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Art, Education and Puppetry:
Integrating the Puppet into the Classroom

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"Integration of Puppetry into School Education for the Social Inclusion of Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups"

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Conference Program

17.00-17.15 Registration/Join via Zoom

17.15-17.45 Welcome – Opening Remarks

Athanasios Aidinis
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Natalia Walter
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Anastasia Dimitriou
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Antonis Lenakakis
Professor, School of Early Childhood Education, AUTh, Scientific Coordinator of the PuppetINTEGRATE Project

Mateusz Marciniak
Assistant Professor, School Pedagogy Research Unit AMU, Academic Responsible of PuppetINTEGRATE in Poland

Emmanouela Kapokaki
Director of Visual Puppet Theatre "Prassein Aloga", director, puppeteer, trainer, Partner of the PuppetINTEGRATE Project

Session 1. PuppetINTEGRATE – Description and Results from Poland

17.45-18.15 Making use of puppets in education – Implementation of "PuppetINTEGRATE" Project in Poland: Process, participants and results
Lucyna Myszka-Strychalska, Paulina Peret-Drążewska (AMU)

From emotion to expression – Puppetry in school as a tool for development and therapy from the teachers' perspective
Katarzyna Forecka-Waśko, Anna Rybińska (AMU)

Puppets in the classroom: Students' journeys into art, empathy, and social inclusion
Michalina Kasprzak, Bożena Kanclerz (AMU)

Socially engaged practice with diverse youth – "PuppetINTEGRATE" Project's expectations and outcomes
Mateusz Marciniak (AMU)

Session 2. PuppetINTEGRATE – Description and Results from Greece

18.15-18.45 The living power of the puppet: A journey of creativity in the classroom
Antonis Lenakakis, Martha Ioannidou, Maria Koltsida, Efstathios Xafakos, Theodora Papaioannou, Dorotheos Orfanidis (AUTh)

18.45-19.00 Guiding the implementation of puppetry in the classroom for PuppetINTEGRATE
Emmanouela Kapokaki, Visual Puppet Theatre "Prassein Aloga"

19.00-19.15 Break

Session 3. Best Practices – Presentations by Greek & Polish Teachers

19.15-20.30 Sharing experiences and practices from the implementation of puppetry in Greece and Poland
- **Anastasia Tombazi,** Refugee Education Coordinator, Directorate of Primary Education of Western Thessaloniki
- **Natasa Sechidou, Eirini Vlazaki** - 2nd Primary School of Sykies
- **Efstathios Xafakos, Kornilia Chatziparaskevaidou, Pantelina Chachoudi** - 11th Primary School of Giannitsa
- **Georgios Pasiopoulos** - 9th Primary School of Chalandri
- **Sotiria Eleftheriadou, Franzeska Prapavesi** - Kindergarten of Kitros, Pieria
- **Georgia Tzilou** - 2nd Kindergarten of Messini
- **Fotini Katsirma, Evi Kompiadou, Eugenia Notaridou, Anna Sofianidou** - 14th Kindergarten of Sykies
- **Pinelopi Prompona, Maria Koltsida, Katerina Exarchou** - 23rd Primary School of Acharnes
- **Anastasia Giannakou, Dimitra Bletsa, Vasiliki Stragali, Georgia Nazari, Theodora Papaioannou** - 39th Primary School of Larisa
- **Katarzyna Forecka-Waśko (AMU),** Moderator - Reflections and work outcomes of Polish teachers

20.30-20.45 Discussion – Exchange of Experiences – Questions

20.45-21.00 Closing Session

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