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ICICTE 2026 Conference Programme

Day 1 – Tuesday, 14 July 2026

09:30 – 10:00 | Registration

Lobby Muses

10:00 – 11:30 | Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address

Hall Muses

Welcome Address

Nancy Pyrini

Founder and Director, ICICTE and PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

Keynote Address

Reimagining Democracy Through Education: Empowering Young Citizens for the Challenges of the 21st Century

George Papandreou

General Rapporteur on Democracy, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Former Prime Minister of Greece (2009–2011), Greece

coACTION: Strengthening Democratic Culture Through Whole-School Transformation

Building Democratic Schools Across Europe Through Participation, Empowerment and Innovation

Brigitta Rupp

Project Coordinator, coACTION

Pädagogische Hochschule Oberösterreich (PBOe), Austria

11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee Break

Lobby Muses

12:00 – 13:30 | Session 1

FROM PARTICIPATION TO DEMOCRATIC CULTURE: EUROPEAN APPROACHES TO SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION

coACTION Multiplier Event

Hall Muses

Moderator: Nancy Pyrini
PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

The Guide to Democratic Empowerment: A Roadmap for Building Democratic School Communities

Supporting Schools in Building Democratic Cultures and Practices

Klaus Linde-Leimer and Susanne Linde

Blickpunkt Identität, Austria

The Democratic Empowerment Platform (DEMP): Turning Democratic Values into Everyday School Practice

Digital Tools for Democratic School Development

Mariano Sanz Prieto

JAITEK Tecnología y Formación S.L., Spain

The “Year of Democracy” Pilot Programme

Piloting Democratic Participation in Schools Across Europe

Almerindo Oliveira

Agrupamento de Escolas Terras do Ave, Portugal

From Participation to Democratic Culture: Implementing the “Year of Democracy” Pilot Programme in a Greek Primary School

Stavroula Vrakopoulou and Penelope Mastoridou

2nd Primary School of Pefka, Greece

Participant Feedback and Open Discussion

Facilitated by Nancy Pyrini

PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

13:30 – 15:00 | Buffet Lunch

Restaurant Thalassa

15:00 – 16:30 | Session 2

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND EMERGING PRACTICES

Hall Muses

Moderator: Dr Marcia Håkansson Lindqvist
Mid Sweden University, Sweden

LLMs and Their Benefit in Education

Willem Oliver



Christian Spirituality, Church History and Missiology, University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa

Teachers' Perceptions of Artificial Intelligence Readiness in European Schools: Findings from the SmartStart Expert Panel

Mariano Sanz Prieto, Gema de Pablo González and Thiago Freire

Fundación Siglo22, Spain; Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, University of Porto, Portugal

Developing Digital Leadership in Education: Evidence from the IDEAL Future Project

Mariano Sanz Prieto, Gema de Pablo González and Emma O'Brien

Fundación Siglo22, Spain; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain; Mary Immaculate College, Ireland

Student Teachers' Views on AI-Generated Science Lesson Plans: Balancing Perceived Opportunities and Critical Judgement

Konstantinos Karampelas

Pedagogic Department of Elementary Education, University of the Aegean, Greece

Mother Tongue Teachers Meet Artificial Intelligence for Supporting Their Own and Students' Learning: A Practice-Based Professional Development Project

Marcia Håkansson Lindqvist and Peter Mozelius

Department of Education, Psychology and Social Work, Mid Sweden University, Sweden

Trends in Student Perceptions of ChatGPT: Evidence from a Three-Year Global Study

Dejan Ravšelj and Aleksander Aristovnik

Faculty of Public Administration, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

21:00 – 22:30 | Welcome Reception

Poolside Terrace, Mediterranean Hotel

Welcome Drink and Finger Food Reception for Networking and Informal Exchange

Day 2 – Wednesday, 15 July 2026

10:00 – 11:30 | Session 3

SOCIAL MENTORING WITHOUT BORDERS: EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH GUIDANCE, INCLUSION AND WELL-BEING

KHEIRON Multiplier Event

Hall Muses

Moderator: Nancy Pyrini
PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

Building Capacity for Social Mentoring: Training Mentors for Inclusive and Supportive Communities

Lessons Learned from the KHEIRON Training Programme

Nancy Pyrini
PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

The KHEIRON Toolkit for Social Mentoring

Resources, Good Practices and Digital Tools for Sustainable Mentoring Initiatives

