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Dr. Fotini Kokou is a biologist, interested in the interactions between fish and their microbiomes. Dr. Kokou completed her studies in the Department of Biology at the University of Crete, in association with the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research in Greece. After completing her PhD, she joined the Agriculture Research Organization as a postdoctoral researcher in collaboration with Ben Gurion University in Israel. Her work there mainly involved the study of microbial communities within the fish gut, evaluating the impact of environmental factors, host genetics and stress response on host-microbe interactions. Since January 2020, she joined the Aquaculture and Fisheries group in WUR as an Assistant Professor. Her research focuses on understanding fish-microbiome and microbe-microbe interactions in relation to fish nutrition and health, utilizing principles from microbial ecology and physiology in combination with genomics.