

## **Alexandra Mitsotaki**

Alexandra, after finishing her German Abitur (secondary-school diploma) in Athens, earned her university degree in Political Science at the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) in Paris. She holds a Masters Degree in Development Law from the University of Paris V.

She has worked at OECD in Paris, first at the Education Directorate and then at the Development Center. Her work sought to deepen policy makers' understanding of the challenges of development and fighting poverty in the world's low income countries.

Driven by her concern for the problems of acute poverty, in particular that of child labor and by her desire for more active hands-on personal involvement, in 1998, Alexandra founded ActionAid Hellas (<http://www.actionaid.gr/>), the Greek affiliate of the international antipoverty NGO (<http://actionaid.org/>). She has Chaired ActionAid Hellas until June 2017 and served as a member of ActionAid International's Board from 2003 to 2015.

Realising the importance of helping Greece's increasingly vulnerable population since the emergence of her country's own severe crisis, in 2014 Alexandra and ActionAid Hellas, working in partnership with the French NGO Adie France, created Greece's first micro-credit institution: Action Finance Initiative (AFI) (<http://www.afi.org.gr/>).

Since 2009 she Chairs and directs the Greek Cultural Centre (CCH) (<http://www.cchel.org/>) in Paris, promoting Greek culture in the Francophone world.

She also teaches an annual seminar with American Economist Charles Oman on the Political Economy of International Development at Sciences Po in Paris.

Having a deep interest in humanity and the environment, and seeking to combine her experiences, Alexandra started working in 2016 on the creation of the World Human Forum, a think and do tank (<http://worldhumanforum.earth/>). Beyond its annual meeting in Delphi, Greece, the WHF promotes successful citizens' initiatives and seeks to create the conditions for their adoption by the broader political and economic system.

Alexandra is also the Vice-President of the Constantine Mitsotakis Foundation (<http://www.ikm.gr/>), responsible for the development and implementation of the Foundation's Environmental strategy.

She lives in Paris and speaks fluently English, French, German and Greek.