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**PROGRAMME**



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**Wednesday 22 March 2017, Filoxenia Conference Centre**

- 08.50**      **Press statement by Minister Costas Kadis and the Deputy Secretary General Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**  
(Venue: Foyer)
- 09.00-09.30**      **Official opening**  
(Meeting Room: Zenon Kitieus 2/3)  
Short Cultural Event
- Address by **Mr Costas Kadis**, Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus
  - Address by **Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
  - Address by **Mr Tibor Navracsics**, EU Commissioner on Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
- 09.30-11.00**      **Plenary Session 1: Competences for democratic culture**
- Chair: Mr Costas Kadis**, Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus
- Introductory speeches:
- **Mr Evarist Bartolo**, Minister for Education and Employment, Malta
  - **Ms Liliya Hrynevych**, Minister of Education and Science, Ukraine
  - **Mr Pavel Năstase**, Minister of National Education, Romania
- Experts' input:
- **Mr Martyn Barrett**, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of Surrey, United Kingdom
  - **Mr Călin Rus**, Director, Intercultural Institute of Timișoara, Romania
- Discussion
- 11.00-11.30**      Family photo  
  
Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00**      **Plenary Session 2: Valuing diversity and dialogue in a safe learning environment**  
(Meeting Room: Zenon Kitieus 2/3)
- Chair: Mr Costas Kadis**, Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus

Introductory speeches:

- **Mr Eric Jover Comas**, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Andorra
- **Mr Pavel Zenkovich**, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Russian Federation
- **Mr Jindřich Fryč**, State Secretary on Education, Czech Republic

Expert input by **Mr Francesco Ragazzi**, Professor, Institute of Political Science, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

Contribution from **Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch hosted by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the Ministers or Heads of Delegation, upon invitation (Pentadaktylos Room)

Lunch for the other participants hosted by the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture (Halkos Room)

14.30-16.00 **Parallel showcase sessions: Implementing the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (CDC)**

Teachers and ministry representatives from three member states will show how they piloted CDC descriptors or drew on the CDC Model for curriculum reform. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion on two aspects of the implementation of the CDC model.

- Group A: **France**, European School of Strasbourg (ESS): "Piloting CDC descriptors in primary and secondary classes"

Presentation by Ms Monique Roiné, Head of the ESS, and Ms Julia Marlier, Deputy Head in charge of primary education

Themes for discussion: "Assessment" and "Preventing radicalisation", Mr Martyn Barrett (Meeting room: Zenon Kitieus 2/3)

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided to and from English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Turkish and Greek.

- Group B: **Portugal**, Ministry of Education: "Preparing teachers for piloting the CDC descriptors"

Presentation by Ms Carla Isabel Moreira Alves de Barros Lourenço, Ms Maria José Dos Reis Neves and Mr António José da Silva Dias de Almeida, teacher trainers

Themes for discussion: "Pedagogy and teacher education",  
Ms Luisa de Bivar Black (Meeting room: Zenon Kitieus 1/3)

This Workshop will be in English.

- Group C: **Romania**, National Ministry of Education: "CDC in the context of the reform of the middle-school national curriculum in Romania"

Presentation by Mr Eugen Stoica, General inspector for social-sciences, Ms Angela Tesileanu, Head of the Curriculum Department and Mr Ciprian Fartusnic, Institute of Education Sciences.

Themes for discussion: "Curriculum development and the whole-school approach", Mr Călin Rus (Meeting room: Elia)

This Workshop will be in English.

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.00 **Dialogue in the Mediterranean area**

Moderator: **Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, Director General of Democracy (DGII)

Discussion with the participation of:

- **Mr Costas Gavroglou**, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece
- **Mr Fadi Yarak**, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Lebanon
- **Mr Jean-Marie Heydt**, President North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- **Mr Manlio di Stefano**, Representative of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Discussion

20.00 Official dinner by the Minister of Education and Culture of Cyprus  
"Royal Hall", Nicosia

**Thursday 23 March 2017, Filoxenia Conference Centre**

09.00-10.30      **Plenary Session 3: The refugee crisis – from short term solutions to long term integration**  
(Meeting Room: Zenon Kitieus 2/3)

**Chair: Mr Costas Kadis**, Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus

Experts' input:

- **Ms Maria Fassari**, Head of Division of International Relations, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece
- **Mr Lorenzo Rocca**, CVCL - Centro per la Valutazione e le Certificazioni Linguistiche, Italy
- **Mr Stig Arne Skjerven**, Director of Foreign Education, Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT), Norway

Discussion

10.30-11.00      Coffee break

11.00-11.30      **Side event: The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lisbon Recognition Convention**  
(Meeting Room: Zenon Kitieus 2/3)

Presentation by **Mr Sjur Bergan**, Head of the Education Department of the Council of Europe

Discussion

11.30-12.30      **Conclusions on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers**

Address by **Mr Costas Kadis**, Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus

12.30-13.30      Lunch and departure of delegations  
(Pentadaktylos Room)