



UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN MACEDONIA



PROGRAMME

CHILD RIGHTS CENTRES 3RD NETWORK MEETING

EXPANDING NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



21-22 OCTOBER 2026



UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN MACEDONIA
ZEP CAMPUS KOZANI, GREECE

ORGANIZED IN COLLABORATION WITH UNICEF GREECE

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026

10:30 – 11:00 Registration

Central Amphitheater, Administration Building

11:00 – 12:00 Opening and Welcome

Coordination: Public and International Relations Department, UOWM

Prof. Theodoros Theodoulidis, Rector, UOWM

Nikos Papaioannou, Deputy Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports (TBC)

George Amanatidis, Governor of Western Macedonia

Pilar Gonzalez Rams, UNICEF Representative in Greece

Despoina Papadopoulou, Regional Directorate for Primary and Secondary Education of Western Macedonia

Nikolaos Karamolegkos, Deputy Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal of Western Macedonia

INVITED SPEAKERS SESSION

12:00 – 14:00 Chairs:

Eleni Griva, Vice Rector of the University of Western Macedonia

Evmorfia Kipouropoulou, Director of the UOWM CRC, Assistant Professor

12:00 – 12:20 Ioanna Karyofili, Director of the Office of the Minister of Justice

Ministry of Justice and Child — Actions and Initiatives

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INVITED SPEAKERS SESSION

12:20 – 12:40 Paroula Naskou-Perraki, Professor Emerita of International Law and International Organizations, University of Macedonia

Violation of Children's Rights before the Committee of the Rights of the Child and the European Court of Human Rights

12:40 - 13:00 Christina Hadjisoteriou, Senior Officer and Head of the Commissioner's Office for the Protection of Children's Rights, Republic of Cyprus

NETWORKS WITHOUT GAPS: When Collaboration Makes Rights a Reality

13:00 - 13:20 Evaggelos Tsilis, National Director - SOS Children's Villages, Greece

Child Protection: Challenges, Gaps and the Power of Collaboration

13:20 - 13:40 Vassiliki Pliogou, Associate Professor, Department of Early Childhood Education, University of Western Macedonia, Greece

Reimagining Education through Children's Rights and Transformative Pedagogies

13:40 - 14:00 Discussion

14:00 - 15:00 Light Lunch

DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA

18:00 - 20:00 Honorary doctorate awarding to Dr. Ghassan Khalil by the University of Western Macedonia

Rector, Theodoros Theodoulidis

Dean, Sofia Iliadou- Tachou

Head of the Department, Amalia Triantafillidou

Deputy Head of the Department, Domna Michail

Ghassan Khalil

Communication in the Digital Era

Musical Event

Supervised by Konstantinos Tsachouridis, Vocal Performer & Laboratory Teaching Staff in Music Education, UOWM

20:00 - 21:00 Light Refreshments

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER

Mult. Uses Room, Administration Building

09:45 – 10:00 Opening

Eleni Griva, Vice Rector of the University of Western Macedonia
Pilar Gonzalez Rams, UNICEF Representative in Greece

Contributions

10:00 - 10:20 Dr Ghassan Khalil

Child Rights Centers: a Vital Strategy for Transformative Social Policy

10:20 - 10:40 Galina Altouchova, Head of the Department for the Coordination and Monitoring of Refugee Education, Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, Greece
Despoina Papadopoulou, Regional Directorate of Education in Western Macedonia

PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE GREEK CHILD RIGHTS CENTERS

Coordinators:

Evmorfia Kipouropoulou, Assistant Professor, Director of the UOWM CRC
Giorgos Simopoulos, Education Consultant, Greece CO – CRC Task Force member

10:40 - 10:50 UNICEF, Despina Karamperidou and Giorgos Simopoulos

Measuring What Matters: An Evidence-Based Approach to the Impact of Child Rights Centers on the Education System - Evidence from the Safe Schools Alliance Programme



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- 10:50 - 11:00** **University of Western Macedonia**, Assistant Professor Evmorfia Kipouropoulou
- 11:00 - 11:10** **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, Professor Despina Papadopoulou
- 11:10 - 11:20** **Democritus University of Thrace**, Laboratory Teaching Staff, Euthimia Papanastasiou
- 11:20 - 11:30** **Hellenic Mediterranean University**, Associate Professor Maria Papadakaki
- 11:30 - 11:40** **Hellenic Open University**, Professor Nektaria Palaiologou
- 11:40 - 11:50** **International Hellenic University**, Assistant Professor Isaak Papadopoulos
- 11:50 - 12:00** **Ionian University**, Professor Andreas Floros
- 12:00 - 12:10** **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**, Professor Alexandra Androusou/Professor Maria Iakovou
- 12:10 - 12:20** **National Research Center Democritus**, Researcher Dora Katsamori
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- 12:20 - 12:40** **Coffee Break**

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- 12:40 - 12:50** **Panteion University**, Professor Vassiliki Artinopoulou/Assistant Professor Pari Zagoura
- 12:50 - 13:00** **University of the Aegean**, Professor Eleni Karantzola
- 13:00 - 13:10** **University of Crete**, Professor Maria Kypriotaki
- 13:10 - 13:20** **University of Macedonia**, Professor Kostantinos Tsitselikis
- 13:20 - 13:30** **University of Patras**, Professor Thanasis Karalis
- 13:30 - 13:40** **University of Peloponnese**, Professor Elia Chatzigianni
- 13:40 - 13:50** **University of Thessaly**, PhD Researcher Maria Karazanou
- 13:50 - 14:00** **University of West Attica**, Associate Professor Professor Konstantina Sklavou/Professor Vassilis Ioakimidis
- 14:00 - 14:30** **Discussion**
- 14:30 - 15:30** **Light lunch**

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER

**PRESENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL CHILD RIGHTS CENTERS**

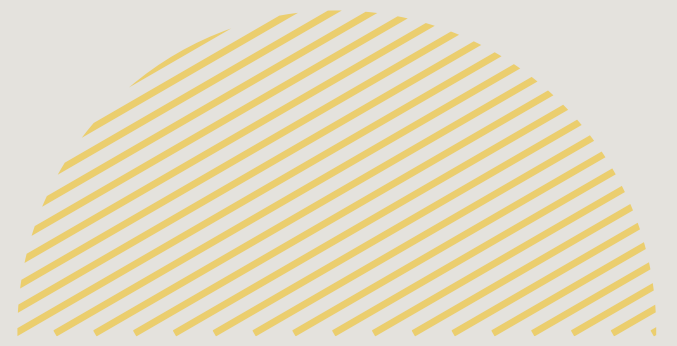
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Vasileios Fasoulis, Social Policy Officer, CRC Task Force member

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| 15:30 - 15:40 | Batumi State University , Lela Turmanidze, Dean of the Faculty of Exact Sciences and Education at Batumi & Professor Lela Tavdgiridze |
| 15:40 - 15:50 | Logos University , Professor Erleta Mato, Academic Staff Saimira Gjapi |
| 15:50 - 16:00 | University of Bertoua , Professor Pierre DJONGA |
| 16:00 - 16:10 | University of Dschang , Professor Brigitte Djuidjie |
| 16:10 - 16:20 | University of Gambia , Professor Yahya Muhammed Bah |
| 16:20 - 16:30 | University of Yaoundé , Lecturer Wirngo Tani |
| 16:30 - 16:40 | Private Sector , Partnerships Officer, Ecaro, Marina Drymalitou |
| 16:40 - 17:00 | Closing |



Organizing Committee

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