



PROGRAMME

Hearing

on "The Implementation of Financial Assistance from the EU Budget in Greece"

Tuesday 28 May 2013, 9.00 – 12.30

Brussels

Room József Antall JAN 6Q2

Opening

9.00 h Michael THEURER, Chairman

Introduction

9.05 h Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS, MEP

The implementation of financial assistance to Greece¹

9.15 h Horst REICHENBACH,
Head of the European Commission's Task Force for Greece

9.35 h Stephanos MANOS²,

¹ Last year the CONT secretariat was advised that the International Monetary Fund does not participate in hearings.

² Stefanos Manos (born 20 December 1939) is a Greek politician. He served in the Government as Deputy Minister of Housing from 1977 to 1980, Minister of Environment in 1980, Minister of Industry and Energy from 1980 to 1981, Minister of Public Works from 1990 to 1991, Minister of Economy and Finance from 1992 to 1993. He received a diploma in mechanical engineering from Zurich's ETH and an MBA from Harvard University. He was active in business from 1965 to 1977. He quit in 1977 as CEO of

- Former Minister of National Economy, Greece
- 9.55 h Normunds POPENS,
Deputy Director General, DG REGIO, Commission
- 10.15 h Peter STUB JORGENSEN,
Director, DG EMPL, Commission
- 10.35 h Ben KNAPEN,
Director General, European Investment Bank, Brussels
- 10.55 h Discussion

The cost effectiveness of financial assistance to Greece

- 11.45 h Guntram B. WOLFF³,
Deputy Director of Bruegel⁴
- 12.05 h Discussion

Concluding remarks

- 12.20 h Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS, MEP

Allatini SA, a major food manufacturer, and was elected to the Greek Parliament where he remained until 2007. In 2009 he formed the political party Drassi which failed to reach the 3% threshold in the June 2012 elections. After the election he resigned the Drassi leadership. Manos is best known for his unwavering liberal convictions and his tendency for practical and effective solutions. Over the years he has been associated with major legislative initiatives concerning the environment and the economy. He is connected with important infrastructure projects e.g. the metro of Athens, the Athens airport, the Athens ring road, the suspension bridge at Rio. He is also the precursor of privatization in Greece. Manos was a prolific contributor to op-ed pages. For the last 20 years he has been warning of the danger of excessive government spending and debt. He published a collection of these articles in 2010 under the title "Antistrouthokamilika" (Anti-Ostrichlike).

³ Guntram Wolff is the Deputy Director of Bruegel. His research focuses on the euro area economy and governance, on fiscal policy, global finance and Germany. He is also a member of the French prime minister's Conseil d'Analyse Economique. He has joined Bruegel from the European Commission, where he worked on the macroeconomics of the euro area and the reform of euro area governance. Prior to joining the Commission, he was an economist at the Deutsche Bundesbank, where he coordinated the research team on fiscal policy. He also worked as an adviser to the International Monetary Fund

⁴ Bruegel (<http://www.bruegel.org/>) is a European think tank working in the field of international economics. Established in 2005, Bruegel is independent. It seeks to contribute to European and global economic policy-making through open, fact-based and policy-relevant research, analysis and debate.