

## Ms Anna - Maria Leoutsi

*Communication Advisor specialising in public health communication & tackling misinformation*

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### *Short Bio:*

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Anna-Maria Leoutsi is a former attorney at law, a communication/external relations professional, with work experience at both national and international levels (Athens and Brussels), in both the private and public sectors. She studied law at the Faculty of Law of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), holds a Master's degree in New Media Communication (University of Leicester, UK) and is proficient in English, French and Spanish. She has worked, among other roles, as a journalist in Greece (newspaper "Ethnos tis Kiriakis"), as the Head of the Press office of the national public health authority of Greece, now known as National Public Health Organization / NPHO), as an External Relations officer at the World Health Organization's Office in Brussels and as a seconded national expert (communication) at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communication (Brussels). For many years, she has been a communication and international relations officer at NPHO, where she continues to work. Her professional interests include risk communication, misinformation and disinformation and their impact on public health, as well as the role of social media as a public health tool.

*Areas of expertise: risk communication, disinformation response*