# **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**

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#### **Description of the organisation**

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is the largest university in Greece. The main campus is located in the centre of the city of Thessaloniki, and covers an area of about 33.4 hectares. It comprises 10 faculties which consist of 40 schools and 1 single-School Faculty.

About 73.930 students study at the Aristotle University (65.026 in undergraduate programmes and 8.472 in postgraduate programmes, of which 3952 at Doctoral level). There are 2.024 faculty members. There are also 11 teaching assistants, 58 research fellows, 248 members of the Special Laboratory Teaching Personnel (S.L.T.P.), 69 of whom belong to category I and 179 to category II, as well as 15 foreign language teachers and 4 foreign instructors. The strategic objectives of AUTh, in the framework of its vision and mission, remain high and consistently oriented to the continuation of its tradition, namely to be a pioneer institution, standing out among Greek and many foreign Universities on all levels: education, research, culture, connection with society.

The Law School is one of the 49 of the A.U.Th., and one of the three law faculties in the country, with approx. 90 members of staff, who shape academic, legal and policy debates in Greece and actively participate in the European academic area. Its curriculum provides instruction on all areas of law both on graduate and postgraduate level, including six programmes of taught courses (public, penal, civil, commercial and international law, as well as history and sociology of law) and doctoral studies. In the course of its rich Erasmus program courses are offered in English, French and German. The Faculty also collaborates with other European universities in running joint postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

## Experience of the organization in previous European projects

The School of Law has been awarded many programs throughout the years. It focused on promoting research and teaching in the fields of law and political sciences, offering different programmes of studies which led to a degree with a specialization either in legal sciences or public law. In these fields questions related to human rights law are deeply studied and analysed.

Prof Papadopoulou has been a holder of a Jean Monnet Chair for European Constitutional Law and Culture (2012-15) and responsible for a Greek-German University-partnership (with University of Trier, 2014-2016). She has also been a member of a nationally-financed research program 'Aristeia' of the University of Aegean on medically assisted reproduction (2012-15). She is now the scientific responsible for the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence on "European Constitutionalism and Religion(s)".

## Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

Prof. Papadopoulou participated to the 'I HAVE RIGHTS' project.

## Contributions that can be provided to the project

Research.

Organisation of a meeting / Conference.

Editorship of conference proceedings.

Action research in schools.

Empowerment of Secondary School Teachers.

In-service training of teachers

## Reasons of involvement in the project

Academic interest.

Political interest

## **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Constitutional law (esp democracy, referenda, political parties)

**European Constitutional law** (esp. relationship between national and European constitutional law, legitimacy of EU) **Human rights** (esp. religious freedom, right to have a family, equality, non-discrimination)

**Bioethics** (esp. assisted reproduction, euthanasia)