



## Jury



### **Rania Assariotaki, Director, Office of Sustainability, The American College of Greece**

Rania Assariotaki joined The American College of Greece in 2008. She currently holds the position of Director, Office of Sustainability. She has previously occupied the position of the first Senior Manager for Sustainability at ACG. Before joining ACG, she served in the field of customer service. She holds an MSc in Marketing from ALBA at The American College of Greece. Since December 2020, serves as an ex-officio member of the Academic Advisory Board of the ACG Center of Excellence in Sustainability and since April 2022 as an affiliate member of the ACG Center of Excellence in Food, Tourism, and Leisure. Under her coordination, in 2020, ACG was awarded the STARS Gold rating by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Since September 2020 she participates as a mentor for sustainability issues in the mentorship program of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Starting January 2022, she serves as an elected member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Board of Directors. The purpose of the Board is to advise, govern, oversee policy and direction, and assist with the general promotion of AASHE. In February 2021, she was appointed by AASHE to serve as a member of the AASHE Advisory Council for her constant commitment and support to

promoting sustainability best practices and culture on and off campus. The Advisory Council is an advisory body whose input often has a significant impact on staff and board decisions of AASHE. In February 2020 became a member of the Corporate Responsibility Committee of the American – Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. In 2015 she was certified as a GRI G4 reporter and in July 2016 received her certification as a Sustainability (CSR) Practitioner approved by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA). Also, she has received certifications in: Carbon Reduction Strategy, Sustainability Reporting, Social Impact Assessment & SROI. In August 2019, she was certified as a Sustainability Management professional, and in October 2021 in High Impact Leadership from the Institute for Sustainability Leadership, University of Cambridge.



**Lydia Papadaki, PhD Candidate Athens University of Economics and Business, Researcher ATHENA RC**

Lydia Papadaki (<https://ae4ria.org/members/lydia-papadaki/>) is a PhD candidate at the Athens University of Economics and Business (Scholarship awarded by the Academy of Athens). She is a researcher at the Alliance of Excellence for Research and Innovation on Aephoria (AE4RIA) participating in several EU-funded projects, among which are the IntelComp (H2020), DOORS (H2020), DAFNE (H2020), TICHE (Erasmus), CATALYST (Erasmus), MENA Accelerator and several EIT Climate-KIC funded projects, such as, ClimAccelerator, Circular Learning Hub and Circular Economy Beacons, Deep Demonstration of Maritime systems innovation in Piraeus, BL.EU Climate, Water Scarcity in Southern Europe and Circular Economy Transition in Smart Specialization Strategy in RIS countries. Lydia has organized more than 50 participatory workshops and seminars and she has prepared and delivered lectures, seminars and environmental awareness-raising programs addressed to different audiences, including all educational levels and the wider public. She received her M.Sc. in Economics and Policy of Energy and the Environment at University College London (UCL), and her BSc (Distinction) in Economic Theory and policy at Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB). Her main areas of interest are economics, innovation acceleration, behavioural economics, circular economy, blue growth, systems innovation, stakeholder engagement and sustainable development.



**Nikos Zompolas, Vice Mayor of Governance, Municipality of Agia Paraskevi**

Statistician and insurance agent