

## *Efthalia Pappa – Curriculum Vitae*

Efthalia Pappa was born in Athens. She read Public Law at the Kapodistriakon University of Athens and obtained her Master's Degree (DEA) in Political Science from the *"Institut d'Etudes Politiques/Sc Po Paris"*. In 1989 she worked as a trainee official in the General Secretariat of the European Commission in Brussels and the Ottawa Delegation of the EC in Canada. From 2002 until 2008 she carried out training seminars on refugee law for the police and coast guard authorities, judiciary, etc. under a UNHCR training consultancy. From January 1994 until June 2017, Efthalia Pappa has been heading the Ecumenical Refugee Program (ERP) of the Orthodox Church of Greece. She organised from its outset the new Office and represented ERP in all external relations with public and private bodies in Greece and abroad.

Among the main activities of the ERP has been the development of legal projects for the provision of counselling, legal aid and representation to refugees and persons in need of international protection arriving and residing in Greece. Under her supervision over 20 annual projects and 2 bimonthly emergency EU funded projects have been implemented, cofunded by the Ministry of Health, the European Commission (direct line), the European Refugee Fund, UNHCR, non state donors (Pro Asyl, CCME etc.). From the beginning of 2011 until December 2017 she was appointed as project Coordinator of 6 annual "family reunification" programs funded by UNHCR.

In July 2014, during the 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe/CCME in Sigtuna, she was elected member of the Ex Com (2015-2017) representing the Church of Greece. Her mandate has been renewed in the 20<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Prague for the next three years (2017-2020) and she was appointed vice moderator of the newly elected Ex Com. From June 2018, she is working in the Synodical Committee of the Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Relations of the Church of Greece. Her duties include, among others, the monitoring of the refugee situation in Greece on behalf of CCME, while on a voluntary base, she is actively participating in Greece in refugee advocacy work within civil society networks.