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Biography

Despoina Sousoni works at the ELIXIR Hub as the Industry and Innovation Officer. Despoina studied Biology in Greece and Norway. She then moved to the UK for her PhD, where she focused on understanding microbial interactions through proteomic and metabolomic evidence.

After her academic studies, Despoina began her Open Science journey in international organisations, initially in the European Commission and the ERC Executive Agency where she worked on an Open Access exercise. In 2020, she moved to UNESCO, where she was part of the team that coordinated and constructed the Open Science Recommendation.

Despoina joined ELIXIR in 2022 and has since been leading the industry and more recently the impact strategy activities. In this role, she ensures that ELIXIR boosts innovation at both the European and national levels through public-private partnerships. Additionally, she is responsible for collecting and showcasing the scientific and societal impact of ELIXIR to funders and external stakeholders.



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