

28 October 2020

## **Online Meeting of Experts**

following the Informal Meeting of Ministers of Education  
in the framework of the Greek Chairmanship  
of the Committee of Ministers

# **Competences for democratic culture: an Education response to COVID-19 and to safeguarding our cultural heritage**

**30 October 2020**

9:15 a.m. – 5 p.m. CET (Strasbourg time)

10:15 a.m. – 6 p.m. EET (Athens time)

## **Draft Programme**

The online meeting of experts will take place back-to-back with the Informal Meeting of Ministers of Education of 29 October, providing the framework for an in-depth discussion about the conclusions of the Informal Meeting, namely on:

“The education response to the COVID-19 crisis: the right to quality education in times of a pandemic and its challenges” and

“Utilising education as a tool for promoting awareness of cultural heritage at risk from climate change in a culture of democracy”.

**Friday 30 October 2020**

<b>9:15-9:45</b>	<p><b>Official Opening</b></p> <p><b>Welcome addresses</b></p> <p>Niki KERAMEUS, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece Linus-Alexandre SICILIANOS, former President of the European Court of Human Rights Matjaž GRUDEN, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe</p> <p><b>Chair of the meeting:</b> Maria FASSARI, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE), Head of the International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece</p>
<b>9:45-10:30</b>	<p><b>Plenary Session</b> <b>Challenges to the right to quality education in times of pandemic</b></p> <p>Sophia ZACHARAKI, Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece Sjur BERGAN, Head of the Education Department, Council of Europe Nadia AZZOUZ, Professor of Teacher Training, University of Andorra</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Moderator: Maria FASSARI</p>
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	<p><b>Plenary Session</b> <b>The Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic</b></p> <p>Vasileios DIGALAKIS, Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece Martyn BARRETT, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of Surrey, U.K. &amp; EPAN Lead Expert</p> <p>Example from practice Vasilka KOLOVSKA, Teacher, Ivan Vazov Secondary School, Mezdra, Bulgaria</p> <p>Moderator: Katerina TOURA, Programme Manager, Education Policy Division, Council of Europe</p>
<b>11:15-12:00</b>	<p><b>Parallel Workshops</b></p> <p>Anastasia GKIKA, Secretary General for Primary, Secondary and Special Education, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece</p>

	<p><b>How can the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC) contribute in practice to dealing with COVID-19-related challenges in schools?</b></p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>WG 1: Caroline GEBARA, Head of Development, European Wergeland Centre  WG 2: Bernt GEBAUER, Hessian Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Germany  WG 3: Rolf GOLLOB, Professor at the Zürich University of Teacher Education &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Switzerland  WG 4: Claudia LENZ, Professor at the Norwegian School of Theology &amp; EPAN lead expert  WG 5: Tamar SHUALI TRACHTENBERG, Senior Lecturer, Catholic University of Valencia, Spain</p>
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	<b>Reporting from group discussions - Conclusions</b>
<b>12:15-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00–15:00</b>	<p><b>Education for democracy and safeguarding cultural heritage</b></p> <p>Apostolos DIMITROPOULOS, Secretary General for Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece  Ewan HYSLOP, Head of Technical Research and Science at Historic Environment Scotland, Co-Chair of the Climate Heritage Network for Europe and the CIS  Kathrin MERKLE, Head of the Culture and Heritage Division, Council of Europe  Milica POPOVIC, Visiting researcher, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna &amp; Council of Europe RFCDC expert</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Matjaž GRUDEN, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe</p>
<b>15:00-15:45</b>	<p><b>Critically reflecting on cultural heritage and sustainable development by means of the RFCDC</b></p> <p>Călin RUS, Director of the Intercultural Institute of Timișoara &amp; EPAN lead expert  Discussant: Giuliana De FRANCESCO, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape of the Council of Europe &amp; Head of Unit, European Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Cultural Activities and Tourism, Italy</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Michael REMMERT, Head of the Education Policy Division, Council of Europe</p>
<b>15h45-16h00</b>	<b>Break</b>

<p><b>16:00-16:30</b></p>	<p><b>Cultural heritage awareness as part of a culture of democracy in schools</b></p> <p>Vassiliki MAKRI, Director of the Directorate of European and International Affairs, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece  Kristina KAIHARI, Counsellor of Education, Finnish National Agency for Education &amp; Council of Europe EPAN expert for Finland</p> <p><b>Examples from practice</b></p> <p>Valentina UITTO, Teacher, French-Finnish School of Helsinki, Finland  Katerina CHRISTODOULOU, Teacher, Ralleio Upper Secondary School, Peiraias, Greece</p> <p>Moderator: Katerina TOURA</p>
<p><b>16:30-17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p><b>Conference conclusions by the General Rapporteur</b>  Olena STYSLAVSKA, Council of Europe Expert and Teacher Trainer</p> <p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p>Panagiotis PASSAS, Director General for International and European Affairs, Education for Hellenic Diaspora and Intercultural Education, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece  Maria FASSARI, Chair of the CDPPE, Head of the International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece  Michael REMMERT, Head of the Education Policy Division, Council of Europe</p>
	<p>Presentation of video-messages by young people of the NGO "<a href="#">Let's do it Greece</a>" from cultural monuments throughout Greece to raise awareness on the need for protection of cultural heritage from climate change.</p>