

Maria Anestopoulou Festival Director

Born in Larissa. She has studied Law at the Aristotle University of Thessalonica and pursued postgraduate studies in Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Law in UK, resulting to an Mphil in Intellectual Property Management Law. She has extensively worked as a freelance legal advisor in film production and distribution companies, in TV stations, theatre companies and cultural management companies. She has joined PLATFORMA VIDEO International Film Festival since its inception in 2002, holding for three consecutive years the position of Programme Coordinator and Publications Editor. She is also a founding member and a shareholder of PLATFORMA-Urban Culture Co. From 2005-2009 she has been the Programme Director of PLATFORMA VIDEO. She is one of the initiators of Animasyros International Animation Festival & Agora and held the position of the Programme Director from 2008 till 2014. She currently serves as the Festival's Director. Under her capacity, she has curated various thematic screening programmes and Tributes and participated as a member of the International Jury in numerous Film Festivals in Europe and as a project manager of co-financed projects.

Languages: Greek, English, French and Spanish