



FRIDAY 8 MAY

16.00-16.30 Registrations

16.30-17.00 Welcome Addresses

17.00-18.30 Invited talks

Chair: Efthymia Penderi

Invited Talk 1 | 5 Years of EAN: Challenges and Prospects

Thomai Alexiou – Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Invited Talk 2 | From Isolated Teaching to Collaborative Practice: Lessons from Introducing English in Greek Kindergartens

Evdokia Karava – National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Invited Talk 3 | Digital Transformation and EAN: Connections of the New Curriculum with Early Foreign Language Education

Bessie Mitsikopoulou – National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

18.30-19.00 Discussion

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break

19.30-21.00 Session

Session 1 | From Training to Practice

Chair: Evdokia Karava & Bessie Mitsikopoulou

- Empirical approaches of education consultants on introducing English in kindergarten
- “Sending Our Hugs Around the World”: collaborative teacher training action
- Developing a CLIL protocol for preschool education
- Collaboration between kindergarten and English teachers in small schools

21.00 Welcome drink & reception buffet



ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 9 ΜΑΙΟΥ

09.30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11.30 Parallel Sessions

Session 2 | English, Arts & Culture

Chair: Anastasios Siatras & Lydia Mitits

- Learning English vocabulary through music
- Music as language: multilingual awareness & intercultural learning
- Cultural corners in kindergarten
- Shadow theatre as a teaching method in EFL

Session 3 | English & Holistic Development

Chair: Anastasia Panagiotidou & Efthymia Papanastasiou

- Creativity through English language clubs
- Integrating English into the kindergarten curriculum
- Teachers' awareness of learning difficulties and EFL learning
- Life skills & first aid through CLIL

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.30 Invited talks

Chair: Thomai Alexiou

Invited Talk 4 | Multiliteracies in EFL in early English education: From Curriculum to EAN scenarios

Aikaterini Alexandri Democritus University of Thrace

Invited Talk 5 | Critical Approaches to Assessment Literacy in Introducing English in Kindergarten: The Case of the EAN Program

Anastasios Siatras, University of Thessaly





Invited Talk 6 | The Intercultural Dimension of Introducing English in Kindergarten: Perspectives for Developing Intercultural Awareness

Ioannis Karras, Ionian University

13.30-14.00	Discussion
14.00-16.30	Lunch Break
16.30-17.00	Coffee
17.00-18.30	Parallel sessions – Workshops

Workshop 1 | Sorry. No English!

Valentina Sokratous, Ethnological Museum of Thrace

Session 4 | English, Collaboration and Transitions

Chair: Aikaterini Gioftsaly & Sofia Chatzigeorgiadou

- Learning stories as a teaching method
- Multilingual awareness in collaborative environments
- Transition from kindergarten to primary school

18.30-20.00	Parallel sessions – Workshops
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Workshop 2 | Storytelling techniques for teaching English

Aggeliki Voreopoulou & Maria Doulgery, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Session 5 |

Chair: Maria Argyriou & Irini Papanastasatou Ειρήνη

- Student teachers' views on English in kindergarten
- Internship experiences regarding early EFL
- Pre-service kindergarten teachers' experiences of collaboration with in-service kindergarten and English teachers
- Perceptions and experiences of in-service teachers regarding early EFL



SUNDAY 10 MAY

10.00-11.30

Book presentation workshop

Workshop 3| The scenario “A trip to Europe” in practice: Collaboration between teachers of the two specialties, challenges and revisions to hear the voice of the children in the classroom

Vassiliki Mpistina, Maria Davi & Lydia Mitits, Democritus University of Thrace

11.30-12.00

Coffee break

12.00-13.15

Book presentation

Chair: Thomai Alexiou & Efthymia Penderi

The Creative Integration of the English Language in Kindergarten: Collaborative Teaching Models and Pedagogical Practices

Ioannis Karras, Ionian University

Designing Educational Tourism and Teacher Collaboration in Practice: Connecting Theory with Experiential Learning

Georgia Yfantidou, Democritus University of Thrace

13.30-15.00

PANEL OF EXPERTS (HYBRID)

Chair: Efthymia Penderi & Aikaterini Alexandri

European Commission Directorate-General for Translation, multilingualism and democracy

Thanos Nottas, Head of the Directorate-General for Translation at the European Commission Representation in Athens

Empowering early childhood educators to move beyond native speaker ideologies

Julie Waddington, University of Girona

Linguistic and Cognitive Benefits of Early Second Language Exposure: Research Evidence and Implications for Kindergarten Education

Loukia Taxitari, Neapolis University

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How easy or possible is the introduction of English in dialectal-speaking environments?

Marina Tzakosta, University of Crete

Approaches to teaching foreign languages in a playful and meaningful way (Slovak projects)

Dana Hanesova, Matej Bel University, Slovakia

EAN at Five: An Evidence-Based Model for Early Language Education

Thomai Alexiou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

15.00-15.30

Reflection, Discussion and Closing



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