Mariano Sanz Prieto
Fundación Siglo22, Spain

Participant Feedback and Open Discussion

Facilitated by Nancy Pyrini
PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee Break

Lobby Muses

12:00 – 13:30 | Session 4

INCLUSION, EQUITY AND HUMAN-CENTRED INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

Hall Muses

Moderator: Professor Emerita Marcie Boucouvalas
Virginia Tech, United States of America

Deconstructing the Barriers to Women Entering Computer Science Through the Lens of Social Cognitive Theory

Joe Appleton and Joey Lam
University of Surrey, United Kingdom

Proctored Assessments to Mitigate Plagiarism: A Design-Based Research Study in Programming Education

Jacqui Chetty
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

Toolkit for Student Success

Erna Oliver
University of South Africa, South Africa

Fostering Inclusive and Accessible Workplaces for People with Disabilities: The Case of the InclusiVR@Work Project

Kalliopi-Evangelia Stavroulia, Maria Moreira, Emma Crook, Maria Christofi, Anna-Carina Mohrholz, Nicolas Martin Dominguez, Daniel Uroz, Andreas Koth and Andreas Lanitis
Cyprus University of Technology and CYENS Centre of Excellence, Cyprus (and project partners from Portugal, Ireland, Germany and Spain)

Augmented Intelligence and the Purple Educator: Human-Centered Learning in the Age of Accelerated Transformation

Kevin Jones
Indiana University Columbus, United States of America

13:30 – 15:00 | Buffet Lunch

Restaurant Thalassa

15:00 – 16:30 | Workshop Session

IMMERSIVE LEARNING, ACCESSIBILITY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION

Hall Muses

Facilitator: Kalliopi-Evangelia Stavroulia

CYENS Centre of Excellence and Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Join us for an interactive workshop experience exploring the transformative potential of Virtual Reality (VR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education. Participants will engage with immersive technologies, experience real-world accessibility challenges through VR simulations, and collaboratively design innovative educational scenarios supported by AI tools. No prior experience with VR or AI is required.

Workshop 1: InclusiVR@Work Detectives: How INCLUSIVE Is Your Workplace?

Participants will engage in immersive Virtual Reality (VR) experiences that simulate barriers commonly faced by people with disabilities in workplace environments. Through experiential learning, guided reflection and hands-on activities, the workshop promotes awareness of accessibility challenges and supports the development of more inclusive practices.

Workshop 2: Imagine, Design, Build: Co-Creating Educational VR Experiences Powered by AI

Building on the immersive experience of Workshop 1, participants will explore how educators can design Virtual Reality learning experiences using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools. Through collaborative ideation, storyboarding and rapid prototyping, participants will develop educational VR concepts aligned with pedagogical goals and learner needs.

Timeline

15:00 – 15:40 | Workshop 1
 15:40 – 15:45 | Transition Break
 15:45 – 16:25 | Workshop 2
 16:25 – 16:30 | Discussion and Closing Remarks

Day 3 – Thursday, 16 July 2026

10:30 – 11:30 | Poster Session

POSTER SESSION: EUROPEAN PROJECTS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

Innovation, Leadership, Democracy and Social Mentoring in Practice

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Innovative and Sustainable Learning Environments (ISLE): Empowering Teachers to Transform Primary Education

Anastasia Pyrini

PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

coACTION: Advancing Democratic School Culture through Participatory Action and Whole-School Engagement

Brigitta Rupp

Pädagogische Hochschule Oberösterreich (PBOe), Austria

Klaus Linde-Leimer and Susanne Linde

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Mariano Sanz Prieto and Rubén Vega Gutiérrez

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Almerindo Oliveira

Agrupamento de Escolas Terras do Ave (AETA), Portugal

KHEIRON: Social Mentoring without Borders

George Sarrigeorgiou

PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

Rubén Vega Gutiérrez

Fundación Siglo22, Spain

LEAD+: Leaders Evolving with Accountability, Diversity, and Positivity

Mariano Sanz Prieto

Fundación Siglo22, Spain

Nancy Pyrini

PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

ViReal4STEM: Envisioning a Future in STEM Through Virtual Reality

Empowering Girls to Explore, Create and Innovate

Mariano Sanz Prieto and Rubén Vega Gutiérrez

Fundación Siglo22, Spain

Interactive Virtual Reality Demonstration

Conference participants will have the opportunity to experience the ViReal4STEM Virtual Reality application firsthand during the poster session and explore how immersive technologies can support girls' engagement, confidence, and participation in STEM education and future STEM careers.

