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Currently, I work for the **European Commission** at the **European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency** (EISMEA) where I am Head of Sector for Competitiveness and Internationalisation within Single Market Programme / COSME Pillar Unit. Over last 20 years, as a policy officer of the European Commission and outside the EU institutions I have accumulated a substantial practical knowledge, academic experience, and policy-making understanding in international relations, focused on **international business, circular**

economy and entrepreneurship.

Previously, I have covered academic positions at University of Groningen (Assistant Professor) and University of Leeds (Marie Curie fellow) and am currently collaborating with University of Turku (Senior Research Fellow). I earned my PhD from University of Padova (in collaboration with King's College London and Darden School of Business (USA)). I have integrated the policymaking and academic experience with 10+ years in the private sector focused on the support to the entrepreneurship and internationalization.



Alan Vella

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Alan Vella has extensive institutional experience, and currently works as project manager at the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA). His previous experiences include six years at the European Commission and an additional two years at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Outside the institutions, he also occupied important positions relating to public administration, marketing and communications, strategic planning and procurement.

Alan's main area of expertise is tourism, and he has lectured in tourism related fields across Europe, such as at the Sorbonne University in Paris, France. Alan Vella also acted as UNESCO National Focal Point for Periodic Reporting and was an award-winning journalist, having won the Tourism Journalist of the

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Dimitrios Skarlatos is Associate Professor of Geoinformatics at the [Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics](#) of the [Cyprus University of Technology](#) (CUT). He currently serves as Vice Dean of the School of Engineering and Technology. He has coordinated [iMARECULTURE](#) a H2020 Research and Innovation Project, for underwater XR museums, with 11 partners from Europe and Canada. His research interests and publication record include UAV mapping, optical bathymetry of coastal areas, underwater 3D modelling, and CH applications of the afore mentioned topics. Recent areas of interest include mobile mapping and use of small ROVs for 3D recording.

For 12 years he worked as free-lance land surveyor in Greece, court expert and technical consultant in geoinformation companies in nationwide projects. During that period, he has participated in research projects for archaeological site and monument recording, copies of museum exhibits, real time quality control applications using machine vision, AUAVs for mapping. During his post in CUT, he has participated or coordinated in research projects with UAV mapping, UAV coastal mapping and bathymetry, Parthenon frieze precise 3d modelling, mobile mapping platforms and satellite imagery processing.

He is the lead surveyor in Mazotos shipwreck, underwater excavation, since 2010, Nisia excavation since 2014 and Protaras shipwreck since 2019. He is the academic representative of Cyprus in [EuroSDR](#) (since 2010) and co-chair in [International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Commission II \(2016-2021\), Working Group 9, about underwater photogrammetry](#). He has Chair of the organizing committee for the [Underwater 3D Recording and Modelling Workshop](#), organized in Limassol, Cyprus, in May 2019 under [ISPRS](#) and [CIPA](#) auspices.



Panagiotis Tripontikas, Commander in Hellenic Navy, Hellenic Ministry of National Defence, Directorate of Military and Technological Support, Department of Infrastructure and Environmental & Cultural Protection Commander

Panagiotis Tripontikas was born in Athens on March 18, 1972 and comes from Velanidia Voion Lakonias (Municipality of Monemvasia). He graduated from the Hellenic Navy Academy in 1995 as an Ensign of the Hellenic Navy. He is married to Irakleia Schoina and is the father of a son named John. His operational service includes more than 12 years of deployment at sea onboard surface units, one year as the Commanding Officer of Mine Hunter HS KALYPSO. He was assigned as Director of the Floating Naval Museums

Battleship "GEORGIOS AVEROF" and HS VELOS. His staff assignments include the Hellenic Fleet Command and Hellenic Navy Minewarfare Command. He was designated from Hellenic Fleet Command, Hellenic Navy General Staff and finally, Hellenic National Defence General Staff as "Friend of the Environment" on an individual level for the year 2019. From September 2020 until the present day, he is a staff officer of the Department of Infrastructure and Environmental Protection of Directorate of Military and Technological Support at the Hellenic Republic Ministry of National Defence. He has received medals and distinctions commensurate with his rank. He has completed the diving training in Underwater Demolition Command. He is a graduate of the Hellenic Joint Staff College, the Supreme Joint War College and the Hellenic National Defense College. He is a researcher and a writer and has published the following books:

1. "1900: The Adventures of Pavlos Kountouriotis during the first transatlantic voyage onboard masted cruiser "NAVARCHOS MIAOULIS" ISBN:978-960-88509-3-4 (<https://www.1900thebook.com>)
2. Wrecks In The Greek Seas 1830-1951-The Underwater Heritage Of Navy's Stakeholding Fund & Mariners' Pension Fund (www.seathewrecks.com)