

# NON-FORMAL SPACES OF EDUCATION

## Reclaiming the School as a Space of Commons



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In a period when pedagogies are being reshaped according to new societal, economic, and technological conditions, schools more than ever are asked to play a crucial role for future generations. Also, when new programs are embedded in school's daily plans with afternoon activities and additional courses, we are in presence of spaces for education that have been thought on typological models based on rigid educational schemes – the typical disciplinary, front-desk, hierarchical education, the stark separation between teaching and play, a distribution scheme composed of corridors and classes, the secluded space of schoolyards.

The Erasmus + Blended Intensive Program **NON-FORMAL SPACES OF EDUCATION. Reclaiming the School as a Space of Commons**, aims to investigate the possibility of creating new educational spaces in already existing schools that can be obtained with the adaptation and transformation of an existing building and its surrounding space. Re-thinking an existing school means to investigate issues related to inclusivity and accessibility to everyone, fully integration of all societal groups, program to support learning disorders, active participation of community, sharing knowledge, caring, helping, and the role of play in education creating alternative and informal practices of appropriation thought learning.

How can we imagine new school spaces of inclusion that can establish new synergies among learning processes, empowering of communities, wellbeing, democratic participation, sustainable environment, and urban space?

**Hosting institution**

UTH - University of Thessaly

**Organization**

Urban Design Lab, Dept. of Architecture, UTH

Dept. of Preschool Education, UTH

**Collaborating Department**

Dept. of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering, UniPD

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**Workshop Coordination**

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**Participating Universities UE**

ULiège – Université de Liège (Belgium)

HSA – Anhalt University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

UniPV - Università degli Studi di Pavia (Italy)

ICSTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (Portugal)

ULusófona - Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias (Portugal)

TU Iasi - Technical University of Iasi (Romania)

**Participating Universities extra-UE**

AAST - Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport (Egypt)

LAU - Lebanese American University (Lebanon)

**In collaboration with**

5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Nea Ionia

Center for Environmental Education, Makrinitza, Volos

Special Primary School “Paidotopos”, Agria

Desmos, Non-Profit Foundation, Athens

**Supporting institutions**

Municipality of Volos

Italian Consulate of Greece

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## Workshop's Program

### A. VIRTUAL COMPONENT / ONLINE LECTURES

#### **WEDNESDAY 11/9**

**14:00-16:00**

Presentation of the workshop and guidelines

#### **WEDNESDAY 18/9**

**14:00-16:00**

Garifallia Katsabounidou, AUTH

#### **WEDNESDAY 25/9**

**14:00-16:00**

Massimo Rossetti, luav [tbc]

### B. IN PRESENCE PROGRAM

|       | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>  |
|-------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 10-12 | <b>Welcoming And Introduction</b>  | <b>Visit</b><br>Center of Environmental Education, Makrinitza | <b>Visit</b><br>Participatory design with students at the 5 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Primary School, Nea Ionia | <b>Visit</b><br>Special Primary School "Paidotopos", Agria | <b>Workshop</b>  |
| 12-14 | <b>Lectures</b>  | <b>Lectures</b>   | <b>Lectures</b>  | <b>Lectures</b>  | <b>Lectures</b>  |
| 14-15 | Lunch Break  | Lunch Break   | Lunch Break  | Lunch Break  | Lunch Break  |
| 15-16 | <b>Lectures</b>  | <b>Lectures</b>   | <b>Lectures</b>  | <b>Lectures</b>  | <b>Lectures</b>  |
| 16-18 | <b>Visit</b><br>Koutsobouno Social Housing and 5 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Elementary School, Nea Ionia     | <b>Workshop</b>   | <b>Workshop</b>  | <b>Workshop</b>  | <b>Workshop</b>  |
| 18-19 | <b>Workshop</b><br>Musical Chairs as Commons [at the 5 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Primary School, Nea Ionia] | <b>Round table I</b>  | <b>Round table II</b>  | <b>Round table II</b>                                      | <b>Final Presentation</b><br>[at the 5 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Primary School, Nea Ionia] |

## Map of Volos



1. UTH Dept. of Architecture, Polytechnic School
2. KTEL Bus Station
3. Beach
4. *Palia* (old city)
5. City Center
6. Railway Stations
7. Center for Environmental Education, Makrinitsa
8. Special Primary School "Paidotopos", Agria
9. 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Primary School, Nea Ionia

## Workshop main location

Dept. of Architecture, University of Thessaly  
Pedion Areos, 38334, Volos, Greece

### **How to arrive to Volos**

Volos airport ( <http://www.thessalyairport.gr>) is located at Nea Anchialos, 20 min distance by car/taxi from Volos, but it accommodates only a limited number of charter flights. Check at the airport link to find out more. You may fly to Athens or Thessaloniki Airport and then reach Volos by bus (Athens-Volos is 4h trip, while Thessaloniki-Volos is 2h15min) or train (Athens/Thessaloniki to Larissa and then Larissa-Volos by train/bus service). Volos Bus Station is located just close to the Polytechnic School where the Dept. of Architecture is based and few minutes walking to the city center.

### **Suggested accommodation**

Hotel Aegli [<https://shorturl.at/bqBLQ>]

1910 Lifestyle Hotel [<https://shorturl.at/tTY49>]

Hotel Elektra [<https://shorturl.at/aesNX>]

There are also many Airbnb, residence and other accommodation in the city center at walking distance for our meeting places.