

Chara Kyriakou was born in Nicosia. She graduated from the Phillips European Greek School and later moved to the United Kingdom, where she obtained her first degree in Education and Community Development, followed by a second degree in Primary Education.

She has professional experience in both private education and human resource management and development, having worked in private service companies across various sectors, including fiduciary services and catering.

Her exposure to HR departments in diverse industries inspired her to focus on vocational education and training (VET). She is particularly committed to upskilling and reskilling the workforce, aiming to boost productivity and enhance the competitiveness of businesses.

Since 2021, Chara has been serving as a Labour Relations and Social Policy Officer at the Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation (OEB). Her areas of expertise include labour relations and social policy, labour legislation, dispute resolution, human resource management, occupational safety and health, gender equality, foreign employment, and related matters.

In her role at OEB, she represents the federation in meetings with various organizations, councils, technical and parliamentary committees, and during labour negotiations. She contributes to the development of OEB's publications on labour legislation, designs and delivers vocational training programs, implements European projects, and actively promotes the positions and policies of OEB and its members.

Chara also serves on several national and international bodies, including:

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Board of Directors of the Central Leave Fund

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Additionally, she is a Court Counsel Industrial Disputes Tribunal (Labour Court).

She regularly represents OEB at conferences and events organized by international institutions such as the European Commission, BusinessEurope, the International Organisation of Employers (IOE), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the European Labour Authority (ELA).