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Ursula von der Leyen suggesting Mr Apostolos Tzitzikostas as Member  
of the Commission

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Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Ms Alexandra PAPADOPOULOU, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, forwarding the letter from Mr Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS, the Prime Minister of Greece, suggesting Mr Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS as Member of the Commission.

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*Dear Janos*

Attached please find the letter addressed by the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis to the President of the European Commission, H.E. Ms Ursula von der Leyen, nominating Apostolos Tzitzikostas as the Greek member of the next EU Commission, accompanied by the latter's CV.

Sincerely

*Alexandra Papadopoulou*  
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H.E. Mr. Janos Boka  
Minister for European Union Affairs  
President of the Council of the European Union  
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HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear President, *Dear Ursula*

I would like to reiterate my warmest congratulations for your re-election as President of the European Commission and thank you for your letter dated 24 July 2024, regarding the nomination of the next European Commissioner from Greece.

On behalf of the Greek government I would like to propose Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas, as the Greek member of the next EU Commission. His CV is hereby attached.

Mr. Tzitzikostas has served as Governor of Central Macedonia for more than a decade, having been elected in 2014, 2019 and 2023. He has extensive experience with the European Institutions, as President of the European Committee of the Regions since 2020.

I am confident that Mr. Tzitzikostas has the profile, background and commitment, as well as the wide-ranging experience from heading the strategic region of Central Macedonia, at the crossroads between the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean, which will allow him to greatly contribute to the goals and priorities of the new Commission.

Looking forward to closely working with you in the coming years, please accept, dear President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Kyriakos Mitsotakis

*H.E. Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission*

## **Apostolos Tzitzikostas' Curriculum Vitae**

Apostolos Tzitzikostas was born OMISSIS.

He is a graduate of Athens College.

He studied Political Science and International Politics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

He worked in the Office of the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. Congress.

He obtained a Master's degree in European Public Policy from University College London.

In 2002, he established his own company in Thessaloniki in the production and processing of dairy products based on organic standards.

In the national elections of September 2007, he was elected Member of the Greek Parliament with the Nea Demokratia party in the 1st Electoral District of Thessaloniki.

As MP, he served as Secretary of the Hellenic Parliament, member of the Standing Committee on National Defense and Foreign Affairs, and member of the Standing Committee on Financial Affairs.

Additionally, he was a member of the Special Standing Committee on European Community Affairs and the Special Committee for the Reform Treaty of the European Union.

He represented the Hellenic Parliament in the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly from 2007 to 2009.

In the regional elections of November 2010, he was elected Deputy Regional Governor of Thessaloniki.

In the regional elections of May 2014, he was elected Governor of Central Macedonia with 71% of the vote.

He was re-elected as Governor of Central Macedonia in the regional elections of May 2019 and October 2023, receiving over 60% of the vote.

In November 2019, he was elected President of the Association of Greek Regions and was unanimously re-elected President in February 2024, for the first time in the institution's history.

Since 2015, he has been a member of the European Committee of the Regions, the official institution of the European Union representing regional and local governments and in July 2017, he was elected Head of the Greek Delegation.

In February 2020, he became the first Greek President of the European Committee of the Regions elected unanimously by all political groups.

In July 2022, he was also unanimously elected First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions.

During his tenure as Regional Governor, Central Macedonia was awarded by the European Institutions as the "Entrepreneurial Region of Europe."

He fluently speaks English and French, and his articles are frequently published in newspapers and magazines in Greece and abroad.

He is OMISSIS.