

# Sector Group Sustainable Construction

## New Members 2019

### **Christiana Siambekou, PRAXI Network, Athens**



Christiana Siambekou holds a MSc in Environmental Sciences from the University of Patras and a degree in Physics from the University of Ioannina, Western Greece. She has expertise in the Renewable Energy Sources and a long working experience in this field. Since 2013, she has been working for the Enterprise Europe Network – Hellas supporting the energy and environment sectors and has also acted as the National Contact Point for “Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy” in Horizon 2020 (2013-2018).

Currently, she works at PRAXI Network as a technology transfer consultant and innovation management expert as she is a certified IMP3rove consultant, accredited coach and has participated in a large number of European R&D projects. Additionally, she has been recently appointed to act as the National Contact Point for “Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials” for Greece in Horizon 2020.

### **Caroline Kolb, CCI International Grand Est, Strasbourg Cedex**



I am a lucky one: my first contact with the network was in 2008, when I organized the welcoming of my 800 new colleagues in Strasbourg for the first annual conference of the Enterprise Europe Network.

This is an unforgettable experience, this is how I got into it !

Since then I am helping and advising companies in their internationalization process and partner search.

The EEN in Strasbourg is hosted by the international department of the Chamber of Commerce, which belongs to the major national program helping SMEs and startups to grow internationally.

In the frame of my brokerage activities, I organized the B2B event during Build & Connect since 2014, on demand of our regional cluster focused on energy-efficient building.

This international conference is taking place every two years and is dedicated to pioneering technologies in sustainable building.

I developed a close partnership with the cluster and their company's members organizing the conference.

I am looking forward to enhance this partnership thanks to the SG Sustainable Construction and I keep tracking best practices to improve our services to SMEs and startups.

**Special interests:** hike, ski, play handball, ride horses and build my future sustainable house with my husband!

**Michaela Ahlgrimm-Siess, Internationalisierungszentrum Steiermark, Graz**



After my law studies at the University of Graz and the University of Thessaloniki I worked at the Styrian regional office at the European Union in Brussels. There I also had my first encounter with the world of the Enterprise Europe Network (former EIC Network).

I have been part of the Enterprise Europe Network Austria for 15 years and from the beginning on I was involved in various EU Projects which aimed at the organisation of partnering events for companies. Therefore, I have a lot of experience in the organisation of matchmaking events and giving support to companies to find suitable business partners abroad.

My host organisation, the ICS Internationalisation Centre Styria is the Export Service Organisation of the Styrian economy and therefore we maintain close contacts to the Styrian cluster landscape and R&D institutions which are relevant for actual and future Sector Group activities.