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George Koumoutsakos is the Alternate Minister of Citizen Protection dealing with the external aspects of migration. He previously served as New Democracy's shadow minister of foreign affairs.

He studied Political Science at Panteion University, Greece. He holds postgraduate degrees in Diplomacy and Defense Policy from the University of Strasbourg and in International Politics from the University of Brussels.

He was Member of the European Parliament (MEP) with the European People's Party (EPP)/ Nea Demokratia from 2009-2014. Previously he served as a Diplomat, as spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Head of cabinet of Mr. Petros Molyviatis, MP and subsequently Foreign Minister, in the Greek Embassy in Tirana at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the Western European Union and in the Diplomatic Office of the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Kostis Stephanopoulos.