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Experienced journalist and communications executive with over 28 years in sports media, public relations, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and international relations. Since 2019, I have held strategic roles at Olympiacos FC, leading CSR initiatives, managing UEFA and Ministry partnerships, and designing high-impact inclusion programs. Recognized with multiple national awards and UEFA acknowledgments for pioneering projects in accessibility, diversity, and youth support through football. Member of the Athens Daily Newspaper Editors' Union (ESHEA) and the Panhellenic Sports Press Association (PSAT).

- Designed the “100 Years Olympiacos (1925–2025)” anniversary campaign.
- Oversaw accessibility upgrades at “G. Karaiskakis” Stadium, including a new model plan for national stadium adoption.
- Launched permanent live match audio description services for visually impaired fans (1st in Europe).
- Developed sensory room and hosted autistic children at a live match (Dec 2024).
- Organized youth football tournament for unaccompanied refugee minors (May 2023) in partnership with the Greek Ministry of Migration.
- Co-submitted a proposal with University of Piraeus to the EU for a pan-European football tournament for persons with intellectual disabilities.
- Lead contact for Olympiacos U19, winners of the 2023–24 UEFA Youth League (first European title by a Greek club).
- Operations Manager for the senior team that won the 2023–24 UEFA Europa Conference League.

- UEFA recognition for Olympiacos media operations (2022–23).
- Responsible for the historical content and concept of the club’s new museum, to be inaugurated in summer 2025.
- endorsed COVID-era media operations model, initially presented for the Europa League tie vs. Wolverhampton in March 2020.
- Multiple UEFA recognitions for media services (2019–2022)
- Nova Sports TV (1996–2019): Lead broadcaster for Olympiacos matches, sports news anchor, and tennis presenter. Awarded by PSAT for exclusive long-form interviews.
- Kathimerini Newspaper (1991–2019): Covered Olympiacos, Ministry of Sports, and conducted weekly magazine interviews.
- Skai Radio (2004–2007): Hosted daily show and match commentary. - Contributor to Status and Active magazines.

Education

Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences Bachelor’s Degree in International, European, and Regional Studies

Languages

- Greek (Native) - English (Fluent)

Professional Memberships

- Athens Daily Newspaper Editors’ Union (ESHEA) - Greek Sports Journalists Association (PSAT)