



BEYOND LANGUAGE BARRIERS

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Preliminary Programme

- 10.00-10.30 Welcome addresses and introductory remarks
- 10.30-11.45 **Social, aesthetic and linguistic literacies for the creative participation in European societies of displaced populations and people in adversity**
- a) Prof. Thalia Dragona: “Curing the limbo” An intervention for the integration of refugees by the Municipality of Athens
 - b) Prof. George Androulakis: Research-driven educational actions for refugees: the project P.R.E.S.S. of the Hellenic Open University
 - c) Prof. Mary Leontsini “Democratic School Governance for Inclusion (of refugees and immigrants): a whole community approach”. A project of the School of Education, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 11.45-12.15 Coffee break
- 12.15-13.15 The work carried out in Europe’s multilingualism centres
- a) Dr Cor van der Meer “Critical Skills in Life and Work” A project focussed on immigrants, by the “Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning” hosted in the Fryske Academy, in Fryslân, the Netherlands
 - b) Dr Theo Marinis, “ProLanguage: The protective role of language in global migration and mobility: Language policies in refugee settings”. A project by the Centre for Literacy and Multilingualism of the University of Reading, Reading, UK
- 13.15-14.30 Lunch break
- 14.30-15.30 **The role of translation, technology and linguistic resources for the safeguarding of multilingualism in Europe**
- a) Dr Stelios Piperidis: Regional European delegate “European Language Resource Coordination“. A project of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), by creating a true Digital Single Market in Europe –a project initiated by the European Commission to overcome one of the main challenges of the language barrier that EU member state services, ministries and citizens are facing every day.
 - b) Ms Alexandra Buchler: Director of “Literature Across Frontiers”, a European Platform for Literary Exchange, Translation and Policy Debate, aiming to develop intercultural dialogue through literature and translation, as well as to highlight less translated literatures.
- 15.30-16.30 The work of the member and partner organisations of the ECSPM