

Members designated by the General Confederation of Labour of Greece (GSEE)



IOANNIS PANAGOPOULOS, regular member

Yannis Panagopoulos is President of the Greek General Confederation of Labour, GSEE, since 2006. Since 1998 he has served in key functions in the Confederation including that of Press and Organisation.

Panagopoulos started his work life in 1974 at the National Bank of Greece. His lifelong trade union involvement of over 30 years, started with the National Bank Employees' Trade Union (SYETE) and the Greek Federation of Bank Employee Unions (OTOE). He is currently a member of the ETUC Steering committee and the General Council of the ITUC.

He sits on the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Greece as Worker Representative and has formerly represented GSEE at the Economic & Social Council of Greece (OKE). In October 2015 he was re-nominated as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

His life and work in the trade union movement has been driven by the conviction that in a democratic society of justice, equality and solidarity the right to work is fundamental while high unemployment and discrimination are unacceptable.

Since 2010 when the crisis in Greece started, he has been at the forefront of the workers struggle against the austerity regime imposed on Greece and the attack on workers income and rights that are severely affected as a result of the IMF_EU_ECB memoranda.



ELLIE VARCHALAMA, alternate member

Elected Second Vice President of the Commission and Chair of the 2nd Sub Committee for Social, Financial and Cultural Rights (March 2012-2015, May 2015- to date). Attorney at Law, graduate from the Law Faculty of Kapodistrian University of Athens with a Master's Degree (LL.M.) in Labor Law from the same University. Since 1998 she is a scientific collaborator and since 2005 Legal Counsel of Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE), which she represents legally and technically in collective bodies and committees, on a national, European and international level. Member of the Board of Directors (2011 to date) appointed by GSEE of the Hellenic Organization for Mediation and Arbitration (OMED) and Chair of the Education Committee of the Organization (2014 to date). She has participated as a rapporteur on labour and social security law issues in conferences, meetings and events, as well as an educator at adult educations seminars on these issues. She has important research experience and writing activity on issues of individual and collective labor law, as well as on other human rights issues such as equality and discrimination, protection of minors, protection of personal data, human rights education. She is a

member of Greek, European and international legal and other scientific organizations, as well as civil society organizations. She speaks Greek (mother language), English and French.