

MARIA ZACHARIOU DODOU

Maria Zachariou Dodou is a Civil and Environmental Engineer specialized in water and wastes water management .She obtained a BSc degree in Civil Engineering from the University College of London, an M.Sc. as an Environmental Engineer "Water and Waste Engineering" from the University of Loughborough-UK, and a Ph.D in Chemical Engineering 'Management of Industrial Wastewaters" from the Metsovio Polytechion Greece.

She worked for many years in the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment from where she has recently retired, as Chief Water Engineer –Assistant Water Director. She has more than 30 years experience in Water and Wastewater Management including planning and design of utilization of Water Resources in conjunction with water engineering structures and the Implementation of the European legislation related to Water and Urban Wastewaters Directives. In parallel she was a Regional Expert for Technical Assistance at the European Commission TAIEX and the Representative of the Republic of Cyprus at the Urban Wastewater Treatment Committee of the Commission. She was a member of the working team on water and pollution issues, representing Cyprus in the negotiations for the accession to the European Union.

Since 2011 she is the appointed Chairwoman of the Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, and is a member of the Political Office of DYSY. She is an elected Board Member of the Retired Union of Government Employees and the representative of Cyprus in the Women's Federal European Committee FERPA.

In parallel she works as a Technical Expert on European Projects with the Technical University Athens (Metsovio Polytechion). Her work in Romania and Latvia on European Twining projects focused on the harmonization of the countries with the Aqui with regard to Environmental Issues, including Management of Hazardous Wastes and Environmental Management. She also collaborates with the Ministry of Rural Development and Environment on the Development of a National Strategy for Adaptation to Climatic Changes in Cyprus.

She has been a Member of the Management Committee in a number of European Cooperation Programs in the field of Science and Research in the Environment, is a member of the Working Group of the European Technical Assistant program WATER 2020, and a member of the Management committee on the Development of an Integrated Observatory System for Marine Biodiversity.

As a volunteer, she is a Board Member of the Fund Rising Committee of the Anticancer Association.

She is married with two children

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