



## Eastern Europe

Dimitri got involved with the transition economies of Eastern Europe from the very beginning, and has worked in different capacities on a number of these countries for almost two decades.

As a young IMF economist, he started working on Romania in February 1990, just two months after the overthrow of Ceausescu. He published the first overview of the [Romanian economic reform program](#) in 1991, as well as one of the first [research articles](#) on the output collapse in Eastern Europe. He was the IMF's Resident Representative in Latvia and Estonia during 1996-99. He also worked at various times on Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Kosovo, heading for five years the IMF's Southeastern European Division.

In 2003, during his stint at the Greek Presidency of the EU, he was responsible for EU relations with Russia, the Caucasus, and SE Europe, and developed jointly with the European Commission the EU's "[Wider Europe](#)" policy, a framework for relations with EU's eastern and southern neighbors.

He returned to the region in 2010 to lead the IMF's Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP) in [Russia](#).

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