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Personal information

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Nationality Greek

Date of birth 04 October 1964

Gender Female

Work experience

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| Dates | 01/04/2006 - Present |
| Occupation or position held | Economist |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Head of the Department of Scientific and Technical project management in South Aegean Regional Development Fund; - Management of European Union Structural Funds subsidies to the South Aegean Region in Greece, management of European projects under INTERREG, and other programmes (control of the eligibility of the expenses, control of administrative and legislative procedures). |
| Name and address of employer | South Aegean Region, Eptanisou 35, 84100 Syros-Ermoupolis (Greece) |
| Type of business or sector | Public administration |
| Dates | 01/11/2001 - 31/03/2006 |
| Occupation or position held | Economist |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associate to the President of South Aegean Region in Greece, as Responsible for Region's International Relations and as Coordinator for the implementation of European projects; - Coordination, management, financial follow up, planning and organising of activities for projects co-financed by various European Union programmes (i.e. EQUAL, INTERREG, etc.); - Financial management of projects under the "South Aegean Regional Operational Programme" co-financed by the European Union Structural Funds. |
| Name and address of employer | South Aegean Regional Development Fund, Nikiforou Filini 1, GR-84100 Syros-Ermoupolis (Greece) |
| Type of business or sector | Public administration |
| Dates | 24/02/1998 - 31/10/2001 |
| Occupation or position held | Economist |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management of infrastructure projects under the "South Aegean Regional Operational Programme 1994-1998" (Greece), co-financed by the European Union Structural Funds; - Responsible for the Communication actions on the Programme, under the European Union's legislative framework on communication; - Participation in organising public consultation events to define regional development priorities and in the writing of the "Regional Development Plan" for the period 2000-2006. |
| Name and address of employer | Management Organisation Unit S.A. & South Aegean Region Eptanisou 35, GR-84100 Syros-Ermoupolis (Greece) |
| Type of business or sector | Public administration |

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| Dates | 18/12/2002-present (part-time activities & volunteer actions) |
| Occupation or position held | Project Coordinator on environmental education and awareness raising projects |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <p>Planning and implementation of environmental education and awareness raising international projects, coordination of international networks, debates and working groups, creation and edition of communication material, organization of communication and education events related to environmental issues. Among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2015-2016: development of a series of pedagogical tools and educational resources available on-line, to offer the conceptual basis to the 'transition to sustainability' question, to be used in formal and non formal education and training settings. Research and action around: a) how to help moving from environmental awareness to action, b) how to clarify and better popularize emerging concepts for transition to sustainable societies. - 2011-2014: Networking and conducting a research on the state of the art in Environmental Education and Environmental Communication worldwide questioning development, governance and ethic issues, in view of the UN Conference on environment "Rio + 20" in June 2012 and in view of the COP21 – Conference of the parties on climate change held in Paris in December 2015 - ref.: http://www.ethica-respons.net/article300.html & http://www.ethica-respons.net/Environmental-Educators - 2010: Coordination of the participation of Greek schools in the International Children's Conference on Environment organised by the Ministries of Education and of Environment of Brazil in June 2010 (ref.: http://www.charter-human-responsibilities.net/spip.php?article2034&lang=fr), facilitation of workshops for French-speaking educators during the Conference. - 2008-2010: Planning and coordinating an international project on the creation of educational material on environment, with partners from 5 countries, that led to the publishing of two books for children (ref.: http://www.charter-human-responsibilities.net/spip.php?article2140&lang=fr) and to the organising of communication events; - 2007-2008: Planning and organisation of 4 art exhibitions on the theme "environment: common good – common responsibility" in 2007 in Greece (linked to public events: art festivals, congress on environment etc.) and in France (in 1998 in Brazil) (ref.: http://www.charte-responsabilites-humaines.net/spip.php?article1272), organisation of communication events and creation of communication material on the exhibitions theme (web pages, e-book on CD, art workshops); - 2007: Organisation and direction of an (one month) international cooperation workshop for French students on environmental awareness raising, on the theme of water management (ref.: http://www.charte-responsabilites-humaines.net/spip.php?article1503) - 2001-2002: Organisation and coordination of an international working meeting on environmental education and communication (with the participation of academicians and teachers from 6 countries) that led to the publishing of a collective book for to educators, presenting pedagogical methods, tools and theoretical approaches, in 5 languages (initial publication: in France – ref.: http://www.eclm.fr/ouvrage-76.html). |
| Name and address of employer | Polis – International Network in Environmental Education, Rozia, Kato Manna, GR-84100 Syros-Ermoupolis (Greece) & Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer, 38 rue Saint Sabin, F-75011 Paris (France) |
| Type of business or sector | Education |
| Dates | 1/4/1994 - 31/12/1997 |
| Occupation or position held | Project Coordinator and Researcher on environmental education projects |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <p>Planning and implementation of environmental education and awareness raising international projects. Among others: setting up and coordination of an international network of educators involved in Environmental Education (EE), development and management of international projects in Environmental Education supported by the EU (programmes SOCRATES, etc.), development of communication tools on environmental issues (articles for the general public, study reports, brochures, etc.), editing a newsletter on EE in two languages distributed in 60 countries (selection and adaptation of articles of authors from these countries in view of their editing), organization of communication and education events related to environmental issues.</p> |
| Name and address of employer | Polis – International Network in Environmental Education, Rozia, Kato Manna, GR-84100 Syros-Ermoupolis (Greece) & Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer, 38 rue Saint Sabin, F-75011 Paris (France) |
| Type of business or sector | Education |
| Dates | 27/05/1993-31/3/1994 |
| Occupation or position held | Project Coordinator and Researcher on environmental education projects |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Coordinating the participation of educators in the annual conference on the Environment of the French |

