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Wednesday 22 March 2017, Filoxenia Conference Centre

08.50 **Press statement of Minister Costas Kadis and the Deputy Secretary General Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**

09.00-09.30

Press Room

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 **Mrs 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 Nastase**, 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 Timisoara, Romania

Discussion

11.00-11.30

Family photo

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 **Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Discussion

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

Lunch for the other participants hosted by the Cypriot authorities (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, Greek, Italian, Russian and Turkish.

- 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 Break

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

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

Discussion with the participation of:

- **Mr Néji Jalloul**, Minister of Education, Tunisia
- **Mr João Costa**, State Secretary for Education, Portugal
- **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
- **Mr Constantinos Christofides**, Rector of the University of Cyprus

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

Introductory speech:

- **Mr Costas Gavroglou**, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece

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 Break

11.00-11.30 **Side event: The 20th Anniversary of the Lisbon Recognition Convention**
 (Venue: Foyer)

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

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)