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Dr. Kostopoulou is an **Attorney at Law**, with more than **50 publications** on human rights issues (monographs, books, articles, chronicles, online courses, reports, essays, contributions to collective books) in Greek, English and French, including CoE editions. She holds a **PhD** and **four Masters' degrees** (with distinctions): **in international and comparative family law, in International and European Legal Studies, in Civil law and in Labor law**. She is currently the **Vice-Director of the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights** (an INGO with Consultative status with the Council of Europe, the UN [ECOSOC, DPI and UNESCO) and member of the **Greek National Commission for Human Rights**.

Dr. Kostopoulou has been a **member of GREVIO since April 2019**. She was re-elected for a second GREVIO mandate in June 2023, and then elected **President of GREVIO** on 21 June 2023. She works as a **legal consultant**, providing legal services on human rights issues with emphasis on women's, children's rights. In this capacity she has participated in more than 100 activities and projects of the Council of Europe in member States and observer States. She provides human rights training to legal professionals in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the Academy of European Law (ERA) and several National Schools of Judges and Bar Associations. For several years, Ms Kostopoulou served as member of the **Consultative Board** of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (**HELP**), and since 2016 is the **HELP Info Point** for the Athens Bar Association and a certified **national tutor** by the CoE for human rights training. She also participates in the Executive Committee of senior experts of the **European Network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination**.

In the past, Ms Kostopoulou served as **Chairperson** of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (**CDENF**, 2020-2022), **Chairperson** of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Council of Europe for the Rights of the Child (**CAHENF**, 2017-2020) and **Chairperson** of the Council of Europe **Group of Experts on Responses to Violence against Children (CAHENF-VAC**, 2018-2020) which focused on violence against children in family settings. In these capacities, she led the work of the above Committees for the development of standard-setting instruments subsequently adopted by the CM and participated in the work of the **PACE** and several CoE bodies and Committees. For the period 2018-2019, she also served as member of the Greek delegation to the **Lanzarote Committee (Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse)**.