

MeRA25 Candidates for the EU Parliament Elections

Women:

1. Dimitra Anagnostopoulou

Marital Status:

Living with my partner Dimos Moutsis since 1985

Education:

- Greek Literature, University of Athens
- Postgraduate studies in Linguistics (Genetics, Syntactic Structures by Noam Chomsky)

Work Experience:

Teacher in the private sector: preparatory courses of High school graduates for panhellenic exams and supplementary courses for university undergraduates-training for placement exams.

Social Activism:

Involved in municipal administration since 2000. Participant in local elections in the municipality of Neo Heraklio, Attiki in 2002.

Member of DiEM25 since 2016 and inaugural member of MeRA25 and member of Coordinating Committee, participant in the Educational Sector of MeRA25.

2. Evagelia Apostolopoulou

Born in Athens and she lives in Patras.

Marital Status:

Married, she has two adult children,.

Education:

- Psychology graduate from The Open University of London, UK

Languages:

English, French and German

Work Experience

- Judicial Employee (1989-today) at the Court of First Instance και the Court of Appeal in Patras and today she is working as a Judicial Employee Chief at the Α' Criminal Department of The Court of First Instance in Patras.

- Teacher of Psychology in Adult Education (ΕΟΠΠΕΠ) and Schools of Continuing Education
- Consultant of Davis Dyslexia Association International (2006-2018)
- Stress Management Consultant
- Systemic Constellation Consultant

Social Activism

Board Member of «Judicial Employees of Patras Courts Region» and

Member of «Greece Federation of Judicial Employees»

Secretary Board of «Hongology Hostel Support Volunteers “HOPE”», in Patras

Consultant Oncological Institution Patient groups «HOPE»

Founding Member of «Holistic Health Center»

Member of DiEM25 and ΜέΠΑ25 with active participation at the meetings of Patras election group.

3. Agni Kakouri

Born in Athens in 1992

Profession:

Medical Doctor

4. Maria Karakitsou

Born in Athens

Marital Status:

Divorced with a 15 year old daughter

Education:

- Graduate of Themelio Drama School
- International & European Studies, Panteion University
- Senior student at the Theatrical Studies Department, University of Athens

Work Experience:

Theater, movie and television actress since 1997

Political Activism:

Member of DiEM25 since its launch

Inaugural Member of MeRA25, Member of the Sector of Cultural Policy and member of the field of Womens Rights of MeRA25

5. Eleftheria Katsouli

Date of Birth: December 11 th , 1976

Marital status: Single

Member of MeRA25 since 23rd of October 2018

Work Experience:

- Outreach Coordinator at HELLAS-CH, a National Research Infrastructure at the Foundation for Research and Technology (FORTH-Hellas) in Heraklion-Crete, May 2018 till today
- Administrator at the General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) in Athens, 2014 -2018
- Public Relations Coordinator at FORTH-Hellas, 2004-2014
- Public Relations Administrator at GSRT, 2000-2004

Social interests:

- Vice-President at FORTH's Labour Union, 2012-2015
- Blogger of Liberty's Sight www.libertysight.com – A Journey to Knowledge, to virtue and to the world

Political activity:

- Candidate for MP, National Elections (2012) with ANEL (I resigned on July 2014)
- Candidate for counselor of Heraklion Prefecture (2002) with PASOK

Education:

- Master of Arts in International Business Administration, Bournemouth University, UK
- Bachelor in Business Administration, University of Wales, UK
- On-line courses on Practical Philosophy and Economics with Justice at the School of Economic Science (<https://www.schooleconomicscience.org/>), September 2016 till today

6. Irene Mitsiou

Born at Thessaloniki in 1976

Education: BSc Businesses Administration & Finance, Middlesex University of London.

Work experience: 15 years as an accountant, teaching experience in vocational training

Marital status: Divorced, mother of a 10 year old daughter

Social Activity:

Active member of the Network “Solidarity for all”

Member of the Center of Social Support for Women

Political Activism:

Former member and co-ordinator of SYRIZA’ local group at Oraio Castro, Thessaloniki

Resigned after SYRIZA’ capitulation in July 2015

Activity in Diem25:

- Member of the Co-ordinating Collective of DiEM25
- Member of DiEM25 Thessaloniki 3DSC Μέλος της ομάδας Diem Θεσσαλονίκη 3 DSC.
- Co-ordinator of the group Women’s Solidarity in Diem25.

