



Ms. Margarita Karavasili holds a degree in Architecture and an M.Sc. in Physical and Urban Planning & Economy (University Paris IV, Sorbonne) and in Social Psychology (EHESS, Paris).

From 1979 until 2007, Ms. Karavasili was employed by the Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, where she was involved in environmental affairs, regional, urban and housing policies. Her areas of focus included sustainable development, climate change, national energy policies, and energy efficiency in buildings, bioclimatic architecture and sustainable construction.

In 2001 Ms. Karavasili was appointed Environmental Attaché to the country's Permanent Representation in the European Union. Moreover, she served as President of the Council Working Group for the Environment during Greece's Presidency (2003). From October 2003 until July 2005 she was appointed General Inspector for the Hellenic Environmental Inspectorate.

In parallel to her work at the ministry, Ms. Karavasili has been an active member of scientific and professional associations and non-governmental organisations that relate to the environment and to political ecology. Furthermore, she has published a number of articles in scientific, technical and ecological reviews as well as to the daily press. She is the author of "Green Buildings for a Green World" (1999) and a co-author to four more books.

Since 2006 Ms. Karavasili has also been an active member and a scientific adviser to the International Work Programme for Architecture and Renewable Energy Sources of the International Architects Union (UIA-ARES).

In November 2009 Ms. Karavasili was appointed Special Secretary for the Environment and Energy Inspectorate, which operates under the Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change.

Since October 2012 she has founded «Citizens' Inspectorate for Sustainable Development», a Non-Profit Organisation, becoming the first President.

Since April 2013 until March 2019 she was Counselor in Environmental Policy matters for industrial parks.

Recently she was nominated as the new President of the ECOCITY Board of Directors

Her main principles can be summarized as follows: *"In partnership with the citizens, I strive to promote sustainable development as it adheres to the principles of political ecology, viewing the concept of environmental protection as a major driving force for the economy and for social cohesion"*.