



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

Venue: Aristotle University Research Dissemination Center  
(Red Building) – Conference Hall I



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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**    **Injured liberties: 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): How export companies can benefit from R@R?*

*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**