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## Myria Vassiliadou: EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator



The **EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Dr Myria Vassiliadou**, is responsible for improving coordination and coherence among EU institutions, EU agencies, Member States and international actors and developing existing and new EU policies to address trafficking in human beings.

The position of EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator was initially foreseen in the [Stockholm Programme](#) and elaborated in the [EU Anti-Trafficking Directive 2011/36/EU](#).

Dr. Vassiliadou is based at the European Commission. She has monitored the implementation [EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings \(2012-2016\)](#) and provides overall strategic policy orientation for the EU's internal and external policy in this field.

She holds degrees in Sociology and Social Research and a doctorate in Sociology from the University of Kent at Canterbury, UK. She has also held a Research Fellowship at the Solomon Asch Centre for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, at the University of Pennsylvania.

For over a decade, Dr. Vassiliadou worked as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Nicosia.

She worked in the European Commission in the Directorate General for Research for three years monitoring research projects in the area of social sciences and humanities.

Dr. Vassiliadou has served as Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby, the largest network of women's associations across the EU.

In addition, she was a founding member of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies and served as its Director for seven years.

Dr. Vassiliadou has served as a member of various Advisory Boards, Expert Groups and acted as a consultant at the national and international level. She has worked extensively in the area of fundamental rights, as these relate to questions of trafficking in human beings, gender, migration, ethno-political conflict, and the media.

Dr. Vassiliadou has published in books and journals, conducted workshops and seminars, and has been actively involved in various think tanks, EU wide research projects and both national and international non-governmental organisations. She is trained as a counsellor on interpersonal violence against women and also as a facilitator and mediator on conflict transformation and negotiations.

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