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Ursula von der Leyen suggesting Mr Costas Kadis as Member of the Commission

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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Ms Christina RAFTI, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the European Union, forwarding the letter from Mr Nikos CHRISTODOULIDES, President of Cyprus, suggesting Mr Costas KADIS as Member of the Commission.

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Brussels, 29/08/2024

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter of H.E. the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides, addressed to the President – elect of the European Commission, nominating Mr Costas Kadis as a member of the new European Commission, as well as Mr Kadis' Curriculum Vitae.

Yours sincerely,



Christina Rafti  
Permanent Representative

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REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

PRESIDENTIAL PALACE  
The President

Nicosia, 27 August 2024

Dear President-elect,

At the outset, I wish to warmly congratulate you on your re-election as President of the European Commission.

Your able leadership has been critical for our Union over the past five years, and we stand firmly by you as you steer the Union into the next five years, as we strive, in unity and determination, for a stronger, more resilient European Union, that delivers for its citizens and the world.

Further to your letter of 24 July, I hereby nominate Mr. Costas Kadis as the Cypriot Member of the Commission.

Mr. Kadis, whose detailed curriculum vitae is attached, is a university professor in the field of biodiversity conservation. He has a wealth of executive experience, having previously served thrice as Minister of different Cypriot governments, on diverse portfolios, including Agriculture & Environment, for a total of 10 years. He is currently serving as Vice President of Frederick University in Cyprus.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nikos Christodoulides'.

Nikos Christodoulides

Ms Ursula von der Leyen,  
President-elect,  
European Commission,  
Brussels

Attached: curriculum vitae of Mr. Costas Kadis



cc: Mr. János Boká,  
President of the Council,  
Council of the European Union,  
Brussels

Ms Thérèse Blanchet,  
Secretary-General of the Council,  
Council of the European Union,  
Brussels

## CV of Prof. Costas Kadis

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Costas Kadis is a Professor of Biodiversity Conservation and former Minister of the Republic of Cyprus

### EDUCATION

1987-1991 BSc in Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens  
1991-1995 PhD in Conservation Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens  
1994 Postgraduate Intensive Course on Mediterranean Landscape Ecology, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania  
2000 Training course on the administration of publicly funded scientific research. Visiting fellow, Cornell University

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

1995-1996 Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens  
1996-1998 Scientific consultant, Enalion Environmental Management Centre, Cyprus Development Bank  
1998-2005 Head of Unit and Deputy Director General (2001-2005) / Officer (1998-2001), Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus  
2005-2014 Associate Professor, Head of Nature Conservation Unit, Dean of School of Education, Frederick University  
2023- Professor of Biodiversity Conservation, Deputy President of University Council, Head of Nature Conservation Unit, Frederick University

### POLITICAL POSTS

7/2007-2/2008 Minister of Health of the Republic of Cyprus  
3/2014-2/2018 Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus  
3/2018-2/2023 Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of the Republic of Cyprus

### OTHER POSTS

3/2008-3/2014 Leader of the Greek Cypriot team in the bicomunal Technical Committee on the Environment

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Has participated in more than 50 research projects funded by the European Commission, the United Nations, etc, while building networks of cooperation with dozens of universities, research centers, and scientists in Europe and internationally.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Author and co-author of six scientific books and more than 50 scientific articles published in international journals and proceedings of professional conferences, after peer review, which focus on the sustainable management of natural resources, biodiversity conservation, and environmental education.

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