

## **CV of Foteini Zafeiropoulou**

Foteini Zafeiropoulou was born in 1965 in Thessaloniki (Greece). She holds a bachelor degree in English Literature and a post-graduate qualification on persons' with autism training.

Foteini's personal experience as a mother of a son with autism has deeply shaped her commitment to disability rights. Her dedication to the rights of persons with autism emerged from her experience of encountering inadequate services for her son in the 1990s. The more she worked to secure her son's rights in Thessaloniki, the more she connected with the broader disability movement across Greece.

Since 2008, she has been a member of the Executive Secretariat of the [National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece](#) (NCDP), where she is responsible for the organization's international relations. The NCDP is the umbrella organization of the Greek disability movement and a social partner of the Greek state in disability issues.

Her long-standing involvement in the disability movement also includes serving as Vice President of the [Panhellenic Federation of Associations of Parents and Guardians of Disabled People](#) (POSGAmeA) from 2011 to 2019, and as General Secretary since then.

She has also been the Vice-President of the [Greek Society Protecting Persons with Autism](#) (GSPAP) since 2014 and served as President of its Thessaloniki Department from 1999 to 2019. Since 2017, she has been a member of EDF's Social Policy and Inclusion Committee and Women's Committee, and a member of Membership and Credentials Committee since 2022.

Foteini has delivered numerous speeches in Greece and abroad, advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In 2010, she participated as a trainee in the program "Supported Decision Making-Legal Capacity of People with Developmental and/or Intellectual Disabilities", held in Vancouver, Canada. She has also served as a trainer in numerous lifelong learning programs implemented by the NCDP, targeting representatives of disability organizations at both local and national levels.