

“Asylum and Migration” and “Local Development and Poverty Reduction” EEA Grants programmes Closing Ceremony

28th September 2023 | Auditorium “Miltiadis Evert”, Technopolis City of Athens

Agenda

15:00 -15:30 Arrivals, coffee & snacks

15:30 – 16:15 Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome by Lajla **Jakhelln**, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Athens
- Statement by Dimitrios **Georgiadis**, Director of the Office of the General Secretariat for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection, Ministry of Migration and Asylum
- Welcome by Stephan **Mo**, Director of the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration
- Welcome by Anita **Fjeldsaeter**, Senior Sector Officer, Financial Mechanism Office in Brussels
- Welcome by Charilaos **Faltsetas**, BoD Chairman, SOL Crowe Advisory

16:15 – 16:45 Keynote speaker

Leyla **Kayacik**, Special Representative on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe

16:45 – 17:15 Presentation of the results of “Asylum and Migration” and “Local Development and Poverty Reduction” programmes

Anastasia **Georgiou**, Programme Manager | Fund Operator

Kalliopi-Anastasia **Liapi**, M&E Coordinator | Fund Operator

- Monitoring system; Key statistics & accomplishments
- Challenges, success stories and lessons learned
- Bilateral Initiatives: an overview

Roger **Bymolt**, Results and Evaluation Officer, Financial Mechanism Office in Brussels

Chrysilia **Dimitriadi**, Programme Reporting Coordinator | Fund Operator

- Financial performance

Eleni **Zacharopoulou**, Communications Officer | Fund Operator

- Programmes’ dissemination & visibility

17:15 – 17:45 “Norwegian Integration Policy: the case of the Norwegian Model on Public Service Interpreting”. Presentation.

Leonardo **Doria de Souza**, Senior Adviser at the Norwegian Directorate of Integration and Diversity, Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion of Norway

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17:45 – 18:00 Interventions

- Harry **Smith**, Head of Policy and Programme Support Unit, IOM Greece
- Jun **Shirato**, Assistant Representative (Protection), UNHCR

18:00-18:15 15' min. break

18:15 - 19:45 Roundtable discussion

18:15 – 19:00 | Panel 1: “UAMs turning 18 – The challenge of finding safe accommodation”.

- Dimitra **Adamantidou**, Director of Association for the Care of Minors & Youth (SMAN)
 - Dimitra **Arvanitaki**, Shelter Coordinator of UAM's Shelter in Athens, Association for the Social Support of Youth (ARSIS)
 - Christos **Dimopoulos**, former- Senior programme adviser, NORCAP
 - Penny **Keramida**, Project Manager of SIL Programme for Unaccompanied Minors, METAdrasi
 - Vasileios **Lilitsoglou**, Coordinator of Accommodation Facility for Unaccompanied Minors in Chios, METAdrasi
 - Alexia **Papantoniou**, Senior SIL Officer, International Rescue Committee (IRC)
 - Bahram **Sharifi**, former beneficiary of Transit Accommodation Shelter in Samos, METAdrasi
- Q&A will follow | Moderator: Ioanna **Fotiadi**, Editor in Kathimerini

19:00 – 19:45 | Panel 2: “Integration of UAMs to local communities. The example of formal education”.

- Valia **Andrakakou**, Athens Solidarity Center Coordinator, SolidarityNow
 - Gelly **Aroni**, Head of the Unit for Integration and Support of UAMs, General Secretariat for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection, Ministry of Migration & Asylum
 - Eirini **Chazapi**, Project Manager House2, Association for the Care of Minors & Youth (SMAN)
 - Lampros **Floudas**, Coordinator of Accommodation Facility for Unaccompanied Minors in Samos, METAdrasi
 - Dora **Katsamori** - “Schools for all” Project Coordinator, The European Wergeland Center
 - Aliko **Tzanedaki**, Project Manager of the Open Accommodation Center “A Step Forward” Médecins du Monde Greece
 - Andreas **Xatziminis**, teacher, former Director at the 3rd Gymnasium of Aigaleo, Athens
- Q&A will follow | Moderator: Yorgos **Archimandritis**, Author, cultural radio & TV host

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19:45 - 20:00 Closing remarks

Epaminondas **Farmakis**, Director of the “Local development and Poverty Reduction” and “Asylum and Migration” EEA Grants programmes, Co-Founder of HumanRights360.

20:00 - 21:30 Exhibition tour, drinks & finger food [Purifier venue]

Event moderation: Eleni Zacharopoulou, Communications Officer “Local development and Poverty Reduction” and “Asylum and Migration” EEA Grants programmes