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| | National Centre for Scientific Research in 1994 on the theme 'Environment and Society'; setting up and coordination of a French-speaking international network of educators for the environment; Research on Environmental Education experiences worldwide, drafting and editing of a compendium of 'experience files' on the subject. |
| Name and address of employer | Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer, 38 rue Saint Sabin, F-75011 Paris (France) |
| Type of business or sector | Education |
| Dates | 01/10/1992 - 28/02/1994 (part-time job) |
| Occupation or position held | Secretary – Researcher |
| Main activities and responsibilities | Research associate on Environmental Education and Communication issues at the University Paris VII in France, support of PhD students, member of the Organizing and the Scientific Committee and Secretary of the annual conference "Journées Internationales sur l'Education Scientifique" organized by the University Paris VII, development of educational material in environmental issues. |
| Name and address of employer | Groupe Interdisciplinaire Ecologie, Développement et Energétique 23 rue des Fossés St Jacques, F-75005 Paris (France) |
| Type of business or sector | Education |
| Education and training | |
| Dates | 01/10/2007 - 30/06/2012 |
| Title of qualification awarded | Masters degree ("Diplôme National de Master I"/ 'Maîtrise') in Plastic Arts and Art Sciences |
| Principal subjects / occupational skills covered | Drawing, painting, art history, philosophy of art, art education, image processing. |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Université Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne (University) Centre Saint Charles, F-75015 Paris (France) |
| Dates | 01/10/1989 - 25/10/1995 |
| Title of qualification awarded | PhD ("Doctorat") in Didactics of Disciplines and Environmental Education |
| Principal subjects / occupational skills covered | PhD thesis on the theme: "Environmental Education for adults through the media: didactic aspects in the case of the written press" |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Université Paris VII (University) 4, place Jussieu, F-75005 Paris (France) |
| Dates | 01/10/1988 - 30/09/1989 |
| Title of qualification awarded | Masters Degree ("Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies") in Didactics of Disciplines and Environmental Education |
| Principal subjects / occupational skills covered | Environmental Education, Environmental Economics |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Université Paris VII (University) 4, place Jussieu, F-75005 Paris (France) |
| Dates | 01/10/1982 - 22/07/1987 |
| Title of qualification awarded | University degree ("Ptychio") in Economics |
| Principal subjects / occupational skills covered | Political Economy, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Statistics, Law |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (University) University Campus, GR-54124 Thessaloniki (Greece) |
| Personal skills and competences | |
| Mother tongue(s) | Greek |

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (*)

French

English

| Understanding | | | | Speaking | | | | Writing | |
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| Listening | | Reading | | Spoken interaction | | Spoken production | | | |
| C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user |
| C1 | Proficient user | C1 | Proficient user | C1 | Proficient user | C1 | Proficient user | C1 | Proficient user |

(*) Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

Social skills and competences

- Work experience in multidisciplinary and multicultural teams since 1992, in France and in Greece in collaboration with international partners, participation in numerous work meetings in various countries;
- Multidisciplinary training and professional experience (in Economics, Finance, Environment, Education, Communication, Visual Arts), capacity to adapt to diverse work environments and disciplinary fields, strong motivation to continue to learn;
- Experience in authorship and in developing communication tools since 1991 (study reports, articles for the general public, brochures, educational kits, etc.);
- Volunteer work, since 1985, in the non governmental organisation sector (environmental and educational networks) in a national (Greece and France) and an international level.

