



BRIEFING NOTE: Androulla VASSILIOU

Name	Androulla VASSILIOU 
First time Commissioner?	No, former Commissioner for Health
Date of Hearing	Thursday 14 January 13.00-16.00
Country	Cyprus
Political Party	Enomeni Dimokrates (ALDE)
Previous Cypriot Commissioner	Androulla Vassiliou/ Markos Kyprianou
Portfolio	Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth
Services	DG Education and Culture (EAC) with some unit changes DG Translation (DGT); DG Interpretation (SCIC); Translation Centre for the Bodies of the EU (CdT); European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP); European Training Foundation (ETF); European Institute of Technology (EIT); The EAC part of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).
Personal details	Born November 30, 1943 in Paphos, Cyprus Married 3 children
Current duties	Since February 2008: Commissioner for Health
Political career	Since February 2008: Member of the European Commission 2001-2006: Vice-President of the European Liberal Democrats and Reform Party (ELDR) 2001-2003: Alternate Representative of the Cyprus Parliament to the Convention for the future of Europe

	1996-2006: Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives representing the movement of the United Democrats
Professional career	<p>2008: Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Cyprus Oncology Centre</p> <p>2001-2006: Chairperson of the European Liberal Women's Network</p> <p>Since 1998: Member of the Board of Trustees of Pharos Trust, a Cultural Foundation (The Commissioner will resign from the Board of Trustees of Pharos Trust as soon as she is appointed.)</p> <p>1996-2001: President of the Cyprus Federation of Business and Professional Women</p> <p>Since 1995: Honorary President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)</p> <p>1991-1995: President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations</p> <p>1988-1993: First Lady to the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p>1978-1992: President of the United Nations Association of Cyprus</p> <p>1980-1988: Legal advisor to the Bank of Cyprus</p> <p>1970-1980: Legal advisor to the Standard Chartered Bank</p> <p>1968-1988: Lawyer in Cyprus</p>
Education	<p>1966: Graduated in International Affairs</p> <p>1964: Graduated in Law</p>
Languages	<p>Greek: Mother tongue</p> <p>English: Fluent</p> <p>French: Thorough knowledge</p>
FYI....	She is married to George Vassiliou, former President of the Republic of Cyprus and Chief Negotiator for Cyprus's Accession to the EU

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