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Dr. Eleftheria Kampa is a Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute, focusing on policies for water resource management and aquatic biodiversity. Eleftheria is a Greek citizen. She works in English, German, and Greek and has knowledge of Spanish and Italian.

Eleftheria's work concentrates on providing support to European and national institutions on water policy implementation, especially with regard to the development of technical guidance and the assessment of implementation plans. She has extensive knowledge and experience on issues related to [hydromorphological pressures](#) and [measures, restoration](#) of rivers, wetlands and floodplains, [hydropower and the Water Framework Directive](#), [ecological flows](#), assessment and measures for [heavily modified water bodies](#). Eleftheria contributed as key technical expert in the EU-wide assessment of the 1st and [2nd river basin management plans](#).

Eleftheria currently coordinates work on policy analysis of wetland restoration as climate change mitigation strategy in the [RESTORE4Cs](#) EU project, she contributes to research on aquatic ecosystem restoration in the Danube river basin in the [DANUBE4all](#) EU project and supports the EC in the implementation of the [Mission Restore Ocean and Waters by 2030](#) with focus on a new community of practice on EU Blue Parks. She also coordinates research on legal and regulatory approaches for sustainable and equitable water use in the [GOVAQUA](#) EU project.

Eleftheria has previously coordinated stakeholder involvement and decision-support for the H2020 project on fish-friendly innovative technologies for hydropower ([FIThydro](#)) as well as knowledge dissemination and stakeholder participation for the FP7 project REstoring rivers FOR effective catchment Management ([REFORM](#)) on river restoration. In addition, she worked in the [European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters](#) (ETC-ICM), supporting the [European Environmental Agency](#) (EEA) in its assessments of European waters. She has provided conceptual input for the organization of various European events and stakeholder consultations related to water resource management, such as the stakeholder consultation process on the EU Blueprint to safeguard EU's water.



In 2007, Eleftheria was awarded a doctorate in environmental planning by the Technische Universität Berlin (Germany). In her [doctoral thesis](#), she dealt with the implementation of integrated institutional water regimes in Greece using theories of public governance, property rights, and actor interaction. In 1999 she was awarded a British Council scholarship to complete the interdisciplinary MSc program in Environmental Change and Management at the [Environmental Change Institute](#), University of Oxford (United Kingdom). Before that, she studied biology in Greece (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and Spain (Universidad del Pais Vasco) earning a "Ptychion" (bachelor's degree) in 1998. During her studies, she specialized in the ecological quality of surface water and also worked as a volunteer for the [Greek Sea Turtle Protection Society](#) on sea turtle conservation and sustainable ecotourism in coastal areas.

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Projects Publications

Selected projects by Dr. Eleftheria Kampa

[Modelling Restoration of Wetlands for Carbon Pathways, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Ecosystem Services, and Biodiversity, Co-benefits \(RESTORE4Cs\)](#)

Duration

Jan 2023 - Dec 2025

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Research & Innovation](#) (DG Research & Innovation), International

[Restoration of the Danube River Basin Waters for Ecosystems and People from Mountains to Coast \(DANUBE4all\)](#)

Duration

Jan 2023 - Dec 2027

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Research & Innovation](#) (DG Research & Innovation), International

[Water Quantity Management](#)

Duration

Mar 2022 - Dec 2024

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Implementation of Lighthouses of Mission 'Restore our oceans and waters by 2030'**Duration**

Dec 2021 - Sep 2022

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Research & Innovation](#) (DG Research & Innovation), International

Mission Ocean, Seas and Waters Implementation Support Platform**Duration**

Dec 2022 - Dec 2026

Funding

[European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency](#) (CINEA), International

Governance Innovations for a Transition to Sustainable and Equitable Water Use in Europe (GOVAQUA)**Duration**

Feb 2023 - Jan 2027

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Research & Innovation](#) (DG Research & Innovation), International

In-depth Assessment of Drought Management Plans**Duration**

Dec 2021 - Jun 2023

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Guidance on the 2030 Biodiversity Strategy River Restoration Targets

Duration

Dec 2020 - Apr 2021

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Intercomparison of Good Ecological Potential and Technical Document on Sediment Management

Duration

Feb 2020 - Jan 2022

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters (ETC-ICM)

Duration

Jan 2019 - Dec 2022

Funding

[European Environment Agency](#) (EEA), International

Guidance on WFD Harmonised Environmental Requirements for HMWB and Hydromorphology

Duration

Apr 2018 - Nov 2019

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

CIS Guidance on Article 4(7), Inter-comparison of Good Ecological Potential and Hydromorphological Assessment Methods

Duration

May 2017 - Nov 2018

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Framework Contract on Evaluation, Review and Development of EU Water Policy**Duration**

Nov 2016 - Nov 2021

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Providing Support to the Assessment of the Water Framework Directive and Floods Directives's Plans and Implementation**Duration**

Jan 2016 - Dec 2018

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Second Cycle of the German Participatory Forum on Fish Protection and Downstream Migration**Duration**

Apr 2015 - Oct 2018

Funding

[German Environment Agency](#) (UBA), Germany

Restoring River for Effective Catchment Management (REFORM)**Duration**

Nov 2011 - Nov 2015

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Research & Innovation](#) (DG Research & Innovation), International

Fitness Check of Freshwater Policy

Duration

Nov 2011 - Apr 2012

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Public and Stakeholder Consultation of the Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Water

Duration

Sep 2011 - Feb 2013

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Environment](#) (DG Environment), International

Biodiversity of Freshwater Ecosystems: Status, Trends, Pressures, and Conservation Priorities (BioFresh)

Duration

Nov 2009 - Apr 2014

Funding

European Commission, [Directorate-General Research](#) (DG Research), International

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