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# Learning Environments where Languages Flourish: Placing Languages at the Heart of Learning

MUSIC SCHOOL OF AGRINIO

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## Conference Programme

08:30 – 09.00	<i>Registration</i>
09.00 – 09.05	G. Papanastasiou, Mayor of Agrinio
09.05 – 09.10	K. Giannopoulos, Regional Director for Primary and Secondary Education in Western Greece
09.10 – 09.15	S. P. Christopoulou, Head of Scientific and Pedagogical Guidance for Secondary Education at the Regional Directorate of Education in Western Greece
09.15 – 09.20	Th. Baris, Head of Scientific and Pedagogical Guidance for Primary Education at the Regional Directorate of Education in Western Greece
09.20 – 09.25	C. Kazantzis, Director of Secondary Education in Aitolokarnania
09.25 – 09.30	Video message from the ECML – Sarah Breslin, Executive Director
09.30 - 10.30	Jonas Erin, “How to stop the drift away of practice, research and policy”
10.30 - 11.00	Marianthi Kotadaki, “Digital Storytelling in language learning: competences, skills and cultures”
11.00 - 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 - 13.30	Jonas Erin, “Designing learning environments where modern languages flourish within a whole school language policy” - Workshop
13.30 - 13.45	Olympia Tsolou, “Multilingualism, Plurilingualism, Translanguaging”
13.45 - 14.00	<i>Discussion</i>
	<i>Certificates of Attendance</i>

## Short Presentation of the Guest Speakers



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**Jonas ERIN is inspector general in the French Ministry of Education.**

He was for several years German and CLIL teacher and teacher trainer in various contexts in lower and upper secondary schools in North of France. From 2007 till 2014 he worked as a regional inspector for modern languages in the academy of Besançon and Rennes.

In his current position, he is working on various fields of education such as HRM, international project management, Franco-German education networks and programs, school career guidance, CLIL and literacy, digital resources for language education, mechanism of mediation in schools, etc.

**He is currently coordinating an expert team on the four-year action-research project (2016-2019) of the European Center for Modern Languages (ECML, Graz):**

***EOL, Learning environments where modern languages flourish***

Further work experience with the ECML:

- 2018: Co-coordination of the think tank on Language learning pathways
- 2013-2015: External expert on the project PlurCur – Plurilingual Whole School Curricula, coordinated by Britta Hufeisen, Darmstadt University
- 2011: European Language Portfolio, coordinated by David Little, Trinity College, Dublin



**Marianthi KOTADAKI** was born in Athens. She works as a **School Advisor in the prefectures of Achaia and Ilia, Peloponnese**. She studied English Language and Literature at Athens National and Kapodistrian University, holds a Master's degree in ELT and is currently a PhD candidate. She has been a member of the Executive Board of the international organisation European Language Network (ICC), the coordinator of the Patras Intercultural Pedagogy Office and the Head of Scientific and Pedagogical Guidance for Secondary Education at the Regional Directorate of Education. She has been involved in projects developed by the Pedagogical Department of Patras University and has designed and implemented ICT-mediated teacher training courses. She has provided training services at various Professional Development centres as well as to the KPG oral examiners. In 2006, she was awarded the European Language Label Prize and in 2012 the Excellence and Innovation in Education contest prize. She has participated in national and international educational conferences and holds several publications. She has also created an online educational journal for English teachers. She speaks English and French and is married with two children.