Local Plans with know how in GIS, drafting of regulations and mapping visualization but also as Lead Architect responsible for delivering full design services in important and prestigious public and private projects and masterplans. As a qualified urbanist and educator, I have a wide experience in operating in the public realm working with stakeholders and communities with full sense of responsibility and ethos that this role implies. I spend a significant time updating myself on the changing imperatives of the design of the built environment through active membership in various accredited organizations, such as IsoCaRP, Technical Chambers of Greece, Greek Architect and Planner's Associations and the Congress of New Urbanism USA.

### Employment Record and Positions held

#### Consultancy

Co-Founder of Technical Planning & Development, Planning & Design Practice, Tirana (since 2012)

I have been leading the studio that has had an impressive track record with prestigious public and private assignments working with multidisciplinary teams with more than 20 international experts engaged in our projects over a 10-year period.

Architect Urban Designer / Planner / Technical Director with Thymio Papayiannis and Associates INC (2001-2011).

Key Expert and Team Leader in large scale projects, such as Athens Olympic Waterfront regeneration, various masterplans for tourism and residential development, urban plans and planning studies). Countries of work experience: Greece, Jordan, Oman, Dubai, Albania

Architect-Urbanist free-lance (1999-2005)

Individual assignments, participation in urban design competitions and other initiatives

#### Academic

Associate Professor of Urban Design, School of Architecture Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, (since 2010)

Positions held: Affiliate Academic at the Bartlett School of Planning (2015), Director of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (2019-2021), Visiting Scholar, Columbia University New York (2022) Interim Dean of the School of Architecture (2022)

Member of Urban Planning Research Lab, NTUA <http://www.arch.ntua.gr/urbanplan-research-lab>

Adjunct Lecturer of Urban Planning in the Department of Geography at the School of Social Sciences of the University of the Aegean (2006-2008).

## Education

- 2006 PhD in Urban Planning, National Technical University of Athens, Greece
- 1998 MSc (Distinction). Urban and Regional Planning Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)
- 1997 Architecture Engineering, National Technical University of Athens

## Awards/Distinctions

- Member of the National Committee of the New European Bauhaus, 2022-
- Chair of Roundtable “Building a common ground: priorities”, *Athens* Urban Forum, LSE Cities, 16.06.2022
- OECD key expert in assessing Athens metropolitan planning and governance. *Case study mission to Athens-ATTICA*. Ministry of Development, February 2014  
<[http://www.delog.org/cms/upload/pdf-ug/OECD\\_Governing\\_the\\_City.pdf](http://www.delog.org/cms/upload/pdf-ug/OECD_Governing_the_City.pdf)>
- Member of Advisory Group to the Greek Minister of Environment on policy priorities for the Metropolitan Area of Athens, 2010
- Represented Greece in the 11th Biennial of Young Designers from Europe and the Mediterranean, Athens June 2003.
- Awarded entry in urban design competition *Europas 6, 'In between cities -Architectural dynamics and new urbanity'*, June 2001.
- Awarded entry in the international urban design competition of UIA 'Convivial Spaces', June 1996.

## Professional Activities and Practice

### Keynote projects

- Team Leader and Lead Planner of the project: Consulting Services for drafting local plans for 4 municipalities in Albania – LOT 6 (Vlore, Himara, Saranda, Konispol). The project involved preparation of municipal inventories, comprehensive need assessment, formulation of vision and strategy, creating a GIS database with regulations and thematic maps for the entire territory of the Southern Coast encompassing more than 70 settlements. Part of the task involved mapping and assessment of school infrastructures (TPA-DEA Studio, 2016-2017).
- Lead Architect of the Project “Requalification of Coastline of Vlore-Radhime-Orikum encompassing the preparation of final design for a coastal segment of 11.5km from the Tunnel of Uji Ftohte up to the Marina of Orikum in the Bay of Vlore. The project involved multiple expertise of road design, landscaping, structural and building design hydraulic and marina works as well as BoQ and technical specifications and is now at stage where tendering has been completed and starts the implementation. The project has a total value of over 25 million and design services were organized in three LOTS  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=542987812846221>

