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Short Bio:

Dr Despoina Andrioti Bygvraa (Debbie), MSc, PhD in Health Economics, Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Department of Medicine, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg. She served as Head of the Research Department with the National School of Public Health, Athens Greece, for 12 years and in leadership positions with the MoH, as well as advisor to the Minister in health policy and public health issues. During 2001-2005 she joined as policy advisor the WHO/EURO (Copenhagen) and worked on health policy analysis and health workforce development. She served as Senior researcher and Head of studies with the Centre of Maritime Health and Society, University of Southern Denmark (SDU) for 7 years. She has been teaching Public Health, Health Economics and Policy for more than 15 years in BA and MSc programmes. She initiated and organized a number of international training courses. In addition, Debbie supervises BA, MSc and PhD theses in affiliated Universities. Furthermore, she successfully participated in the respective Academic Committees for curricula evaluation. Debbie has been leading or actively involved in several research projects. She has been a representative of Denmark in the SHIPSAN and HEALTHY GATEWAYS EU Joint Actions since 2013. The actions aim to help Member States improve preparedness and response capacities at points of entry related to prevention and combat cross-border health threats from the transport sector. Dr Andrioti Bygvraa has published more than 100 articles, reports and papers in various scientific journals on topics including the assessment of maritime doctors training needs, occupational injuries and diseases of fishermen and seafarers as well the economic analysis of repatriations due to illness and injuries. Four of her publications are core readings for educational curricula in higher education. She is EU expert on health workforce planning and forecasting issues. Her research interests include the impact of working environment on seafarers' health and safety, maritime human resources skills and competences planning and management as well as health systems responsiveness to the needs of seagoing employees.
