



Maria Georgiadou

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Maria studied in the US with a Fulbright scholarship and got her Master's degree in Economics from the University of Oxford, UK.

Maria is the Managing Director of Cyprus Seeds, a non-profit organization which supports the commercialization of innovative academic research in Cyprus. Prior to Cyprus Seeds, Maria was a full-time consultant, for 3 years, with Bank of Cyprus on matters related to innovation and EU funding. She initiated and coordinated IDEA, the first Accelerator-Incubator Program in Cyprus for Cypriot start-ups, during its first 3 years.

Maria has 25 years of experience with the Cyprus Development Bank (cdbbank) where she was Head, for 8 years, of the International Banking Unit. At cdbbank, she also set up the EU Unit and attracted EU grants for SMEs in Cyprus. During her last 3 years at the Bank, she was Head of Business Development & Marketing.

Maria worked in the European Commission in Brussels. For 3 years, she was an evaluator for the HORIZON 2020 SME Instrument, which funds the commercialization of innovative research projects in Europe. For 12 years, she was one of the two partners of the World Economic Forum in Cyprus, contributing to the annual Global Competitiveness Report of the WEF.