

**11th AESOP HEADS OF SCHOOLS MEETING - Thessaloniki, 10-12 March, 2016**

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**PROGRAMME:**

**10 March 2016, Thursday – AESOP CoRep Meeting**

**09:00 – 09:30** Registration for CoRep Meeting (coffee)

**09:30 – 13:30** AESOP Council of Representatives Meeting (coffee break)

**13:30 – 15:00** Lunch break

**15:00 – 18:00** AESOP Council of Representatives Meeting (coffee break)

**18:00 – 19:30 InPlanning Meeting**

**20:00 – 20:30 11th Heads of Schools Meeting WELCOME RECEPTION in Thessaloniki Townhall**

**11 March 2016, Friday – Heads of School Meeting**

**09:30 – 10:00 Registration for Heads of Schools Meeting (coffee)**

**10:00 – 10:30 Welcome addresses by President of AESOP and Rector of AUTH / Dean of Faculty Eng / President TMXA**

**10:30 – 12:15 Plenary Debate: Introductory speeches followed by discussion**

**Speakers: Grigoris Kafkalas (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and Angelique Chettiparamb (University of Reading)**

**12:15 – 12:30 Assignment of Workshops**

**12:30 – 12:45 Presentation "2017 AESOP Congress in Lisbon"**

**12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 17:00 Parallel Workshops**

***Workshop 1 Revisiting European Standards for Planning Education***

AESOP had always adopted, as one of its missions, the aim to promote excellence in planning education, and carried out studies to define a set of common principles suitable for a high quality planning education all over Europe. A new initiative, which also aimed at strengthening the position of the planning discipline while protecting both the European identity and the diversity and plurality of our planning schools, was launched recently, named “AESOP Quality Recognition for the European Dimension in Planning Programmes”. This workshop provides a platform for discussion about, and contribution to, the further development of this initiative, which is designed as a service to our member schools and intended as a *process based on cooperation, not competition, between the schools*.

**Chairs: Maros Finka (Slovak University of Technology) & Daniel Galland (Aalborg University)**

***Workshop 2 The supporting role of EU for planning education***

The EU urban agenda announced in June 2015 clearly shows the increasing emphasis that EU is placing on the urban dimension in policy design, with a view to addressing issues of climate-resilient cities, social inclusion, low carbon cities, smart cities, etc. In addition, initiatives, such as the Urban Innovative Actions and European Partnership on Smart Cities, as well as the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy as part of the COP21 process all help to highlight the role of cities in attaining targets of global importance. This increasing emphasis on cities and the urban dimension in policymaking can also support planning education and strengthen the place of planning schools within their universities and countries. The workshops explores how planning schools and AESOP as

their European association can collaborate with EU, with a view to maximise the synergies between EU initiatives and the planning education agenda.

**Chairs: Anna Geppert** (University Paris IV Sorbonne) **& EU Official** (to be confirmed)

### **Workshop 3 *Ethics and values in planning and education***

Recent developments, in terms of both the economic crisis and the security of certain regions resulting in a refugee crisis, have put immense strain on urban areas and their planners. Inevitably, these developments have highlighted issues of ethics and values in planning, with repercussions on planning education as well. This workshop discusses challenges, such as the impact of economic crisis on universities' human capital, pressures on academic staff, perceptions regarding the mission of academic staff in terms of research versus education, as well as its impact on the content of planning education. The latter is also likely to be impacted by the refugee crisis, which even further highlights the issues of ethics and values in planning and education. While cities and their planners try to address these problems, there is growing literature on the frustration of graduates and young planners as they find it increasingly difficult to implement idealistic planning approaches that they have learned in their university education. This also highlights the need to focus on how to motivate students as young planners in planning education, which needs a strong focus on ethics and values as a component of teaching.

**Chairs: Pantelis Skayannis** (University of Thessaly) **& Paulo Silva** (University of Aveiro)

**17:00 – 17:45 Plenary Debate**

**17:45 – 18:00 Photo Presentation "Times of crisis: How would planning respond?" by Prof. Pantelis Skayannis** (University of Thessaly)

**21:00 Dinner** (city centre)

**12 March 2016, Saturday - Study Tour Thessaloniki port / New waterfront**

**10:00 – 11:15 Meeting at Thessaloniki Port -Walk along the old waterfront**

**11:15 – 11:45 Coffee-Break on the road**

**11:45 –13.00 Walk along the new waterfront**

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