

Dr. Dimitrios Kotsifakos was born in Piraeus, Greece. He graduated from the 2nd General High School of Piraeus and studied at the School of Applied Technologies (A – TEI of Athens, Department of Electronics). In parallel with his studies at the A-TEI of Athens, he completed his studies in Music (Advanced Theoretical Degrees (Harmony, Counterpoint, Fugue) and Guitar Degree) participating in international seminars and conferences about the performance and composition of musical works. After his studies and until 2005 he carried out a multifaceted professional, social, and artistic activity. In 2005 he was appointed [Specialty PE 84 - Electronic], in Secondary Education Vocational Education and Training (VET), (position of responsibility Deputy Director Grade A). In 2010, he completed the "Informatics" master's program (Grade: Excellent) at the University of Piraeus. In 2011 he was accepted to the Pedagogical Training program (EPPAIK) of the Athens University of Applied Sciences / General Department of Pedagogical Courses / from which he graduated (grade: Excellent) in the summer of 2012. In January 2014 he was accepted as a PhD candidate at the Department of Informatics of the University of Piraeus with supervising professor, Dr. Douligeris Christos. In January 2020 he defended his PhD Thesis which had as its topic "Advanced Online Services, Software and Applications in Vocational Education and Training Environments" (Grade: Excellent). In June 2020, he was accepted by the Department of Informatics of the University of Piraeus as a "postdoctoral researcher". In recent years he has participated, supervised, and taught at the Postgraduate Master Programme "Digital Culture, Smart Cities, IoT, and Advanced Digital Technologies", of the Department of Informatics, University of Piraeus as a postdoctoral researcher and collaborator. Additionally, during the last years, he participated in scientific and organizational committees of International and National conferences, and seminars, but also as a writer, judge, and lecturer. He is active mainly in innovative actions around the educational process In July 2023, he was appointed as the Director of the 1st Laboratory Center of Agios Dimitrios, after the evaluation of the Local Selection Board.

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