

## MYRTO PAPATHANOU

Action Finance Initiative



MYRTO PAPATHANOU - Myrto Papathanou is an economist, with an MSc in Finance from Imperial College and an MBA from INSEAD. She has over a decade of experience in the fields of finance and entrepreneurship, and has also been involved in several non-profit projects around the world. She started her career in London, working as a credit risk and portfolio analyst for Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and later as a Fixed Income Strategist for EMEA at Bank of America. Returning to Greece in 2007, she headed Business Development for CPI, a listed Greek ICT company, and since 2011 has been involved in technology companies, in corporate development roles and as a founder.

In the non profit sector she has been involved in Microfinance schemes in Nicaragua and Kenya, focusing on empowering women through entrepreneurship. In Greece, she co-founded Volunteer4Greece.gr in 2012, an online platform to connect volunteers and NGOs. Since its inception, Volunteer4Greece has assisted the placement of numerous volunteers in Greek NGOs and has expanded its activities in NGO and volunteer capacity building through workshops and trainings. It is the first member from Greece of the European Volunteer Centre (CEV) and the Greek affiliate of the Hands on Network (HON).

Myrto is also the co-founder of Action Finance Initiative (AFI), aiming at introducing microfinance in Greece, which is expected to launch within 2014.