



*Initiative to Support, Promote and Integrate
Researchers at Risk in Europe PLUS*

Inspireurope+ Outreach Workshop Regional

**Thessaloniki, Greece and online
13 March 2025**

Agenda

**Venue: Aristotle University Research Dissemination Centre
(Red Building) – Conference Hall: Ampitheatre I**



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Thursday, March 13th

*The working language of the Workshop is **English***

*All times are **Athens Time (EET)***

Registration is required [here](#) for both on-site and on-line attendance

10:30 – 11:00 Registration/ Welcome coffee

11:00- 11:30 Welcome remarks

*Chair for morning sessions: **Alexandros Triantafyllidis**, Inspireurope+ local Coordinator at AUTH, Chair of SAR Greece, Professor of the School of Biology*

***Haralambos Feidas**, Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH),*

***European Commission Representative Invitation to Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva**(TBC)*

***Marija Mitic**, Policy Analyst, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, DG EAC (TBC)*

***Frank Geary**, Director, Scholars at Risk Europe, Maynooth University, Ireland (Coordinator of Inspireurope+)*

***Alexandros Triantafyllidis**, Inspireurope+ local Coordinator at AUTH, Chair of SAR Greece, Professor of the School of Biology*

11:30- 12:00 Keynote Speech: Academic Freedom-A Global perspective

***Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua**, U Ghana, Director of the newly established SAR Regional Coalition Africa, co-author of the SAR Principles to Implement the Right to Academic Freedom, board member of Global Observatory on Academic Freedom*

12:00- 14:00 European & National-level Actions/Support Networks for Researchers at Risk with a focus on Southeastern European HEIs

*Moderator: **Sarah Field**, Inspireurope+ Programme Manager*

*Presentation of relevant activities by **Rector/Vice-rector** from a SAR Greece University or from another Balkan University (TBC)*

***Jesús Daniel Santos**, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, University of Oviedo
"Enhancing Support for Researchers at Risk: Insights from the SAR Speakers Series at the University of Oviedo and the INGENIUM Alliance"*

***Henriette Stoeber**, EUA*

"Inspireurope Recommendations: Expanding opportunities in Europe for researchers at

risk”

Iris Vernekohl, Senior Policy Advisor for Internationalization & Global Engagement,
Ruhr University Bochum; Chair of the UN Task Force Responsible Internationalization
and Global Engagement (RIGE)

“Role and Activities of the RIGE Task Force”

Stefanie Kottowski Project Manager, SAFE - Supporting at risk-researchers with
fellowships in Europe

“The SAFE pilot fellowship scheme”

Questions and answers

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch

Afternoon session

15:00 – 16:30

**Career development outside of Academia & cross-national circulation of
researchers in Europe**

Chair: Ioannis Papageorgiou Professor of European integration, EU political systems and
policies and Comparative Politics, AUTH

NGO Representative, Challenges for refugees with high academic skills (TBI)

Svetlana Dimitriova, Sofia University, EURAXESS Bulgaria network Coordinator
“Employment opportunities for RRs through the EURAXESS services”

EURAXESS Greece *“Support services for the career development of RR”*

(TENT representative) (TBI)

Gemma Irvine, Vice-President for Equality & Diversity Maynooth University (online TBC)

*“Connections between support for researchers at risk and universities’ equality, diversity,
and inclusion values and agendas”*

Previous SAR scholar *“Personal experience”* (TBI)

Questions and answers

16:30 – 17:00

Closing remarks