- Preparation of an open space framework, masterplan and priority interventions for the requalification of Lycabettus Hill. Scientific responsible of the NTUA Urban Design Research Program supported with funds from John Latsis Public Benefit Organization. Collaboration with the Agricultural University and the Municipality of Athens Resilience Experts (Rebuild by Design, New York & New Jersey Institute of Technology) engaged through the *100 Resilient Cities Program*, 2018  
<https://www.archisearch.gr/architecture/lykabettus-hill-athens-sxoli-arxitektonon-mixanikon-ethniko-metsovio-politexneio-presentation/>

#### Selected planning consultancy (individual assignments)

- Updating the national planning standards ahead of the nationwide preparation of New Local Plans. Ministry of Environment. Research program, *LUPR-NTUA*, Key Expert, 2020-2023
- Preparation of design references, regulations and quality parameters for strategic investments in areas of national importance on the Southern Coast of Albania. Consultancy services, *Albanian Development Fund*, 2017
- Expert in territorial planning and environment in IPA Adriatic Project SPEEDY (Shared Project for Environmental Evaluation with Dynamic Governance) <<http://www.speedyipa.eu>> 2013-2015
- Expert in preparation of IPA Adriatic Cross Border Cooperation Programme Italy-Albania-Montenegro 2014-2020. September 2014
- Appraisal of the secondary territorial planning legislation of Albania. International Planning Expert with the *Council of Europe* in the framework of the programme 'Reinforcing Local and Regional Government Structures in Albania'. I worked jointly with Planning Law Specialist Patrick McAuslan to review the draft urban planning bylaws, 2010
- Preparation of Athina-Attiki 2014, Framework of programmatic priorities and goals for Athens-Attika. Member of Interdisciplinary Working Group responsible for drafting the plan. Ministry of *Energy, Environment and Climate Change* 2009-2010
- Consultant of the *Organization of Planning and Environmental Protection of Athens* in the preparation of the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the transformation of former international airport of Athens (Hellenikon) into a Metropolitan Park, 2008-09.
- Responsible of the scientific secretariat and expert coordination for the Study of the preparation of the National Spatial Plan of Greece which was undertaken by *Thymio Papayannis & collaborating firms* and involved more than 20 key experts for the Ministry of Environment and Public Works, 2006-2007. The plan was officially adopted as national planning framework in 2008.
- Preparation of Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment of Lengarica Small Hydropower Project. Ordered by Austrian Company ENSO HYDRO <[www.ensohydro.at](http://www.ensohydro.at)>, *Centre of Research and Development*, Tirana, 2013

#### Preparation of Local Plans, regulations and Strategic Environmental Assessments

- Support the preparation of Strategic Plans for the Region and City of Tabuk, KSA (Saudi Arabia). Research Program, *LUPR-NTUA* Scientific Responsible, 2021
- Support the Ministry of Environment in the preparation of Special Spatial Plan for the natural hazard stricken coastal area in Mati, Attica, *LUPR-NTUA*, Key Expert, 2020
- Adjustment of the General Local Plan of Korca Municipality, preparation of SEA and defending

the plan in the Municipal Council. *TP & Development* 2014

- General Local Plan, Territorial Development Strategy and SEA for the peri-urban area of Vlora (Qender), Albania. Urban Planner /Team Leader, *TP & Development* 2013-2014
- Adjustment of the General Local Plan of Duress Municipality, preparation of SEA, remodelling of regulations and GIS database according to national legislation. *TP & Development* 2012
- Detailed Plan of coastal site of Jal in Himara Municipality as integrated tourism development zone. Alternative tourism concepts with masterplans. Team Leader, *TP & Development* 2012
- General Local Plan and tourism strategy of the Commune of Ishem, Region of Duress. Urban Planner / Team Leader, *TP & Development* 2012-2013
- Study of the General Local Plan of Himara Area and Priorities for Tourism Development. Himara Municipality. Urban Planner, Team Leader. *Thymio Papayannis & Associates*, 2011
- Land Administration and Management Project, Albania: *Preparation of Urban Development Plans and Regulations for the cities of Korca, Berat, Gjirokastr and Lushnja, Albania*. The World Bank funded landmark project involved implementing a methodology for drafting local planning instruments in four medium sized cities. Deputy Team Leader of the Israeli-Greek Consortium *Lerman/Marmanet*, 2009-2010

