

## Dr Charalambos Kasimis



Charalambos Kasimis is Professor at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development of the Agricultural University of Athens since 2003.

He has served as Director of the Postgraduate Studies MSc. Programme “Integrated Rural Development and Management of Rural Space” (2010-2014) and Head of his Department (2013-2014). Between September 2014 and March 2015, he served as Deputy Rector of the Agricultural University of Athens.

For the period 1986-2003 he was a member of the academic staff of the Department of Economics at the University of Patras and between 1995 and 2000 the Director of the Institute of Urban and Rural Sociology at the National Centre for Social Research of Greece.

For a number of years, he served as a member of the Executive Committee of the European Society for Rural Sociology and between 2013 and 2015 as President.

His research and academic interests focus on rural transformation, agricultural policy and rural development in Greece, the Balkans and the Mediterranean region. International migration and migrant employment in rural regions drew his research interest for some years and in the years of the economic crisis he worked on the implications of the crisis in rural areas and the ‘return to the land’ movement in Greece.

In March 2015, he was appointed Secretary General of Agricultural Policy & Management of European Funds in the Ministry of Rural Development and Food, in charge of the CAP, Rural Development and Fisheries Development Programmes of Greece in the programming period 2014-2020. He completed his term in office in July 2019.

Between 2018 -2019 he served as an Executive Board member of the state organisation “Enterprise Greece” in charge of the promotion of Greek exports and foreign investments in Greece.

For the period 2016-2020 Charalambos Kasimis he was member and Vice President of the Governing Board of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM).