

## Shaping green policies in Local Governments Experiences and good practices

### Seminar of "Greens in Big Cities" Network and Greek Green Local Councillors

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#### Participants

##### **Hara Aksouristou**



She is a literature teacher in a high school of Veria in Greece. She is also an active member of school's environmental group and the independent party of teachers of Imathia. She is a member of Amnesty International and of Ecologists Greens in Greece. Due to the rotation assumed the position of councillor Veria in the second half of the term.

##### **Dr. Yahya Hassan Bajwa**



Dr. Yahya Hassan Bajwa, is co-founder and president of the peace education projects in Pakistan ([www.LivingEducation.org](http://www.LivingEducation.org)). He is a member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. In Baden, he leads the Office of Research and Communications (TransCommunication) and specializes in communication between cultures and interreligious dialogue - specializing in Islam. He is active as a lecturer at various universities, colleges and hospitals. In Baden, he is a teacher at the cantonal school of vocational training. In Switzerland, Bajwa is in the City Council in Baden and represented the Greens in the Aargau cantonal parliament. He is a member of the board of the Green Party of Switzerland and has been a delegate at the European Greens

##### **Lampros Bouklis**



Labros Bouklis (1966) holds a MSc in "Business strategy and environmental management" (Bradford University,UK) and a BSc in Physics (Patras University, GR) with specialization in Archaeological/Environmental Geophysics" (Vienna University, Austria). He is an elected Green Regional Councillor at Peloponnese Region and also Secretary of the Council's Board. He is appointed by the Peloponnese Region as Coordinator of "Recycling & Composting" among 26 local Municipalities. He is also appointed as Coordinator for "Social Solidarity" issues.

##### **Nikos Chrysogelos**



Ecologists Greens MEP, Vice-president of the Committee of Regional Development (REGI) and alternate member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) of the European Parliament. Shadowed rapporteur in European Parliament for social cohesion, regional development, environment for the Greens in the European Parliament. Head of Green Ecologists in the national elections of 2009, campaign coordinator of the 2009 European elections. Elected to ECO-WIND Regional Director and Secretary of the Bureau of the Regional

Council of South Aegean. Representative for a few years of the Ecologists Greens in the European Greens Council

### **Kostas Diakos**



He is a lawyer, specialized on environmental issues, with postgraduate studies in Public & Community Law at Paris II, and Politics in the Ecole des Etudes Politiques. Founding member of the Green Ecologists, signed the founding statute of the European Green Party, representing the Greek Greens. With long experience in local government and in social movements, was elected regional director of Attica as head of the ballot "Attica Ecological Response" in the last local elections

### **Giorgios Dimaras**



Is an Engineer and has completed studies in economic and Business. . He was a member of the Board the TSMEDE, board member associations of engineers, member of the committee drafting the General Construction Regulation, member of the State Education Commission in Ministry of Education, Chairman of the Municipal Environment Ag, president of the Coordinating committee for protection of Hymettus. In Ecologists Greens has been a member of the CP and the Executive Secretariat, is Regional Director with Attica ECOLOGICAL RESPONSE. Participates in committees of regional of planning and regeneration, education and culture.

### **Christos Doukeridis**



Since 1988 Christos Doukeridis is a member of ECOLO , the green ecological Party in Belgium. He served there in different positions until he became a member of the French-speaking Parliament of Brussels in 2004. He was reelected 5 years later, in 2009, and was in the negotiation committee for the formation of a coalition government in Brussels. Today, Christos is Member of the Brussels Government in charge of Housing, Firefighting, & Emergency, Medical Assistance, Tourism, Education and Budget.

### **Farfaras Giorgos**



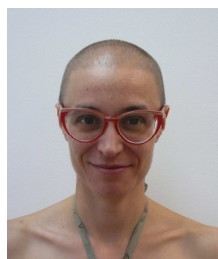
Cyclists Auditor Quality Policy, in charge of the National Coordinating Centre for European Network for Cycling Routes. He works for the establishment of a national cycling policy and the introduction of cycling policies relating to health, environment, transport, tourism, employment and the economy.

### **Nikos Gagiolakis**



Working in Private Sector and has studied Tourism and Hotel Management. Living in Germany since 1973, where he was activated in Frankfurt's Peaceful and Environmental Movement in '80s. Active member of "Greek Community's Management Board", "Cretan Association's Management Board" and "Young Immigrants' Management Board", represented them in Frankfurt's Municipality and support Greek immigrants' human rights. In 1989, returning back to Greece he was activated in "Heraklion's Labour Union Association" and was an active member of Association of Food and Tourism. Today is a member of "Greek Ecologists Greens Council", responsible for Local Government Issues. He is also an active citizen in human rights and a founding member of "Citizens Movement against Racism and Xenophobia" and Independent Regional Citizens Movement "One Crete, Environment-Human Being".

### **Mar Garcias**



Mar Garcias was born in Sabadell and has a degree on Political Science and a Master in Public Management. She has worked as a consultant on welfare state development and as chief of Cabinet of the Deputy Mayor for Environment in Barcelona City Council. Nowadays she is an advisor on environment and economic promotion to the green group in the Barcelona City Council.

### **Alekos Georgopoulos**



Professor at the Pedagogical Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki where he teaches environmental education. He has written five books and numerous articles have been published in Greek and foreign magazines. He is one of the oldest members of the Ecological Movement of Thessaloniki and editor of eco-magazine EN OIKO, EN DIMO. Repeatedly candidate consultant of Thessaloniki Prefecture "Ecology-Solidarity" and MP and MEP candidate of the Green Ecologists in all elections from 2004

### **Dimitria Gogakou**



She is an Architect Engineer with postgraduate EAP on "Environmental Design of Buildings and Cities." Consultant of the local governmental issues of the Ecologists Greens. From 1986-1990 was elected neighborhood council of Municipality of Ampelokipoi, from the 2007-2010 was elected as consultant of the Prefecture of Thessaloniki representing "Ecology Solidarity", in 2009-2010 member of the Prefectural Committees of Urban Planning, Transport & Technical Control and Health -Welfare & Social Solidarity. Founding member of the Municipal party "Citizens of Ambelokipoi", of Ampelokipoi History Center (K.I.A.TH.) and of the Consumer Cooperative "PROSKALO".

### **Venetia Hatzi**



Venetia Hatzi is a PhD Student of Human Geography at Harokopio University in Athens, Greece. Her research interests center around urban governance, management and use of public space in European Metropolis. She received her Master's Degree from the same university in "Development and Management of European Space". Her BA was in "International and European Economics and Politics" at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki. She has worked for many years at the NGO sector as a Project Coordinator for EU and nationally funded projects on issues related to the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development and intercultural dialogue. She currently works as an Executive Administrator for the Green Institute in Athens, Greece.

### **Odysseas Hilitidis**



He is a teacher and he has volunteered and worked professionally in the Greek Wildlife Hospital, the Greek Ornithological Society and the Natural History Museum of Crete. He is a member of the Ecological Movement of Thessaloniki since 1988 and a candidate in all elections involved ecological patterns from 1990 onwards. Research Fellow of the Ecologists Greens MPs.

### **Dirk Holemans**



Dirk Holemans is coordinator of the Flemish Green Foundation Oikos and former president of the Flemish Green Party.

### **Lefteris Ioannidis**



Born in 1977, he lives in Mavrodendri Kozani and works as a freelancer. He was a Mayor-Candidate for Kozani in the 2010 municipal elections with the Public Movement "Kozani - Topos na zeis" and, then, a member of the City Council of Kozani. He was a candidate member with the Ecologists Greens Party in the national elections in 2007 and 2009. He is also an active member of the Ecological Movement of Kozani and other cultural organizations.

## **Eleanna Ioannidou**



She is a lawyer, with postgraduate studies on the Public Law and Political Science. She has contributed to legal successes of the ecology movement, as the rescue of our suburban forest, preventing submerged tunnel and maintain "Allatini mill." She claims a better urban environment through the city groups, gender equality, the rights of mothers and she participates in the movement "Legalize" and "tax the Church". She is a member of E.E.D.A., of the Citizens' Union and of the Social Consumer Cooperative. He was a member of EG the PANDOIKO. Since 2010 she is a member of the Executive Secretariat and spokeswoman of Ecologists Greens.

## **Asa Jernberg**



Asa Jernberg is one of two group leaders for the Green Party in Stockholm City Council, and one of three full-time politicians. Within the Stockholm Green Party Asa is responsible for the following policy areas: sports and athletics, equal rights, education as well as environmental protection and its effect on public health. Asa is on political leave from her work as a management consultant and has a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Linköping.

## **Gerhard Jordan**



Gerhard Jordan studied History, and History of Arts at the University of Vienna. Since 1986, he is a member of the then founded party Die Grünen, Austria. From 1987 on, he was a local councillor in Vienna in the district councils of district 13 (2001-10) and 21 (1987-2001 and since 2010). He was board member of the Vienna section of Grüne Bildungswerkstatt (Austrian Green Foundation) and delegate of Die Grünen Austria to the European Green Coordination (EGC), 1989-91 member of the Co-Secretariat of the EGC (forerunner of today's EGP Committee). Since 1992 Gerhard Jordan was an advisor to the Green Group in the City Council of Vienna, in charge of European Politics and Urban Planning and from 2007-2011 member of the Steering Group of the EGP Network "Green East-West Dialogue".

## **Sakis Kavakopoulos**



Antique, a member of the Green Ecologists from the hot summer of 2007 and of the municipal party "Active citizens, Ecology in practice." Earned him the Political Ecology and actions around it as it considers that there is no other political space, which expresses a mild political discourse, sustainability and natural lifestyle and time of the subversive and early 70s' 80.

### **Giannis Koutsikos**



He is a coordinator – responsible of “Active Citizens’ Initiative of Lamia”, of the independent municipal movement in the Municipality of Lamia. He is also a member of the Green Party and responsible for civil society issues. He is working in the private sector as a regional strain in a super market chain

### **Sofia Kyprianidou**



She is an actor and theater-educator. She was born in 1982 in Thessaloniki, where she now works in a theater. She has represented - from her childhood since now- Greece in many theater festivals, in missions and programs of the General Secretariat for Youth. She studied directing in IIEK. She is a member of the theatrical group “poupoulo” since 1990, and also a member of the Ecological Movement of Thessaloniki since 2002.

### **Paul Lappalainen**



Paul Lappalainen has substantial experience in the promotion of equality and combating discrimination. Over the years he has worked in various capacities with the government and civil society. His particular focus has been on Sweden as well as Europe. During 2000-2004 he was the Swedish member of two of the EU-Commission’s independent expert groups concerning implementation of the anti-discrimination directives.

The groups covered disability and ethnicity and religion. During 2003 – 2005 he was the Swedish government’s special investigator concerning structural discrimination related to ethnicity and religion. He has been scientific advisor to the UNESCO’s ECCAR (European Coalition of Cities Against Racism) since its startup in 2004. He is Sweden’s deputy member of ECRI. He has also been a board member of the European Network Against Racism, an NGO. Today he is a senior advisor on law and policy with the Swedish Equality Ombudsman.

### **Kostas Loukeris**



Kostas Loukeris was born in Athens in 1965. He holds a B.Ed. in Elementary Teaching Education (National and Kapodestrian University of Athens), a B.A. in Contemporary History (University of Crete), an M.A. in Development Studies (Institute of Social Studies, The Hague) and an M.Phil. in Political Science (Graduate Center, City University of New York). He has lived, studied, conducted research and worked as an educator in Greece, the Netherlands, the United States of America and Ethiopia. He is currently working as the principal of the 12<sup>th</sup> Elementary School of Halandri, Athens, Greece. As of January 2012, he is the president of the Executive Board of

the Green Institute, Greece.

### **Athanasios Makris**



Thanasis Makris was born in Johannesburg (South Africa) 1966. He lives in Greece since 1976. He studied Economic in Athens University. He is an artist and a game engineer. He was elected the first green regional councillor in Eastern Macedonia and Thrace in 2010. He is party organizer for Central, Eastern Macedonia and Thrace since the end of 2011. He is substitute member of the national board of the Greek Green Party.

### **Christos Matis**



Christos Matis is the first municipal councilor of Thessaloniki, to have been elected with a green scheme, "Active Citizens, ecology in Action", in 2011. He serves as a regular member of the committee for the quality of life of the municipality. He had previously served as a local councilor in the municipality of Agios Pavlos, between the years 2006-2010. He has studied Law and has worked as a journalist since 1989.

### **Manolis Maurogiannis**



He is a teacher and Coordinator of the Political Movement of Ecologists Greens Heraklion. He was elected as a city councilor of the Municipality of Heraklion on behalf of the municipal party "Herakleion's Human-City"

### **Costas Papaconstantinou**



Costas Papaconstantinou is a Regional Councilor in Western Greece. He has been active in Non Governmental Organizations and Citizen's movements for the conservation and management of nature and public education. As an educator he has been active in Environmental Education for many years.

### **Oliver Schrouffenegger**



Oliver Schrouffenegger, born in Berlin 1962, studied Political Sciences. He joined the Greens in 1980 and was parliamentary party leader in the municipal parliament Berlin-Reinickendorf from 1985-2001. From 2001-2011, he was member of the House of Representatives in Berlin as well as speaker on the topics of budgeting, development and culture for the Green Party. Today, he is the leading advisor in the department of youth, health, civil engineering, green area planning and nature protection for the district authority of Steglitz-Zehlendorf.

### **Themis Sevastiadis**



Member of Ecologist Greens, City Counsellor in Thessaloniki

### **Outi Silfverberg**



Outi Silfverberg is the Executive Director of Helsinki Greens. In the past she has worked for various NGO's and in social research. Her special interest lies in urban environment participatory methods as a tool for solving environmental and social problems.

### **Ágnes Somfai**



Mrs. Ágnes SOMFAI is an economist, an expert in urban studies and environmental management. She is, also, a representative in the City Council of Budapest. She is member of the new Hungarian green party, called 'Politics Can Be Different'. In the city council her main areas of responsibility are manifold such as transport issues and urban development, treatment of homelessness, culture and environment.

### **Lejla Somun-Krupalija**



Lejla Somun-Krupalija is a feminist activist and a member of peace and disability movements. She has over 15 years of experience in research, policy and legal framework development in feminism, gender issues, women's rights, as well as social inclusion issues (disability, minority rights, refugees and internally displaced). Her recent publication includes a country report for International Labor Organization on Gender Inequalities in the Labor Market: Bosnia and Herzegovina. She is a postgraduate of Oxford University, member of Nasa stranka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), [www.nasastranka.ba](http://www.nasastranka.ba) in General Board, Head of Human Resource Committee and elected official in Municipality Center and Sarajevo City Council 2008-12.



## **Fotis Stathis**



He is a civil engineer, and he works in the private sector as Technical Director. He is an active volunteer in local clubs and has worked in the environmental field with NGOs such as WWF and HOC. He was a candidate regional director in 2010 with the "Ecology Solidarity" in the Region of Central Macedonia

## **Michalis Tremopoulos**



Journalist, author, lawyer with postgraduate studies in Social Ecology (U.S.). 2009-2012 MEP (Greens -Greens/EFA)

- Deputy Regional Development Commission of the European Parliament

- Assoc. State of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Member of the Standing Delegation of the Western Balkans

Founding member of the Ecologists Greens. Elected Counsellor

Prefecture of Thessaloniki since 1998 and Regional Director of Central Macedonia in 2010. With a strong ecological and humanitarian action since 1975, founding member and president of the Association for Quality of Life of Thessaloniki (1978-1982), the Ecological Movement of Thessaloniki (1982) and the Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims, vice president of Information and Documentation Centre on racism , xenophobia, ecology and nonviolence "Antigone."

## **Monika Vana**



Monika Vana studied Economics and Administration Informatics at the Technical University of Vienna and has been an appointed Expert for European Issues of the Federal Ministry for Women's Affairs, Member of the Advisory Committee for Equal Opportunity of the European Commission. Since 2012 she is Deputy Head of the Fraction of the Green Party of Vienna in the City Council and member of the chair of the Viennese City Council. Her other memberships are: Green Party of Vienna's Spokeswoman for European Issues and Labour Market, Board Member of the Vienna Employment Promotion Fund (WAFF) and of the Association of Austrian Cities, since October 2009

Committee Member of the European Green Party (EGP) and coordinator of the EGP Gender Network and the Local Councillors Network, substitute member of the Global Greens Coordination as well as member of the general assembly of GEF (Green European Foundation).

## **Eleonora Zotou**



She is an economist and a member of the Board of the Ecological Movement of Thessaloniki. She is vice president of the Association of Migrant Women in Northern Greece, member of the NGO "Antigone" - Information and Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence. She was prefect councillor of Thessaloniki to the "Solidarity Ecology 2009-2010, member of the Executive Secretary of the Ecologists Greens and responsible for the Group for Human Rights. She works as a local assistant of the Ecologists Greens MEP, Nick Chrissogelos.