#### Architectural, Urban Design and masterplanning, complex projects

- MANASTIR RESORT. Lead Architect of a signature resort with a particular theme of an Italian coastal town located on a 5.6ha site on the coast of Saranda municipality. The scope of work involved elaborating a project theme and identity, preparation of a masterplan with aid of transport experts and landscape and marina experts and providing a detailed design BoQ and technical specifications for 55+ individual buildings of second homes, boutique hotel and services. *TP Group*, 2020-2023
- Investigation of needed works, concept design and program for the restoration and reuse of 'Gini Building' in the historical 19<sup>th</sup> century compound of NTUA in the centre of Athens. Research program funded by Ministry of Culture, *NTUA*, 2020-2021
- Design Strategy for the rehabilitation of the historical centre of Athens and rehabilitation proposals for three historical squares. Urban Design Competition, *Athens Urban Regeneration Company*, 2019 (with Point Supreme Architects)
- Masterplan and full design services for the Study of the emblematic King Abdullah Park in Amman Jordan with surface of 50ha. Client: Greater Amman Municipality. Deputy Team Leader and Technical Coordinator of multidisciplinary team formed by international and local experts *Thymio Papayannis & Dar al Omran*, *TPA*, 2008-09.
- Planning Study supporting the conversion of Faleron Sports Hall in Athens International Congress Hall on the coastal front of Athens. Client: *Olympic Properties SA*. Project Responsible, *TPA*, 2007
- Masterplan of a large-scale luxury tourism and housing development with two hotels and various residential components, golf course in an area of 450ha in Salalah, Oman. Deputy Team Leader, *TPA*, 2007.
- Concept Proposal for the development of commercial services in Piraeus new railway terminal and improving integration in the surrounding area. Client: *GAIAOSE*, the real estate company of

Greek Railways. Project responsible, *TPA* 2006.

- Concept masterplan for the integration of the new *Panathinaikos* football stadium in the industrial district of Votanikos, Athens. Concept proposal for sports based urban regeneration in collaboration with Norman Foster Office, Urban Designer, Project Coordinator, *TPA*, 2005.
- Masterplan for a mix-use urban regeneration of a 64ha coastal industrial brownfield in Drapetsona, Pireaus (ex-fertilizer chemical plant). We worked with real estate experts and UK landscape firm EDAW. Client: National Bank of Greece Real Estate. Urban Designer, *TPA*, 2005.
- TECHNOLIS-ACROPOLIS Masterplan for a new technopole in the northern outskirts of Athens on the 24ha ex-quarry site. The project was developed in partnership with TOMBAZIS Architects. Client: The association of Greek IT companies. Urban Designer *TPA*, 2003.
- Masterplan for the development of a large tourist resort with marina, thalassotherapy and hotel residential components on a 16.5ha seaside property in Skorponeria, Euboea, Greece. Client: ELVIMEK. Urban Designer, *TPA*, 2003.
- Masterplan and full design services for the redevelopment of the Faleron bay for Athens Olympics. Concept Masterplan to create a recreational urban waterfront and arch design of sports venues. Worked with experts from Sydney, France (Reichen & Robert) *TPA*, 2001-2002
- Architectural Design of a public square and surrounding space located inside the University Campus of Zografou, Athens, individual assignment, 2006.
- Architectural Design of an ensemble of two residences on private plot (4.000sqm) in the coastal hill top location of Leonidio, Peloponese, Individual assignment, 2005
- Interior Design of three lofts, about 100m<sup>2</sup> each, inside existing 1950s building in the historical district of Monastiraki, Athens. Individual assignment, design and supervision, 2003
- Full Design services for the development of two new student residential buildings with total surface of 2000m<sup>2</sup> located inside the University Campus of Zografou, Athens, Individual assignment in partnership with other consultants, 2002-2003
- Architectural Design of a new educational administrative building with total surface of 750m<sup>2</sup> in the centre of Athens. Individual assignment, 2001
- Interior Design for the housing of a university library (350m<sup>2</sup>) inside an existing office building in the centre of Athens. Individual assignment, 2000
- Design and construction of a wooden/iron outdoor theatre located inside the University Campus of Zografou, Athens, Member of the study team under Professor Dimitris Biris, 1996.

