

## Dina Rokic



Dina has been working as head of administration and communications at Elpida Home since its opening in July 2016. Elpida Home is an innovative non-governmental organization committed to providing a humane, dignified and empowered living experience for refugees. She has previously worked at the European Parliament, the American College of Thessaloniki and an investing platform called

DriveWealth based in New Jersey. She is of Serbian/Croatian descent, grew up in Kuwait and studied in Greece, consequently deciding to stay and get involved in the refugee crisis.

Elpída Home financed the conversion of an abandoned textile factory into a welcoming residential centre, including private resident rooms, a communal kitchen, shared bathrooms, distribution areas, classrooms and recreational spaces. When families first arrived from other camps around Greece in Summer 2016, they found that their new accommodation comprised of rooms with doors that locked, proper beds with mattresses, bedding, tables and chairs, refrigerators, and heaters. From the tents they once inhabited, residents now found themselves in a proper - if austere - home.