



## Speaker CV



**Danae Bezantakou**

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Danae Bezantakou is CEO of Navigator Shipping Consultants, shareholder of KEFI S.A. (Travel Agency) and MATILDA HOTEL in Zakynthos Island. She is also President of iforU-Greek Mentoring Network, which empowers women's entrepreneurship through mentoring, the concept founder of YES Forum – the leading platform

of open dialogue in the Greek Shipping and Sea Tourism Industry among principals, executives and university students, recent graduates and young executives.

Danae represented Greece twice in International Visitor Leadership Programs (IVLP) "Women in Leadership" organized by Hilary Clinton (March 2011) & "On Demand Opportunity: Alumni Association Development" (December 2017), has been selected to be one of the European Young Leaders (2014) and her name was included in the "Purpose Economy Europe 100 List 2014", as well as in the 40under40 list of Fortune Greece and she is founding partner and the 1st President of the 1st Hellenic U.S. Alumni Association of State Department (2015-2018).

In addition, she was appointed as Young Global Leader from World Economic Forum for the years 2015-2020, holds Global Dignity's Greek Country Chair and has been nominated to join the World Economic Forum's Expert Network with more than 5,000 world-leading experts engaged by the Forum to help shape the global agenda. Very important was her participation in the campaign #Makingithappen organized by the U.S. Embassy to Greece as a Role Model in entrepreneurship. She regularly participates as a speaker, judge or mentor in competitions, school and university lectures and events related to entrepreneurship. She holds a Bachelor of Science in International Hospitality and Tourism Management from the University of Surrey.

She has a 9 year old daughter.