



Supporting Researchers at Risk

*Initiative to Support, Promote and Integrate
Researchers at Risk in Europe*

Inspireurope Outreach Workshop

Thessaloniki, Greece and online

30 September 2020

Agenda



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Wednesday, September 30th

*The working language of the Workshop is English
All times are EEST (CET+1)*

Registration is required [here](#) for both physical and online attendance

9:30 – 10:00 **Registration/ Welcome coffee**

10:00- 10:30 **Welcome remarks**

Chair for morning sessions: Alexandros Triantafyllidis, Inspireurope local coordinator at AUTH, Associate Professor of the School of Biology

Nikos Papaioannou, Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Professor of the School of Veterinary studies

Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President: Promoting our European Way of Life, European Commission: Keynote Message

Gregory Dimitriadis, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs, Chairman of the Board Enterprise Greece, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic

Sinead O’Gorman, Director, Scholars at Risk Europe, Maynooth University, Ireland (Coordinator of Inspireurope)

10:30- 11:00 **Scientific knowledge and academics under persecution**

Konstantinos Tsitselikis, Dean of the School of Economic and Regional Studies, University of Macedonia

11:00- 12:45 **Building a culture of welcome at Greek universities**

Chrysi Vitsilaki, Rector of Aegean University, Professor of Preschool Education and Educational Planning Department: Hosting Refugees in Academic and other Programmes of the University of the Aegean

Mathieu Schneider, Vice-Président de l’Université de Strasbourg: Welcoming Researchers at Risk to French Universities

Henriette Stöber, Policy Analyst, EUA - European University Association: Welcoming Researchers at Risk at European Institutions – an Inspireurope mapping report

Dionysios Chionis, Professor of Economics, Democritus University of Thrace: Terms and conditions of a successful cooperation with foreign researchers; the case of Greek Universities

Ahmad Arash Hemati, Founder of Study in Greece & Sustainability coordinator of Volvo group: Challenges for studying and post studying in Greece for refugees

Questions and answers

12:45 – 13:30 **Lunch break**

Afternoon workshops on preparing the work environment to welcome researchers at risk

13:30 – 15:30

A. Preparing the work environment in academia

Chairs: Ariadni Stogiannidou, Professor, School of Psychology, AUTH and Eleni Andrianopulu, Bielefeld University

Orla Duke, Programme Manager, Scholars at Risk Europe, Maynooth University, Ireland: Overview of funding opportunities/ academic placements in Europe for researchers at risk

Eleni Andrianopulu, BRiDGEs Project Coordinator, Bielefeld University: Bridges for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe. Academic Mentoring and further results of the projects BRiDGE and BRiDGE II.

Marit Egner, Senior Adviser, Office for Research and International Cooperation, Department of Research and Innovation Administration, University of Oslo: The temporary university fellowship as a stepping-stone in career development

Colette Gerards, Project Manager, International Cooperation Projects, VU Amsterdam: The relationship between long term perspective of scholars and the labour market in host countries

Christina Kontogoulidou, Head of International Relations Office, University of Piraeus: The inclusion of refugee students in all cycles of studies. The case of the University of Piraeus

Cengiz Aktar, Lecturer, Faculty of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies, University of Athens: An academic's journey the last 10 years

Questions and answers

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 18:00

B. Preparing the work environment in the non-academic sector

Chairs: Grigoris Zarotiadis, Dean of the School of Economics & Political Sciences AUTH and Despoina Syrri, Director of Symbiosis

Despoina Syrri, Director, Symbiosis-School of Political Studies in Greece, Council of Europe Network: Introductory remarks

Kleovoulos Theotokis, General Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Professional Chamber in Thessaloniki: How could Researchers at Risk (R@R) be integrated into the work environment?

Spyros Ignatiadis, General Director of Greek Exporters Association (SEVE): Enhancing International Business via Triple Helix Model of Innovation

Dimitrios Varadinis, Attorney at Law- Legal Services Coordinator at Praksis NGO: Legal hurdles for integration in the labour market

Christina Maligkoudi, School of Modern Greek Language, AUTH: Language issues and access to the labour market

Ioannis Katsikis, CEDEFOP, Refugee skills and labour market needs: How matching can support lawful adult refugee mobility

Mahmoud Abdelrasoul, Medical Doctor, Trainer of intercultural mediation, Greek Refugee Forum, Member of Board, Almasar General Director: A personal story

Questions and answers

18:00 – 18:30

Closing remarks