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Programme

- 10.00-10.30 Welcome address: Ms Sulochana Gielser, Goethe Institute Athens, Representative of EUNIC in Greece
Introduction to the ECSPM: Prof. Bessie Dendrinou, President
- 10.30-11.45 **Social, aesthetic and linguistic literacies for the creative participation in European societies of displaced populations and people in adversity**
- Prof. Thalia Dragona: “Curing the limbo” An intervention for the integration of refugees by the Municipality of Athens
 - Prof. George Androulakis: Research-driven educational actions for refugees: the project P.R.E.S.S. of the Hellenic Open University
 - 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 Relevant work carried out in Europe’s multilingualism centres
- Dr Cor van der Meer “Critical Skills in Life and Work” A project focused on immigrants, by the “Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning” hosted in the Fryske Academy, in Fryslân, the Netherlands
 - 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 safe-guarding of multilingualism in Europe**
- Dr Stelios Piperidis: Regional European delegate “European Language Resource Coordination”– project of the Connecting Europe Facility aiming at creating a Digital Single Market in Europe (initiated by the European Commission to overcome one of the main challenges of the language barrier faced by EU member state services, ministries and citizens)
 - The work of ECSPM partner organisation: “Cracking the Language Barriers”
 - Ms Alexandra Büchler: 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 other ECSPM member and partner organisations**
- Ms Guðrún Gísladóttir: European Artists’ Rights,
 - Mr Vicent Fennollar i Sastre: The Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity
 - Sarah Breslin, The European Centre of Modern Languages
 - Ms Ulla Alexandra Matti: The Lifelong Learning Platform - European Civil Society for Education
 - Prof. Terry Lamb: The International Federation of Language Teacher Associations
 - Mr Johan Van Hoorde: The European Federation of National Institutions for Language
 - Prof. Tanja Rinker: Center for Multilingualism, University of Konstanz