

CONFERENCE  
**INEQUALITIES IN EDUCATION**

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 • Athens, Greece

Basil & Elise Goulandris Foundation • Auditorium

**20 MARCH**

09:30-10:00 Registration

**OPENING REMARKS**

- Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports
- Deputy Minister of Migration and Asylum, Ms. SOFIA VOULTEPSI
- Ambassador of Norway, Ms. LAJLA BRANDT JAKHELLN
- SolidarityNow, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Mr. STELIOS ZAVVOS

10:30-11:45 **INEQUALITIES IN EDUCATION**

*Fostering equity and inclusion in education across OECD countries*

Ms. LUCIE CERNA, OECD Senior Analyst in Equity, Inclusion & Transitions, Directorate for Education and Skills

*The EU Strategy for Inclusive Schools*

Mr. STEFAAN HERMANS, European Commission, Director of Policy Strategy and Evaluation, DG EAC

*Child-rights-based Inclusive Education*

Mr. GHASSAN KHALIL, UNICEF Representative in Greece

11:45-12:00 BREAK

12:00-13:15 **CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES TO INCLUSIVE QUALITY EDUCATION**

*The challenges to quality education for all - Greece*

Ms. THEONI KOUFONIKOLAKOU, Deputy Ombudswoman for Children's Rights

*The challenges to quality education for all - Bulgaria*

Ms. DENITSA SACHEVA, Member of the Parliament, former Deputy Minister of Education

**Our Challenges to Learn and Fulfil Our Dreams - YOUTH PANEL**

13:15-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-16:00 **EDUCATION OF REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CHILDREN**

Opening by the General Secretary for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection, Mr. HERACLES MOSKOFF

*Refugee and Migrant Children's Access to Education*

UNHCR, tbc

**Inclusion of Refugee and Migrant Children in Education – PANEL DISCUSSION**

Moderation: Mr. GIANNIS PAPADOPOULOS, Journalist

- Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports - Greece, Mrs. GALINA ALTCHOVA, Chief of Unit for the Coordination & Monitoring of the Education of Refugees
- Melissa Network - Greece, Ms. NADINA CHRISTOPOULOU, Director
- SolidarityNow - Greece Ms. EVA MELLOU, Project Area Manager
- Association for Shared Learning ELA - Bulgaria, Ms. IVA BONEVA, Founder and President of the Board

16:00-16:15 BREAK

16:15-17:30 **Inclusion of Refugee and Migrant Youth in Education - PANEL DISCUSSION**

Moderation: Mr. NICHOLAS RANGOS, Senior Programmes Manager

- General Secretariat for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection, tbc
- Network for Children's Rights - Greece, Mr. PANOS CHRISTODOULOU, Director
- ARSIS - Greece, tbc
- META - Czech Republic, Ms. KRISTYNA TITEROVA, Program Director

17:30 **CONCLUSION Day 1**

## 21 MARCH

### 10:00-10:10 OPENING REMARKS

Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family, tbc

### 10:10-11:45 EDUCATION OF ROMA CHILDREN

Opening by the General Secretary for Social Solidarity and Fight Against Poverty, Mr. PRODROMOS PYRROS

*Challenges for the Education of Roma Children*

Mr. ANDREY IVANOV, European Agency for Fundamental Rights - Head of Roma Inclusion Sector

#### **Inclusion of Roma Children in Education - PANEL DISCUSSION**

Moderation: Dr. CHRISTOS ILLIADIS, Researcher

- Trust for Social Achievements - Bulgaria, Mr. OGYAN ISAEV, Program Director Education
- ELLAN PASSE - Greece, Mr. VASILIS PANTZOS, President
- AMKE Revma - Greece, Ms. GEORGIA KALPAZIDOU, Co-founder

### 11:45-12:00 BREAK

### 12:00-13:45 EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

*The Journey to Inclusive Education: State of Play and Challenges*

Ms. RACHEL VAUGHAN, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)

#### **Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Education - PANEL DISCUSSION**

Moderation: Mr. GIANNIS CHATZIBEIS, Paralympian

- Know How Centre for Alternative Care at the New Bulgarian University, Ms. EVGENIYA TONEVA
- ESAMEA - Greece, tbc
- Association of Social Responsibility for Children and Youth (SKEP)- Greece, Ms. ATHENA KRITIKOU, SKEP Founder and President
- ELEPAP - Greece, tbc
- Association for the Care of Autistic Persons - Croatia, Ms. NEVIA KRUPLJANIN

### 13:45-14:30 LUNCH

### 14:30-15:45 COMMON CHALLENGES - JOINT SOLUTIONS

*Sustainable School-Parent-Community Relations for Authentic Inclusion of Disadvantaged Children: Reflections from Lived Experiences*

Prof. CARMEL BORG - University of Malta

*Activities to foster Inclusion in School - The case of a primary school in central Athens*

Prof. PETROS CHARAVITSIDIS - National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

*Schools for All – The European Wergeland Centre*

Dr. ANGELOS VALLIANATOS, Ms. MARIANTHI ANTONIOU

*Inclusive Education and Schools*

Mrs. DIMITRA KANELLOPOULOU, European Commission, Education Policy Officer/Country Analyst for Cyprus & Greece

### 15:45-16:00 CONCLUSION AND CLOSURE