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Inspireurope+

Supporting Researchers at Risk

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

Inspireurope+ Outreach Workshop Regional

**Thessaloniki, Greece and online
13 March 2025**

Agenda

**Venue: Aristotle University Research Dissemination Centre
(Red Building) – Conference Hall: Ampitheatre I**



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Thursday, March 13th

*The working language of the Workshop is **English***

*All times are **Athens Time (EET)***

Registration is required [here](#) for both on-site and on-line attendance

10:30 – 11:00 Registration/ Welcome coffee

11:00- 11:30 Welcome remarks

*Chair for morning sessions: **Alexandros Triantafyllidis**, Inspireurope+ local Coordinator at AUTH, Chair of SAR Greece, Professor of the School of Biology*

***Haralambos Feidas**, Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH),*

***European Commission Representative** (TBC)*

***Marija Mitic**, Policy Analyst, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, DG EAC (TBC)*

***Frank Geary**, Director, Scholars at Risk Europe, Maynooth University, Ireland (Coordinator of Inspireurope+)*

***Alexandros Triantafyllidis**, Inspireurope+ local Coordinator at AUTH, Chair of SAR Greece, Professor of the School of Biology*

11:30- 12:00 Keynote Speech: Academic Freedom-A Global perspective

***Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua**, U Ghana, Director of the newly established SAR Regional Coalition Africa, co-author of the SAR Principles to Implement the Right to Academic Freedom, board member of Global Observatory on Academic Freedom*

12:00- 14:00 European & National-level Actions/Support Networks for Researchers at Risk with a focus on Southeastern European HEIs

*Moderator: **Sarah Field**, Inspireurope+ Programme Manager*

Presentations of relevant activities by **Rectors/Vice-rectors from HEIs** in South Europe (Spain, Greece, other Balkan countries)

***Henriette Stoeber**, EUA*

“Inspireurope Recommendations: Expanding opportunities in Europe for researchers at risk”

***Stefanie Kottowski** Project Manager, SAFE - Supporting at risk-researchers with fellowships in Europe*

“The SAFE pilot fellowship scheme”



*Iris Vernekohl, Senior Policy Advisor for Internationalization & Global Engagement, Ruhr University Bochum; Chair of the UN Task Force Responsible Internationalization and Global Engagement (RIGE)
“Role and Activities of the RIGE Task Force”*

Questions and answers

14:00 – 15:00 **Lunch**

Afternoon session

15:00 – 16:30 **Career development outside of Academia & cross-national circulation of researchers in Europe**

Chair: Ioannis Papageorgiou Professor of European integration, EU political systems and policies and Comparative Politics, AUTH

NGO Representative,, Challenges for refugees with high academic skills (TBI)

*Svetlana Dimitriova, Sofia University, EURAXESS Bulgaria network Coordinator
“Employment opportunities for RRs through the EURAXESS services”*

EURAXESS Greece “Support services for the career development of RR”

Tent network representative (TBC)

EDI expert (Gemma Irvine, Vice-President for Equality & Diversity, Maynooth University) (online TBC)

Previous SAR scholar “Personal experience”

Questions and answers

16:30 – 17:00 **Closing remarks**