

STELLA KYRIAKIDES

European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Stella Kyriakides was born in 1956 in Nicosia, Cyprus and studied psychology at Reading and Manchester Universities. At the Cypriot Ministry of Health, she was in charge of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from 1979 to 2006.

She was Member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, from 2006 to 2019, where she was a member of the Committee on Health Affairs and of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs. She was also Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development as well as a member of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination. She was Vice-President of the Democratic Rally Party from 2013 to 2019.

President of the First Breast Cancer Movement in Cyprus in 1999, she was appointed by the Ministerial Council as President of the National Committee on Cancer Strategy in 2016. She organised the first breast cancer awareness campaign at the Council of Europe in 2013.

From 2012 to 2019 she was Head of the Cyprus Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). In 2019 she was Member of the EPP Ethics Committee.

In 2019, Ms. Kyriakides became the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety.

During the COVID-19 crisis, she has been leading the Commission's work to coordinate the EU's health response and support Member States to tackle the outbreak.

