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Dr. Eleftheria Kampa is a Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute focusing on water and river basin management and policy, with a specific emphasis on the Water Framework Directive (WFD) of the European Union (EU). 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 the implementation of the WFD, especially with regard to the development of technical guidance and the assessment of river basin management plans. She has extensive knowledge and experience on issues related to [hydromorphological](#) [1] [pressures](#) [1] and [measures](#) [2], [hydropower and the WFD](#) [3], the designation of [heavily modified water bodies](#) [4] and the [assessment of ecological potential](#) [5].

Since joining Ecologic Institute in 2001, Eleftheria has worked on numerous research projects funded under the Framework Programmes (FP5, FP6 and FP7) and H2020 of the European Commission (EC) as well as on projects providing advisory services to EU institutions and national environment agencies on water policy implementation. Eleftheria coordinates the scientific work on stakeholder involvement and decision-support for the H2020 project on [fish-friendly innovative technologies for hydropower](#) [6] (FIThydro). She also supports the German [Federal Environment Agency](#) [7] (UBA) in the [forum on fish protection and downstream fish migration](#) [8]. In addition, she works as technical expert for the [European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters](#) [9] (ETC-ICM), supporting the [European Environmental Agency](#) [10] (EEA) in its research and assessment of European freshwater.

Eleftheria has previously coordinated knowledge dissemination and stakeholder participation for the FP7 project [REstoring rivers FOR effective catchment Management](#) [11] (REFORM) on river restoration. In addition, she has carried out policy research on pharmaceuticals in the environment (e.g. [Pharmaceutical products in environmental waters](#) [12] (KNAPPE), [Ecological and human health risk assessments of](#) [13] [antibiotics](#) [13] [and anti-cancer drugs found in the environment](#) [13] (PHARMAS)) as well as wastewater treatment and reuse in the Mediterranean ([Innovative processes and practices for wastewater treatment and re-use in the Mediterranean region](#) [14] (INNOVA-MED)).

She has provided conceptual input for the organization of various European events and stakeholder consultations related to water resource management. In 2012, she supported the stakeholder consultation process of the European Commission on the EU Blueprint to safeguard EU's water. Her further interests include research on the links of [water policy to biodiversity protection](#) [15] (see the project Biodiversity of freshwater ecosystems: status, trends, pressures and conservation priorities, BioFresh) and water policy implementation in the Mediterranean region (see the [Climate change, hydro-conflicts](#) [16] and [human security](#) [16] or CLICO project).

In 2007, Eleftheria was awarded a doctorate in environmental planning by the Technische Universität Berlin (Germany). In her [doctoral thesis](#) [17], 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](#) [18], 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](#) [19] on sea turtle conservation and sustainable ecotourism in coastal areas.

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