

## Nikolaos Daskalakis

Dr Nikos Daskalakis is Assistant Professor in Finance and Accounting in the Department of Public Administration of Panteion University. Dr. Daskalakis is an experienced researcher having published in numerous top-rated academic journals (ABS:4 and ABS:3) and his publications enjoy a high level of awareness with more than 2,000 citations. His current scientific interests lie in the area of SMEs access to finance, crowdfunding and blockchain applications in finance.

Dr. Daskalakis has held consulting positions at top European bodies for matters that regard financial services. He served as a member of the Financial Services User Group (FSUG) of the EC (2010-2016), member of the European Crowdfunding Stakeholder Forum (ECSF), of the EC (2014-2016), member of the Banking Stakeholder Group (BSG) of EBA (2013-2018) and member of the Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group of EIOPA (2020-2024). In all these position Dr. Daskalakis was representing SMEs.

Dr. Daskalakis has developed and still maintains close ties with SMEs. He was Head of Market and Entrepreneurship Development Discipline in the Small Enterprises Institute of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (IME-GSEVEE) (2008-2015). Part of his role was to design and implement several consulting projects for SMEs and to represent the Confederation in various domestic and international fora for matters that mainly regard SMEs access to finance. Dr. Daskalakis is still consulting the Confederation in matters relative to SME financing.