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Michael Sarris was born in Nicosia.

He received his B.Sc. in Economics at the London School of Economics. He continued his studies in the United States where he obtained his Doctorate in Economics.

In 1972, he joined the research department of the Central Bank of Cyprus. In early 1974, he moved to the Bank of Cyprus to work on planning and project analysis.

As from 1975, Michael Sarris worked at the World Bank. In the course of his career, his work covered a broad range of sectors in Africa, Latin America and East Asia.

His duties included, supervision of the design of the overall country strategies of the Bank, the provision of advice on policy issues for economic and social development, the elaboration of programmes for structural reforms and the development of economic policy dialogue, between the Bank and the national authorities of countries seeking World Bank assistance.

At the end of 2004, he retired from the World Bank as a Department Director.

In September 2005, the President of the Republic of Cyprus appointed him as Minister of Finance, where he served until the change in government in March 2008. During his tenure, Cyprus prepared for and successfully introduced the Euro as its national currency.