#### Design workshops, exhibitions and other activities

Design Actions for Shifting Conditions. International research collaboration on climate adaptation of urban spaces through research by design. Delft University of Technology, Politecnico di Milano, Universities of Antwerp, Ljubljana, Warsaw and Athens, 2018-2020.

<https://books.open.tudelft.nl/home/catalog/view/24/37/98>

Urban Resilience, Governance and Climate Change. International Summer School and Workshop, Leibniz University, Hannover, 2019

<https://www.repo.uni-hannover.de/handle/123456789/6805>

SITE EFFECTS 22. Design exhibition, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, October 2018

<https://www.snfcc.org/visitors-center/events/2015/10/site-effects—22-proposals/?lang=en>

Design Strategies for the Green Zone of Nicosia, Cyprus Cultural Centre September 2016

<http://spititiskyprou.gr/event/imerida-schediasmata-gia-tin-prasini-grammi-ke-ekthesi-stratigikes-sirrafis-tis-nekris-zonis/>

*Interconnected urban village*. Entry in Urban Design Competition *ATHENS X4* of the Ministry of Environment, 2010 (with *A whale's architects*)

*Apolis*, Hellenic American Union, 2006. Project: *Rosebud*, a residential installation for an insulated community [https://www.hau.gr/?i=culture.en.past\\_event.1034](https://www.hau.gr/?i=culture.en.past_event.1034)

*Les Ateliers Internationaux de Maitrise d'Oeuvre Urbaine Cergy Pontoise*, International Urban Planning Workshop, Benin, November 2005.

Ephemeral structures for the city of Athens. Urban design competition, Athens Olympic Games Organizing Committee, 2003

*EUROPAN 6*. Urban Design Competition. Housing study for a model urban community, 2001.

Rabbin square, Tel Aviv, 'Under construction' Concept Proposal for a square with a political theme advocating world peace. international architectural competition, September 2001.

Regeneration of the towncentre of Orestias, Greece. Urban design competition, October 2000.

Cities, Space, Architecture –Pilot Program Workshop, London School of Economics, 1998

Eco-techno polis, international urban design exhibition for Piraeus Street, ARSIS Arch, 1997

## Public realm

Invited speaker, member of jury and educator in various programs in Greece and abroad, including Congress of New Urbanism, 2023, Graduate School of Planning and Preservation, Columbia University (2022), University of Miami (2022), University of Notre Dame (2022-2023), Bartlett School of Planning, UCL (2015, 2019), LSE Cities Executive Program (2020), AA Projective Cities, (2020), Leibniz University Hannover (2019) CNFPT/INET, France (2019) Dastu/Politecnico di Milano (2018), Architecture Bordeaux/Science Po (2017), ETSAB Barcelona (2016), London School of Economics Planning Unit (2016), Posgrado Urbanismo, UNAM Mexico (2012), Universities of Thessaloniki, Volos etc

More than 35 scientific publications including journals, such as *Cities*, *City*, *Sustainability* and *European Planning Studies*, books and conference papers.

### Partnership with Athens planning institutions:

Workshop for the Hadrian Aqueduct integrated planning strategy, Region of Attica, Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center, 2022

Athens Urban Resilience Strategy, Municipality of Athens 2017

Reactivate Athens, 101 design solutions. Participatory Design program, Municipality of Athens 2013

Athens in Crisis, International Symposium, Municipality of Athens/EPFL Lausanne 2010

### Press:

<https://www.blod.gr/speakers/pagonis-thenos/>

<https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/561068329/o-gordios-desmos-ton-ektos-schediyo/>

<https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/1079604/vathmologontas-tin-anaplasi/>

<https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/1047891/anoigei-o-dialogos-gia-to-elliniko/>