Activity in MeRA25:

Co-ordinator of MeRA25’ Collective in Thessaloniki B

Head of the sector of Tourism Policy for MeRA25

7. Rodanthi Aristeia Bairaktari

Date of birth: 18/02/1991

Profession: Cabin manager

Education: Maritime Studies, University of Piraeus

Spoken languages: English, French

Marital Status: Single

Social Activity: Member of the Girl Scouts of Greece, member of animal welfare groups, fencing champion on a national level, active member of the flight crew union of her company.

8. Bakadima Fotini

Date of birth: 04/09/1981

Marital status: Single

Studies:

Political Sciences (Vesalius College Brussels – 2005)

History and Musicology (American College of Greece – Deree College – 2012)

Greek Culture (History, Archaeology and Art - Open University of Cyprus - 2017)

Masters "Communication and New Media" (Open University of Cyprus - expected graduation: June 2019)

Foreign languages: English, Italian, French, Swedish, Spanish, German, Arabic, Turkish, Swedish, Russian

Musical studies: Piano, preparing for the Diploma of Lyric Singing, advanced theoretics (counterpoint)

Work experience:

English language tutor (private lessons) and translations

Associate of the Minister of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping (until 2010)

Associate of the Minister Labour and Social Security (until 2012)

Secretary of the Chairman of Attica Bank (until 2015)

Associate of the Minister of Economy (until 2015)

Social activism:

Member of animal welfare rights associations

Secretary and responsible of organization of events of the History Society of the American College of Greece

Political activism within DiEM25 and MeRA25:

Ex officio member of the Coordinative Collective of DiEM25

Member of the Greek PNC of DiEM25

Elected member of the NC of DiEM25 for Greece

Member of the Political Secretariat of MeRA25

9. Despina Papantoniou

Marital Status:

Married with two children

Working Experience:

- freelancer as an Administrative Consultant 2015 -
- HR Manager at the IT Company Performance Technologies 2008-2015
- CFO in Rolco - Vianil Industry (2006-07)
- CFO at BP Greece, in charge of tax affairs (1997 - 2004)
- Tax Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers (1996 - 1997)
- Supervising senior tax specialist at KPMG (1993-1996)
- Senior tax consultant at Arthur Andersen (1990-1993)

Activism:

Volunteer at the Parents' Fund Drive of Athens American College

10. Sofia Sakorafa

Born at Trikala in 1957. She is a former javelin thrower, a teacher of physical education and mother of two sons. In 1982 Sofia Sakorafa broke the world record in javelin throw.

She has served on the City Councils of Athens, from 1994 to 1998, and Maroussi, from 1998 to 2006. Member of the Hellenic Parliament since 2007, she left PASOK on 6 May 2010 after she refused to vote in favour of the austerity measures and the loan agreement between the Greek government and the IMF/EU.

She participated in the 2012 legislative elections as a member of Syriza and was elected in Athens B. In the 2014 European Parliament elections, she was elected as a Member of European Parliament for Greece, representing Syriza. She is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Petitions and is a substitute for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Since the 16 October 2014, she has been the chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America, having previously been a member. She is therefore also a member of the Conference of Delegation Chairs.

On 28 September 2015 she resigned from Syriza over disagreements with the leadership over the introduction of further austerity measures in Greece. She said: "It's clear that I cannot support any government nor any policies that involve measures that harm the people." Sakorafa currently sits as an MEP of MeRA25.

in 2004 when she became a Palestinian citizen and applied a few months before the Olympic Games for a berth on the Palestinian Olympic team at the age of 47.

11. Eleni Spetsioti

Born in Athens in 1977 and grew up in Lavrio

Education:

- BA in History, Ionian University
- MA in Theatrical Studies, University of Athens

Languages:

English, French, Spanish

Work Experience:

- Assistant Art Director at the Municipal Theater of Piraeus
- Dramatologist for various theater productions, including National Theater of Greece
- Theater and production manager at the Greek Art Theatre Karolos Koun, 2016 -

Political Activism:

- Former elected member of the Board of the Union of Private Employees of Lavrio
- Inaugural member of MeRA25

Men:

1. Nikos Vakolidis

Date and Place of Birth 20/11/1978 Ioannina

Marital status: Single

Education:

- Bachelors Degree in Dentistry (Siena, Italy 1997-2002)
- Ms in Orthodontics (Siena, Italy 2004-05)
- MSC in Orthodontics (Varese, Italy 2005-08)

Languages:

English, Italian, German

Profession

Orthodontist in Ioannina, Greece from 2009 till today

Social Activism

- Member of Health and Tourism teams of MeRA25
- Moderator MeRA25 and DiEM25Ioannina1DSC

- Founding member of the Greek branch of the movement of solidarity to Julian Assange
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2. Kleon Grigoriades

Born in Athens on June 17th 1965.

