

**Mr Georgios Vanikiotis** is a Greek national. During his 35-year career he served in several key positions of the Greek National Police, accumulating extensive experience at managerial, administrative and operational levels in Greece and abroad. He has graduated from the Advanced Academy of Professional Development, the Commissioned Officers School of the Police Academy and the F.B.I. National Academy.

Mr Vanikiotis has been, among others, Director of the Trafficking in Human Beings Department, Deputy Director of the Directorate against Organised Crime and Trafficking in Human Beings, National Coordinator of the Operational Law Enforcement Strategy for the EU Security, Representative of the Hellenic Police in the National Committee against Trafficking in Human Beings, National Representative at Europol, Project Manager and Criminal Intelligence Officer at Interpol's General Secretariat and Chief of Staff of the Minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection, specialised in investigations and operations related to organised crime, human trafficking and smuggling, financial crime, money laundering and asset recovery.

Mr Vanikiotis was a lecturer at the Police Academy, the Advanced Academy of Professional Development, the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government of the Ministry of the Interior, and speaker at numerous international fora. He has run training programmes for law enforcement staff, labor inspectors, prosecutors, public servants and NGO members, related to human trafficking, crime analysis, special investigative techniques and other issues.

During his career, he was awarded with 62 orders of merit and decorations by the Chief of the Greek National Police, for distinguished achievements and valiant efforts in the execution of his duties and the "2009 Hero Acting to End Modern-Day Slavery" award, by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of State, for his worldwide and nationwide efforts to combat trafficking in women and children.

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