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Assimoula Economopoulou is a medical doctor specialising in clinical microbiology. She worked in hospitals for several years, during which time she acquired wide-ranging experience in the field of infectious diseases. She has been employed in the public health sector since 2003. She was Head of the Food and Zoonosis unit, and subsequently of the Emergent and Vector-Borne Disease unit, at the Hellenic Centre for Infectious Disease Control and Prevention. In 2009, she was appointed Senior Scientific Advisor to the President of the Hellenic Centre for Infectious Disease Control and Prevention. She is currently seconded to the ECDC as a national expert working on surveillance standards, coordinating the European laboratory network for whooping cough and the European laboratory network for invasive bacterial diseases.