Graduated from the Higher School of Dramatic Art Theater of Karolos Koun on 1986.

He has participated in many theatrical performances on main or protagonist roles, directed by Karolos Koun, Giorgos Lazanis, Tasos Bantis, Nikos Mastorakis, Simos Kakalas, Nikita Milivogevits, Magia Lymperopoulou, Giannis Kakleas, Thomas Moscopoulos and others. He has appeared on all big ancient theaters of Greece and other theatrical stages abroad (Serbia, UK and Spain).

He has participated as protagonist on 14 full-length films.

He has appeared on 13 TV series of the Greek national and private TV stations.

He is a founding member and member of the Political Secretariat of MeRA25

3. Dr. Demetrios A. Drossos, MD, ex cand. PhD,

A 59 y., male, born in a very poor but really honest family, at West suburbs of Athens, GR.

Married since 1990 with Alexandra, a permanent employee of the Greek Airforces. Two lovely daughters.

A specialist physician (Medical School of Athens) on private practice for about 25 ys. Senior Fellow, European Board cert. in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. Subspecialty: Manual Medicine, Sports M., Neurophysiology (electromyographer), Physical Therapy. A Member of many National, European, and International - of different subjects and purposes - professional, social and civil, authorities, societies, associations, political 'parties', think tanks, etc. Some times, as a forwarder, principal leader, founder, Member of the Advisory Board, President,

Representative, Alderman, Councilman, etc.

Member of Diem25 since Its foundation, as well of MeRA25,

European Spring and International Progressive.

Multi-certified by International, recognized and regular, Authorities and Bodies, about Symbolic Philosophy and Ethics.

Fully inspired by the founders of the First International (Karl Marx, Proudhon, Bakunin, etc).

4. Erik Edman

Studies

- BA History and Politics (University of Exeter, UK)
- MSc Political Sociology (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK)

Activism in UK, Belgium and Greece

Volunteer in student and environmental organisations

Project Manager in NGOs in Brussels (CSR Europe, ESU)

Organisation of campaigns, events and discussions with European citizens, MEPs and officers of the European Institutions

Member of DiEM25 since August 2016

Elected member of the National Collective in Belgium, responsible for the coordination of the collective

Ex Officio member of the Coordinating Collective, responsible for internal communications

Ex Officio member of the Political Secretariat of MeRA25, responsible for the coordination of the electoral campaign. I organised the infrastructure of the party and with Jochen Schult we travelled to 47 cities across Greece to create local teams

5. Panayotis Cangelaris

Son of Dimitri.

Born in Alexandria Egypt (originated from Cephalonia Greece).

Married. Father of two children. PhD in history, jurist, political scientist and publicist (University of Athens and Ionian University).

Retired diplomat. He served in Berlin G.D.R., Geneva U.N.O., Alexandria Egypt, Islamabad Pakistan, Hanover F.R.G. and at Hellenic M.F.A. in Athens. Member of U.N. and E.U. missions to Afghanistan.

He handled political, cultural, administrative, judicial, humanitarian and human rights issues. At the outset bank employee and lawyer at the Athens Courts of Justice. Author of eight books and many scientific studies. Long standing voluntary social assistance to the struggle against cancer, the promotion of red cross ideals, blood donation, Greek and world scouting and

philately, the orthodox patriarchates a.o.

Greek contemporary painting collector and researcher. He was active in General Aviation.

Member of DiEM25 (February 2017), founding member of M&PA25 (March 2018) and member of Athens Northern Sector Group with active participation. He candidates for the first time.

6. Kostas Nanos

I was born in Germany on 26/08/1962.

I am married to Gabriela Tsolakidou and we have two children, Stylianos Nanos 31 years old and Styliani Nanou 27 years old.

I finished “Zoumboulakio High School “of Kavala and I graduated from a private school of Accountancy.

I have been a self employed accountant - tax consultant since January 1985.

Foreign languages : Italian (B1 Intermediate)

Social Activities

I was the club treasurer of “A.O Kavala Sports Club” as I was an elected member of the local Board of Directors of the club.

