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Spyros Konidaris has been with the European Commission since 1985. He is currently in charge of the Research Networks Unit in the Information Society Technologies (IST) Programme managed by the Information Society General Directorate.

The IST Research and Development Programme (3.6 Billion EURO) is addressing strategic research areas (Photonics, mobiles, microelectronics, Telematics application in health, environment, new methods of work etc) . The research projects are established through the cooperation of companies and academia among several countries.

In the past he has assumed the duties of Acting Director in the Directorate with 160 people handling basic research, research networks, international relations, socio-economic studies, Human capital and Programme operations. He had also assumed the role of liaison between R&D and Telecommunications policy.

Before joining the European Commission he worked (1974-1985) as a senior Researcher in the Research Department of the Hellenic Telecoms Organisation in Greece dealing with optical communications, transfer of technology and Telecommunications Policy and in parallel working as senior consultant on Optical Communications in Athens University.

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