



Short biography of Dr. Dionysia Theodora Avgerinopoulou COMPSUD Chair (2012-)

Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou is a Member of the Hellenic Parliament with the New Democracy Party. Dr. Avgerinopoulou serves as the Chairperson of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection and the Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Watercourses of the Hellenic Parliament. She holds a first degree in Law from the Law Faculty of the National University of



Athens, Greece, an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from the Georgetown University Law Center, D.C., U.S.A., and a doctorate degree in International Environmental Law from Columbia Law School, New York, N.Y., U.S.A. She is an attorney-at-law and specializes in international arbitration, European, International and Environmental Law. She is also the Founder and Director of the European Institute of Law, Science & Technology.

She has previously worked, among others, at the Legal Service of the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, the Permanent Mission of the European Union at the United Nations in New York, U.S.A., the Center on Environmental and Land Use Law of the New York University School of Law in New York, the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Yale Law School in New Haven, C.T., U.S.A. and the International and Foreign Law Institute in Athens, Greece.

Dionysia has also devoted a great part of her work to humanitarian and environmental protection purposes, including the prevention of natural disasters and the reconstruction of regions and the post-disaster management and relief efforts. She is the recipient of numerous international awards for her environmental and humanitarian work, including the "Green Star" Award by UNEP/OCHA/Green Cross International. She belongs to the "40 under 40" Young European Leaders and the Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum. She has written numerous articles and publications on international and environmental issues.