I am a member of the local “Accountant - Tax consultant Association of Kavala”.

I am a candidate local councillor with the independent political combination “The Place of our Life”.

I have been a member of DiEM25 and M&PA25 since they were founded.

7. Vassilis Pantazis

Studies: Pedagogy, Sociology, (Focus: Social Work, Migrant education) and Psychology (Focus: Developmental Psychology) at the University of Athens (Greece) and at the University of Heidelberg (Germany).

PhD, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

Professor at the University of Thessaly.

Professional Experience: Undergraduate Programs (Bachelor) at the University of Thessaly

since 2005. Postgraduate (Master) Programs at the University of Athens.

Research, projects and professional activities: promoting education for peace and human rights, childrens rights, intercultural and antiracial education, migration policy, education and inequality, education and gender.

Activities: Development and implementation of educational programs for the political, social, cultural and professional integration of migrants, refugees and socially marginalized groups.

Father of two children.

Member of DiEM25 since January 2018.

Participation in DiEM and MeRA25 events in Greece.

8. Sotiris Papadelos

Marital Status: Civil partnership with 2 children

Education

1) Bachelor in Engineering from Manchester University (B.Eng)

2) Master in Science (MSc) in Energy Technology for Sustainable Development from Salford University.

Working Experience:

Mechanical Enginner in positions in Solar photovoltaic park developments along with energy applications.

Freelance as owner in a wholesale retail consumer products company.

Social Activism

As a university student, he served as Vice President in Greater Manchester Hellenic society.

Member in Antinuclear society opposing the use of nuclear energy for civilian use.

Member of DiEM25 from its launch and inaugural member of MeRA25. Co-organizer of the local collective of MeRA25 for Western Athens

9. Konstantinos Savvopoulos

Lost right leg at age 18 in a car accident

New York University/ Humanistic studies

Aristotelian University Thessaloniki / Philosophy/Pedagogic

Social activist in the realms of adoptive sports activities, social inclusion and against racism, environmental awareness, Preveli wetland correspondent

National paralympic champion ..track and fields...cycling

National volleyball team for the disable, captain (Slovakia world cup)

Cycling advocate, cycling tourism expert...cycling tour guide...eurovelo wrkshps

Traffic educator ,visiting more than 200 schools nationwide since 1996, for the reduction of victims on asphalt remaining with a disability

Accessible tourism expert/guide/animator..founding member of European network of accessible tourism

Long distance cycling super-marathons as a messenger of peace...to Serbia, Turkey, North Macedonia and Cyprus.

Father of two sons ,14 and 29

10. Ioannis Charalampakis.

Marital Status: Single

Studies: School of Pharmacy (University of Athens).

Occupation: Pharmacist and hold a pharmacy in Piraeus

Past Political engagement:

Member of the student board of Pharmacy School representing anti-authoritarian organisations.

Member of the “Solidarity” organisation board, responsible for the blood donation and social enterprises

Member of the board of the Piraeus municipal party "Port of Agony"

Founding member and coordinator of the Green Balkan Network

Candidate for the Piraeus district governor with the regional party Attica Ecological

Response

Founding member of the state parties Ecologists-Alternatives and &EcoGreens. Also a

member of the Political Bureaus and candidate for national elections of the parties mentioned below.

I am a member of Diem25 and a founding member of MeRA25, team coordinator in Piraeus, as well as an ex officio member of the Political Secretary in the field of Green Transition and head of the Sector of the Environment and Rural Policies for MeRA25

11. Jochen (Joachim Hermann Leopold) Schult

Date of birth 16/05/1954

Studies

- Law (Frankfurt, Cologne, Athens)
- Educational Psychology (FU Hagen)

Teaching

- German in Greece since 1984 (1988-1997: Goethe Institute, 1990-2015: my own language school)
- Pensioner since 2015, father of four children
- Member of DiEM25 since April 2017
- Elected member of the National Collective in Greece, in the field of “Events and Organisation” since 12/2017 (organised events for DiEM25 and MeRA25)
- Member of the Educational Committee of MeRA25 (organised the committee’s participation in the inaugural conference of the party)
- Coordinator of Members, Teams and Youth in DiEM25 and MeRA25 since 9/2018 (participated in the electoral campaign of MeRA25 with Erik Miltiadis Edman. We visited 47 cities and islands across Greece, to organise local teams for MéRA25)