Digital Storytelling for Student Well-Being: A Co-Design Thinking Approach

George Lionis

The American College of Greece, Greece

STUDENT INNOVATION, ROBOTICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN EDUCATION

Young Innovators Addressing Real-World Challenges through STEM and Technology

Smart Donation FoodBox: A Student-Developed Solution for Reducing Food Waste and Supporting Community Solidarity

Aris Chiotelis, Georgios Kaltekis, Ilias Ahmant, Dimitrios Karagiannis-Prieto, Maria-Aggeliki Kastanaki, Chrisovalanto Kiaourtzi and Filippos Maragkos

E. & M. Stamatiou Non-profit Foundation, Rhodes, Greece

Educational Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and Coral Reef Conservation: A STEM Environmental Project in Primary and Secondary Education

Kalliopi-Tsampika Kastamoula, Iliana Giannousi, Kleopatra Kontodima, Evaggelos Kourtesis, Georgios Pitsis, Nikolaos Pitsis, Aikaterini Tsoullou and Michail Tsoullos

2nd Primary School of Kalythies, Rhodes, Greece

Kalythies Junior High School, Rhodes, Greece

E. & M. Stamatiou Non-profit Foundation, Rhodes, Greece

Integrating Robotics, Environmental Science and STEM Education: Student-Designed Acoustic Monitoring System for Invasive Fish Species Detection

Iliana Giannousi, Kalliopi-Tsampika Kastamoula, Sevasti-Christina Pouli, Samuel Dallo, Michaela Hatzigeorgiou, Christos Manolas, Eleni Pimpili and Stylianos Piperidis

Lower Secondary School of Gennadi, Rhodes, Greece

E. & M. Stamatiou Non-profit Foundation, Rhodes, Greece

11:30 – 13:00 | Session 5

THE LUDVIG SPANTE GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD COMPETITION

Celebrating Emerging Research Excellence in Information and Communication Technologies in Education

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Moderator: Dr Konstantinos Karampelas

University of the Aegean, Greece

The Impacts of Using a Digital 3D Anatomy Tool in Learning Acupuncture

Wing Shui Ng, Kwo Sin Lam, Yuanyin Huang, Chun Ho Ngai and Yee Sin Tse

School of Chinese Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Digital Equity and Inclusion: A Community-Based Approach to Empowering Adults with Disabilities in Romania

Roxana Damachin-Țecu
Polyethnic University Timișoara, Romania
Anca Menina Danci and Ildiko Sperlea
Fundația de Abilitare Speranța, Timișoara, Romania

From Face-to-Face to Online Educational Robotics Competitions: A Longitudinal Study of Participation and Learning Outcomes

Despoina Sarrigeorgiou
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Dimitris Chatzis and Ergina Kavallieratou
Department of Information and Communication Systems Engineering, University of the Aegean, Samos, Greece
Eleni Dima
High School of Pythagoreio, Samos, Greece

Digital Storytelling for Student Well-Being: A Co-Design Thinking Approach

George Lionis and Kalliopi-Evangelia Stavroulia
The American College of Greece, Greece

Discussion and Questions

13:00 – 13:30 | Adjudication Meeting and Coffee

Lobby Muses

13:30 – 14:00 | Closing Ceremony

Hall Muses

Conference Reflections and Closing Remarks

Dr Marcia Håkansson Lindqvist
Chair of the Communications Committee
Department of Education, Mid Sweden University, Sweden

Presentation of the Ludvig Spante Graduate Student Paper Award

Dr Ġorġ Mallia
Chair of the Scientific Committee and Communications Coordinator
Head of the Media and Communications Department
Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences, University of Malta, Malta

Presentation of the Friend of the Conference Award

Despina Sarrigeorgiou
Conference Secretariat
PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

Announcement of ICICTE 2027

George Sarrigeorgiou

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Conference Manager
PARAGON-eduTech, Greece

20:30 – 22:30 | Greek Night Farewell Dinner

Romeo Restaurant

Menekleous 7, Rodos 851 00

Conference Dinner and Networking Event