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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, Professor at the School of Geology, Faculty of Sciences

Nikolaos Papaioannou, Secretary General for Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports; Professor of the School of Veterinary studies

Marija Mitic, Policy Analyst, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, DG EAC

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, Policy and Programme Manager, Scholars at Risk Europe; Inspireurope+ Programme Manager

Henriette Stoeber, Policy Analyst, European University Association

“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”

Jesús Daniel Santos, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, University of Oviedo

“Enhancing Support for Researchers at Risk: Insights from the SAR Speakers Series at the University of Oviedo and the INGENIUM Alliance”

Irene Martín Cortés, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

“Reflections about the state of SAR programs in Spanish universities”

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

“Promoting Academic Freedom and Supporting At-Risk Scholars at Ruhr University Bochum: Towards a Whole-Institution Approach”

Alexandros Triantafyllidis, Professor of the School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki & SAR Greece

“Building SAR Greece support through the years”

Ingrid Borárosová, University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava; Senior Researcher, Bratislava Policy Institute

“SAR Slovakia activities”

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

Moderators: Dr. Kristina Mantasavili & Konstantina Tolia, Dept. of European Educational Programmes, AUTH, Inspireurope+ AUTH members

Gemma Irvine, Vice-President for Equality & Diversity Maynooth University
“Connections between support for researchers at risk and universities’ equality, diversity, and inclusion values and agendas”

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

Virginia Politi, Head Officer of Department of Intergration of immigrants and refugees, Municipality of Thessaloniki
“Career Development Opportunities for refugees - The Experience of Municipality of Thessaloniki”

Margaryta Aradzhoni, A. Krymskyi Institute of Oriental Studies of National Academy of Science of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine), Leading researcher
“Perspectives (and challenges) for fulfilling research goals in Greece”

Questions and answers

16:30 – 17:00 Closing remarks