



Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU

Governor of the Ionian Islands Region (2019-Today)

Member of the European Parliament (1999-2014)

Vice-President of the European Parliament (2007-2012)

President of the Konstantinos Karamanlis

Institute for Democracy (2014-2017)

Rodi Kratsa was born and brought up at the island of Zakynthos (Ionian Islands), Greece. She studied Sociology at the University of Geneva (Switzerland). Her postgraduate studies on European Integration followed at the Institute of European Studies of the same University. She has worked especially in the area of dialogue of cultures in Europe and the European integration.

She was elected member of the European Parliament in 1999 and re-elected in 2004 and 2009. She was elected 1st Vice-President of the European Parliament on 16 January 2007 and re-elected Vice-President on 14 July 2009.

Rodi Kratsa was President of the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy (2014-2017), designated by the then Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Antonis Samaras. With this capacity, she was an elected in 2014 member of the Board of the (ENoP) European Network of Political Foundations (based in Brussels) while promoting development and cooperation at international level.

LONG AND RICH EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE

Rodi Kratsa left a powerful mark in European policy for the strengthening of European integration and cohesion such as the role of Europe in the international stage. Along this framework she played a key role in the strengthening of Euro-Mediterranean and Euro-Arab relations.

Responsibilities as Member of the European Parliament

She was a Member of significant Parliamentary Committees, such as the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights, Member of the Committee on Regional Development, Member of the Transport and Tourism Committee, Member of the Budgetary Control Committee,

In the area of bilateral and multilateral relations: Member of the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM), Member of the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria), Member of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat), Member of the Working Group for the Middle-East.

Responsibilities in the Bureau of the European Parliament as Vice-President (2007-2012)

- Conciliation (negotiation with the Council for the final shaping of European legislation, in the framework of the co-decision procedure); Information and Communication Policy, Euromediterranean cooperation including the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM), President of the PA-UfM Working Group on the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI), founded by the EU and Arab League.
- Rodi Kratsa represented the European Parliament at high-level meetings such as the G8 Speakers' Conference in Tokyo (2008), the G20 Speakers' Consultation in Seoul (2011) and various Ministerial meetings.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (FORA, ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY)

Member of the *European Centre of Culture* (Geneva), Board Member of the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fès (Morocco). Founding member and President of the *Women of Europe International Association* (Brussels).

Participation in international and regional meetings of *UNESCO* (issues concerning education, the promotion of women and the cultural heritage), Active in the framework of the *International Organisation of Francophonie*, Participant in the parallel meetings of the *International Monetary Fund* and the *World Bank* and international fora in many places: *Crans Montana Forum*, *Doha Forum*, *WISE Forum*, *Women as Global Leaders Conference* (UAE), *Education Without Borders* (UAE), *MEDays Forum* (Morocco), *Club de Monaco* (on Mediterranean and Middle East issues), *Women in Parliaments in Euro-Asia Meetings* - Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Euro – Arab Forum in Athens.

Rodi Kratsa has been elected Regional Governor of the Ionian Islands (Greece) in 2019 and implemented a policy of tourism and cultural extroversion of modern infrastructure and green redevelopment.

HONORARY DISTINCTIONS

- “Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honour” by the Republic of France- 2009
- “Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour” by the Republic of France - 2004
- “National Medal of Cedar-rank of Commander” by Lebanese President Michel Sleiman - 2010
- “Doctor Honoris Causa” of University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah of Fes”, Morocco - 2012
- “Doctor Honoris Causa” of the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI), Lisbon - 2011
- “MEDays Award for education, culture and research”, Morocco - 2010
- “Gold Medal” by the University of the Aegean, Greece - 2009
- “Champion” for the protection of the Jordan River by the international NGO ‘Friends of the Earth - Middle East’ - 2010
- Member of the Academy ‘Studium’ of Casale Monferrato, Italy – 2010
- Anna Lindh Award for the Dialogue Between Cultures – 2007
- “Personality of the Year 2008” by Women’s International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA)
- Elissa Didon Prize for women’s empowering– 2014

Rodi Kratsa has also received distinctions from numerous Greek and international organizations at European and international levels. More information available at www.rodikratsa.eu.