

# Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

## European and Eurasian Studies Program



### Getting to Know Europe: Europe on the Road

## Building urban resilience through networks and communities: Lessons from Athens, Greece



**Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018 | 4:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m. | Florida Atlantic University  
777 Glades Road — Performing Arts Building, Studio 1 — Boca Raton, FL 33431  
*Reception to follow***



As part of our public diplomacy EU-grant 'Getting to know Europe', European expert on urban resilience, **Anthi Christou** will meet with the Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Orange, Hillsborough Counties Communities at large from October 23 to 26, 2018. Ms. Christou is Resilience and Sustainability Officer at the City of Athens, Greece.

Ms. Christou will give a public talk on 'Building urban resilience through networks and communities: Lessons from Athens, Greece' at **Florida Atlantic University at 4:00 p.m. on October 24.**

For the past decade, Athens has experienced a serious socio-economic crisis. Through concerted efforts, it has managed to survive, to adapt and to transform into a more creative and collaborative city. Through partnerships with NGOs, academic institutions, private organizations and others, the municipality built robust networks for critical relief, social services and other initiatives.

Just like South Florida, Athens is a large multicultural metropolitan region dealing with social inequality and segregation, budget pressures, lack of green spaces and increased vulnerability of migrants and the unemployed. These challenges, together with the impact of climate change in the form of increased heat waves and flash floods, necessitated an urban resilience strategy. For Athens, resilience is defined as capacity building to withstand chronic stresses and acute shocks, and can be achieved by building connections between people and breaking down silos between different levels of governance, the public and private sectors and civil society. This talk will present the Athenian experience with building networks and communities to facilitate, support and empower local actors and stakeholders in providing services to citizens, visitors and businesses.

**This event is free and open to the public**

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