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Yannis XENAKIS was an official in the European Commission and served in Brussels for thirty-five years. His responsibilities included mainly the following:

- Economics department, 1981-2001. Economic forecasts. Monetary and exchange rate analysis. Contributions to the creation of the European Economic and Monetary Union. Legislation for the introduction of the euro. Changeover of public administrations to the euro. Practical aspects for the introduction of the euro.
- European Anti-Fraud Office/OLAF, 2002-2010. Head of Unit for the Protection of the Euro against fraud and counterfeiting: legislative initiatives, programme management and technical analyses.
- European Anti-Fraud Office/OLAF, 2010-2014. Acting Director for Policy; Head of Unit for Customs Anti-Fraud Policy: analysis of fraud, legislative initiatives, negotiation with Member States and third countries, organisation of Joint Customs Operations and management of IT mechanisms for mutual assistance in customs. He chaired a number of EU and international committees; he introduced innovative practices in the customs operations and promoted particularly cooperation with China.

Yannis XENAKIS has occasionally published articles on the euro and on customs anti-fraud matters. He lives in Brussels with his family and, since his retirement in November 2014, he teaches university in France and in Germany.
