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Iakovina Kindylidi joined VdA in 2019. She is a Senior International Adviser in the Information Communication & Technology practice area. She provides advice, in Portugal and abroad, on matters relating to privacy, data protection and cybersecurity as well as on technologies, intellectual property, trade secrets and consumer protection. Iakovina has an expertise on matters related to emerging technologies, namely AI, robotics, Distributed Ledger Technology/Blockchain, smart contracts, NFTs, Metaverse, and IoT and has been involved in various operations involving the design, development and use of ICT products and services.

Iakovina has a background on banking and business law allowing her to provide strategic advice to entities coming from the financial services sector, including FinTech and InsurTech, while she regularly advises clients coming from various sectors, especially IT, healthcare, media and entertainment, and energy.

She is member of the operational team of WhatNext.Law, a knowledge centre launched by VdA and NOVA School of Law.

She is a trainer and guest speaker at various national and international workshops, conferences, and academic courses on data protection, artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, consumer law, and sustainability, among other topics.

She is also a member of the Independent Expert team that drafted the first code of conduct for general-purpose AI model providers of the European Commission's AI Office (WG1 and WG4) and member of Policy Group 2025, the Centre for AI and Digital Policy, and the AI Ethics Oversight Working Group Kick-Off Meeting (IEEE P7999™ Series).



## Academic background

LL.B degree, Democritus University of Thrace.

LL.M in Commercial Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

LL.M in International Business Law, Tilburg University.

Summer School by Dirpolis Institute of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa on "The Regulation of Robotics & AI in Europe: Legal, Ethical and Economic Implications".

Design Thinking Fundamentals & Facilitation Course at the Design Thinkers Academy.

CAIDP AI Policy Clinic Spring Research Group 2024, Center for AI and Digital Policy

IEEE CertifAIEd Assessor Training, IEEE

CAIDP Fall 2024 AI Policy (Advanced) Clinic, Center for AI and Digital Policy

International Association of Privacy Professionals: Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional Training (ongoing)

PhD Candidate, NOVA School of Law.

## Teaching chairs

Guest lecturer in the Master's of Law & Technology in NOVA School of Law.

Guest lecturer in the LL.B course of Law & Technology in NOVA School of Law.

## Other professional background

Tilburg University, TILT Clinic "Intellectual Property for Crossyn", research intern.

Pistiolis & Triantafyllos & Associates Law Firm, trainee lawyer.

## Published works

- Regulation IA and the Insurance Sector\_ Challenges and Opportunities; AI Act: Overview, ed.João Luz Soares, João Vieira dos Santos, André Alfar Rodrigues, Almedina, (under publication).
- Lexology Panoramic Next: Artificial Intelligence – Portugal Chapter, co-authored with Magda Cocco (November 2024).
- AI, Machine Learning & Big Data 2023 and 2024, Portugal, Global Legal Insights, co-authored with Magda Cocco and Sofia Barata (October 2023 and October 2024)
- Lexology In-Depth The Artificial Intelligence Law Review, 2024 and 2025, Country Guide Portugal, co-authored with Magda Cocco (January 2024 and December 2024)

- "Implications of MiCAR for the Portuguese Law: Protection of the non-professional investor-consumer", MiCA - Studies on the New European Regulation of Crypto-assets, Almedina (February 2024)
- "The European Health Data Space and the GDPR - A problem of Compatibility for the 'Donation' of Health Data", Data Protection Yearbook 2023, co-authored with Madalena Gomes Cruz (January 2024)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides| Law & Practice: Blockchain 2023 e 2024 | Portugal chapter (2023)
- Regulamento dos Serviços Digitais e o alvorecer da aplicação académica, together with Prof.Fabrizio Esposito, Revista Vida Judiciária, Edition on Digital Assets (December 2022)
- The Data Protection Implications of the EU AML Framework: A Critical Overview & the Case of AI, Privacy Technologies and Policy, Volume 13279 of the Lecture Notes in Computer Science , Privacy Technologies and Policy: 10th Annual Privacy Forum, APF 2022, Warsaw, Poland, June 23-24, 2022, Proceedings, 37-49 (June 2022)
- Blockchain 2022 and 2021, Chambers and Partners, Global Practice Guides, Portugal chapters
- Sustainability of AI: The Case of Provision of Information to Consumers. Sustainability 2021, 13, 12064 (November 2021)
- AI Training Datasets & Article 14 GDPR: A Risk Assessment for the Proportionality Exemption of The Obligation to Provide Information, Law, State and Telecommunications Review, Volume 13, Issue 2, October 2021
- Advertising and Marketing, Chambers and Partners, Global Practice Guides, Portugal chapter, 2020
- Smart Companies: Company & board members liability in the age of AI. UNIO – EU Law Journal, 6(1), 115-141 (July 2020)

## Member of

Admitted to the Athens Bar Association

Member of the Portuguese Bar Association as a lawyer of an EU Member State.

IEEE CertiAIED Lead Adviser (the only one in Portugal).

Independent Expert in drafting the first code of conduct for providers of general purpose models of the AI Service (EU AI Office) of the European Comission (WG 1 e WG 4).

Member of the Policy Group 2025, Center for AI and Digital Policy.

Participation in the AI Ethics Oversight Working Group Kick-Off Meeting (IEEE P7999™ Series).

## Languages

Greek, English, German, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish.