

## **BRIEF CV OF ATHANASIOS THEODORIDIS**

Athanasios Theodoridis is a Lawyer of Athens since 1994, expert on human rights issues, with a master degree on the administrative and constitutional law (Athens University), and he is candidate for Phd on constitutional law (with a scientific research at Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA and at Sorbonne University, Paris). During 1997 and 1998 he used to be Legal Counselor of the Greek Helsinki Monitor and Minority Rights Group-GR ( human rights NGOs). During 2002 and 2003 he worked as **Legal Counselor and Project Manager** for “**ANTIGONE – Information and Documentation Centre on Racism**”.

Since 2003 and up to now he is working as **Executive Director of “ANTIGONE”**. He is specialised in the field of non discrimination and in the framework of his duties he delivered Seminars for members of migrants communities and civil society organisations concerning the implementation of the anti-racist Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC and the content of the Greek legislation on the rights of victims of trafficking.

Since 2003 up to now he is a member of **the National Commission for Human Rights of the Hellenic Republic (NCHR)**– an independent advisory body subjected to the Office of Prime Minister and competent to express opinions on draft laws concerning all issues of human rights. He is currently serving his third term and since 2006 he is Deputy Head of the Sub-Commission for Social, Economic and Cultural Rights of the NCHR.

During the years 2003 – 2006 he had the general responsibility of the EUMC **Project RAXEN** on behalf of ANTIGONE which constituted the Greek National Focal Point of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) for two consecutive terms (2001-2006). He used to be Head of Data Collection (statistical data, researches and information from various sources such as ministries, governmental bodies, NGOs, etc) in the fields of employment, legislation, education, housing and racist violence. In 2002 he was the co-writer of the Analytical Report on Legislation regarding Racism, Antisemitism and Xenophobia in Greece.

During 2008 and 2009, due to his experience in legal analysis of a variety of human rights issues, he co-administrated in Greece , on behalf of “ANTIGONE” , the **FRALEX project** (which regularly provides the EU Fundamental Rights Agency with legal studies and reports based on robust, scientific analyses of objective, reliable and comparable legal, but also social, quantitative and qualitative, data and information) in cooperation with the Centre for European Constitutional Law as a main partner (consortium of the two above organisations). Mr Theodoridis was the **Head of Data Collection** within the FRALEX project.

In January 2010 he has been selected as member of **the European Network of Legal Experts in the Non-Discrimination Field** with the aim to provide EU with legal reports and independent advice on relevant developments on all the grounds of discrimination. Moreover, in January 2010 he has been appointed as **Anti-Discrimination Correspondent** for Greece for the **Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX)**,

He is a volunteer member of several Non Governmental Organisations of human rights.