Organisational skills and competences

- Organisation and coordination of various international educational projects, from the early stages of design and planning, to their implementation, financial management, evaluation;
- Experience in diverse working posts at various levels of responsibility: organising of communication events, research, report writing, publishing, coordination of work teams, etc.

Computer skills and competences

Excellent knowledge of the main MS Office Software, namely Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook; very good knowledge of image processing & editing software (Photoshop and QuarkXpress), experience in web managing, basic knowledge in statistical analysis programmes.

Artistic skills and competences

Painting and Art Sciences; current research in Aesthetics.

Other skills and competences

International activities:

Collaboration with multiple stakeholders, public and private, high level officials, elected representatives, as well as civil society representatives, at a national and an international level.

Involvement in numerous international activities, being currently:

1. Deputy Chair of the 'Alliance for Responsible and Sustainable Societies', an international non governmental organization, gathering organizations and individuals from every continent;
2. a member of the Scientific Committee of the World Environmental Education Congress (since 2007);
3. a member of the Scientific Committees of various international congresses, i.e. the European Congress in Environmental Education held in Bergamo, Italy, in September 2014;
4. between 2012 et 2014, a member of the board of directors of the FICEMEA (Fédération Internationale des Centres d'Entraînement dans les Méthodes d'Education Active), an organisation in operational terms with UNESCO and the Council of Europe;
5. representative of the FICEMEA at the Council of Europe Conference of the International Non Governmental Organisations (first mandate: Conference held in June 2014)
6. actively involved in the activities of the Mediterranean Citizens Assembly, a network of representatives of the civil society, of the local communities and of the Mediterranean Institutions
7. included in the list of experts – evaluators of the French Agency for the management of Erasmus+ European Union programme.

Extensive authorship since 1991:

Author of books, research reports, press bulletins, and articles on environment and on Environmental Education issues edited in congresses' proceedings, in educational journals and books (published in Belgium, France, Greece, Quebec/Canada), as well as in various websites; author of more than 40 articles edited in Greek magazines specialized on environmental, pedagogical and art issues and in magazines for the general public.

Experience as an **editor** since 1994: coordination of collective publications, books and newsletters on environment and on Environmental Education issues (ensuring the proofreading, adaptation, and translation).

Main publications:

A. Articles, books and editions:

- Yolanda Ziaka, 2015, "[What chances of success for the COP21? 12 proposals for the Paris Climate Change Conference](#)" (a slides show in French and Greek)
- Yolanda Ziaka, 2013, "[Images et réflexions sur les conflits et la crise en Grèce: une question de gouvernance et de responsabilité](#)" (a slides show in French presented during the 4th Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey)
- Yolanda Ziaka, 2013, "[La responsabilité des éducateurs à l'environnement. Défis et opportunités pour la promotion d'une éthique de la responsabilité](#)" (article presented during the 7th World Environmental Education Congress, Marrakesh, Morocco, June 2013 - text & poster)
- Dimitris Ratsikas & Yolanda Ziaka, 2012, "The artistic creation as a game for all ages", Symposium on the Research in Primary Education, University of Ioannina, Department of Primary Education, May 2012 (published in Greek)
- Dimitris Ratsikas & Yolanda Ziaka, 2011, 'Idea: the notion of beauty in art', in 'PEDAGOGICS – Theory and Practice', Volume 4, 2011, pp. 98-122
- Yolanda Ziaka, 2011, "La responsabilité des éducateurs à l'environnement au temps du changement climatique", Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France (published in English, and French)
<http://www.ethica-respons.net/article299.html>
- Z. Bahriz, N. Gelashvili, E. Marissal, Y. Ziaka, 2010, Les histoires de la petite étoile. Des contes sur la responsabilité, Polis – Réseau International en Education à l'Environnement, Syros – Grèce, 52 p. (project coordinator, editor / author / translator, a book published in French and in Greek)
- Yolanda Ziaka, 2010, "Approcher la lumière à travers la couleur", Introduction du Catalogue de l'exposition de Dimitris Ratsikas à la galerie Titanium-Yayiannos, à Athènes, en Décembre 2010 (published in English, in French and in Greek)
<https://sites.google.com/site/teknisergon2/introduction-catalogue-fr>
- Y. Ziaka, 2008, [Les trésors de la terre. Un conte écologique](#), Polis – Réseau International en Education à l'Environnement, Syros, Grèce, 58 p. (project coordinator, editor / author / translator, a book published in French and in Greek)
<http://charter.exemole.fr/spip.php?article2097>
- Y. ZIAKA, 2006, L'empreinte écologique. Comment diminuer notre impact sur la terre, Editions Polis – Réseau International en Education à l'Environnement, 24 p. (editor / author / translator, a book published in French and in Greek)
- Y. Ziaka, P. Robichon, C. Souchon, 2002, Education à l'Environnement : six propositions pour agir en citoyens, Editions Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France, 168 p. (Author and project coordinator; book also published in English, Greek, Portuguese and Spanish)
- Y. Ziaka (Editor and Co-author), 2000, Environmental Education for the 21st century. Issues and perspectives, Polis – International Network in Environmental Education, Syros, Grèce, 216 p.
- Y. ZIAKA, 2000, Une éducation à l'environnement pour le XXIème siècle. Éléments de débat et perspectives en vue d'un forum permanent, Editions Charles-Léopold Mayer, 218 p.
- Y. Ziaka, 1995, L'Education à l'Environnement pour les adultes à travers les médias : aspects didactiques dans le cas de la presse écrite, Thèse de Doctorat, Université Paris VII, 370 p.
- Y. Ziaka (Editor and Co-author), 1994-2001, Dialogues for Environmental Education, Polis - International Network in Environmental Education, bulletin (14 issues edited in English and in French and distributed in 60 countries – research and choice of the articles, adaptations, proofreading)
- Y. Ziaka, 1994, "Fonction éducative des médias de masse en vue d'une alphabétisation environnementale pour tous", in Alphabétisation Scientifique et Technique, XVIèmes JIES, Chamonix, A. Giordan et al. (éds), Fabrègue, Paris
- Y. Ziaka, 1993, "Fiches d'expériences sur l'Education à l'Environnement", in Penser et agir pour une éducation relative à l'environnement, Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Documents de travail, Paris, France, pp. 1-42
- Y. Ziaka, 1991, "Vulgarisation scientifique et économique à propos de l'environnement dans la presse écrite", in Ecole et médias face aux défis de l'environnement, XIIIèmes Journées Internationales sur l'Education Scientifique, Chamonix, A. Giordan et al (éds), Fabrègue, Paris

