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Dr Ioannis Kaplanis is an economist with degrees from the London School of Economics (PhD, BSc) and the University of Manchester (MSc). He has worked as an economist for the OECD, at the Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development as well as the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs. On official secondment from OECD, Dr Kaplanis served as Director General of the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI), in Athens. In the past, he worked at the Economic Team of the Mayor of London as well as in academia at the London School of Economics, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Panteion University and the Athens University of Economics and Business.

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