

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights



Personal information

Surname(s)

STYLIANOU - LOTTIDES

First name(s)

MARIA

Country

CYPRUS

Current professional position

**COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (Ombudsman)
INDEPENDENT INCUMBENT**

Position on the MB

Member of Management Board

Term of office on MB

July 2020 – July 2025

Additional Information

- 1997** Law Degree, from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 1998** Success in the examination of the Pan-Cypriot Bar Association
- 1998** Member of the Cyprus Bar Association
- 2009** Leicester University, LLM, at European Union Law
Dissertation Title: Protection of Human Rights in European Union
- 1996** Diploma from the Laboratory of Professional Journalism in Athens
- 1997 - 1998** Trainee Lawyer at the Attorney's General Office

- 1998 - 2002** Advocate/Barrister in private sector
- 2002 - 2017** Lawyer/Counselor at Attorney's General Office, dealing with all kind of cases, mostly related to Human Rights violation and the right to compensation arising from them. Issuing Opinions considering human rights issues.
- 2017 - today** **Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights (Ombudsman) - Independent Incumbent**
- Head of **Equality Body** & Head of Cyprus **NHRI** (National Human Rights Institution)
- Head of **Independent Mechanism** monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention on **Rights of Persons with Disabilities**
- Head of the National Mechanism against Torture (**NPM**), & Head of the Independent Mechanism monitoring **Forced Returns**
- Member of the **Board of AOM** (Association Ombudsman Mediterranean)
- Member of the **IOI** (International Ombudsman Institute), **IOI Europe** and **ENO** (Network of European Ombudsman)
- Member of the **EQUINET** and **ENNHRI**
- Member of **Commonwealth Forum of NHRI**