B. Publications of articles in Greek in nationwide magazines and in books:

- a) Between 2005 and 2010, columnist in the nationwide journal "Avgi" / magazine on the environment, editing articles analysing environmental issues, like water management, industrial ecology, ecological dept, the links between environment – ethics, environment and social movements, etc.;
- b) articles on environmental issues published in environmental and political ecology magazines, as well as in magazines for the general public;
- b) Articles on Visual Arts, Aesthetics, Art Pedagogy published in painting exhibitions catalogues, local and national newspapers, in scientific revues and in Conference Proceedings.

C. Articles and press bulletins published in the web, in English, in French, and in Greek, between

2001 and 2012 (a selection of publications):

- Y. Ziaka, 2005, "Climate Warming and Our Common Responsibility: Becoming Informed So We Can Act", Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France (published in English, French and Spanish)
<http://www.charter-human-responsibilities.net/spip.php?article1500>
- Y. Ziaka, 2005, "Assuming Responsibilities in Daily Life: Responsible Consumption", Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France (published in English, French and Spanish)
<http://www.charter-human-responsibilities.net/spip.php?article1906>
- Y. Ziaka, 2005, "The Imperative of Responsibility, According to Hans Jonas", Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France (published in English, French and Spanish)
<http://www.charter-human-responsibilities.net/spip.php?article1438>
- Yolanda Ziaka, 2005, "Our Common Responsibility to the Global Environment: The Europeans' Ecological Debt", Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France (published in English, French and Spanish)
<http://www.charter-human-responsibilities.net/spip.php?article1501>
- Yolanda Ziaka, 2011, "La responsabilité des éducateurs à l'environnement au temps du changement climatique", Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France (published in English, and French)
<http://www.ethica-respons.net/article299.html>
- Yolanda Ziaka, 2005, "The Ecological Footprint As a Tool for Awareness-raising on Individual and Collective Responsibility", Fondation Charles-Léopold Mayer, Paris, France (published in English, French and Spanish)
<http://www.charter-human-responsibilities.net/spip.php?article1496>

More articles and press bulletins published in the following websites:

- <http://www.charte-responsabilites-humaines.net/europe> (articles popularizing environmental concepts and press bulletins, in English and in French – website of the programme of the «Charter of Human Responsibilities» – other tasks: administrator of the website section «Europe» / translator)
- <http://www.polis-inee.org>
(articles on Environmental Education experiences and projects worldwide, and press bulletins, in English and in French – website of the non governmental organisation «Polis – International Network in Environmental Education» – other tasks: website administrator / translator)
- <http://www.ethica-respons.net/>
- <http://www.confint2010.net>
- <http://www.texnisergon.gr>