



ALEXIADOU POLYMNIA

Sector: Manufacturer of Woodworking Machines

Region: Thessaloniki, Macedonia

Nomination as an Ambassador

Polymnia Alexiadou is the owner of the company <<PAXIL>>, that manufactures and sells woodworking machines, a sector in which the majority of the people who activate with are men, not only in Greece but also in countries traditionally industrials. Polymnia has continued the business that her father has established many decades ago. She entered the company in 1990, while she was still studying economics in the University Macedonia of Thessaloniki.

Her male clients, suppliers and colleagues were initially distrustful due to her youth and inexperience and many were surprised to find out she was the boss.

<<CH.A.S.E.>> Chambers Against Stereotypes in Employment was the European program that had performed Eurochambres in 2005, according this program Mrs Alexiadou was awarded as one of the 39 selected women entrepreneurs in male dominated sectors who have come across stereotypes in their professional career and have overcome them.

Mrs Alexiadou is the Treasurer of the Chamber of Small and Medium Sized Industries of Thessaloniki, the B' Vice President of the National Chamber Women Network and the B' Vice President of the Greek Association of Women Entrepreneurs.

About the Company

Polymnia Alexiadou is the owner of the company <<PAXIL>>, that manufactures and sells woodworking machines. At first her basic goal is the consecration in the Greek market and then during her visits in exhibitions abroad she realized that the products of her company are of very good quality and competitive with the same products of other countries.

This point encouraged her to export in Italy, Argentina, United Arab Emirates. Also she represents in Greece Italian companies of woodworking machines.

Raising Awareness

Hard work and a strong sense of responsibility have meanwhile helped her achieve professional recognition.

Polymnia is an enthusiastic supporter of women's networks, she believes that such networks can improve policies to enhance women's rights.

Further information

She advises the younger entrepreneurs to focus on their academic training, to be competitive, to have faith in their capabilities, to work with doggedness and spirit on what they believe is the ideal profession for them and not to be afraid of any comparisons with men.

Working long hours has been detrimental to her personal life and leisure time. She used to work a lot of hours when there are needs.

The support she receives from her husband is invaluable.