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Think4Jobs
Critical Thinking for Successful Jobs



The Lithuanian Day of Critical Thinking for Successful Jobs

Think4Jobs Dissemination event

28 April 2023

Venue

Universiteto g. 5 (01122 Vilnius), Vilnius University, Faculty of Philology,
K. Donelaitis Auditorium

About the event

The **Institute of Foreign Languages of the Faculty of Philology of Vilnius University** and the **Public Service Language Center** together with the coordinators of the project – **University of Western Macedonia (Greece)** and project partners: the University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer (Germany), the University of Évora (Portugal), the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE) (Romania), the Experimental Primary School of Florina (Greece), the Orgadata AG (Germany), and the Atlantic Veterinary Hospital (Portugal) have been implementing the Erasmus Strategic Partnership Project *Thinking for Successful Jobs - Think4Jobs* (2020-1-EL01-KA203-078797).

The project brings together a multidisciplinary team representing higher education institutions and labour market organisations focusing on the development of critical thinking skills in five different areas: teacher education, IT, economics, veterinary medicine, and foreign language teaching for the effective promotion, development, support, and assessment of students' critical thinking.

More about the project could be found at <https://think4jobs.uowm.gr/>.

An overview of the project's intellectual outputs as well as practical tasks for developing critical thinking skills in foreign language teaching and learning process will be presented during the event. The panel discussion will provide insights into the impact of critical thinking skills on the professional careers of university graduates.

This event is intended for the academic community (educators, professors, researchers, administrative and non-administrative staff, students), HEIs management bodies, Labour Market Organizations, Policy Makers, and all interested in deepening their understanding of Critical Thinking for Successful Jobs.

PROGRAMME

- 09.30 -10.00 **Registration**
- 10.00-10.20 **Opening**
Pro-Rector for Partnerships **Dr. Artūras Vasiliauskas** (Vilnius University)
Dean of the Faculty of Philology **Prof. Dr. Inesa Šeškauskienė** (Vilnius University)
Chief of Political–Economic Affairs **Emily J. Hicks** (Section of the Embassy of the United States of America in Lithuania, Vilnius)
The coordinator of the project Think4Jobs Prof. **Dr. Dimitris Pnevmatikos** (University of Western Macedonia, Greece) (online)
Moderators Roma Kriaučiūnienė (Vilnius University) and Asterija Rudienė (Public Service Language Center)
- 10.20 – 10.50 **Keynote speech**
Insights from the National Research on the Development of and Education for Critical Thinking. Director of the Modern Didactics Centre **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daiva Penkauskienė** (Mykolas Romeris University, Institute of Education and Social Work)
- 10.50 – 11.20 *Think4Jobs Project – what is it about?* **Prof. Dr. Roma Kriaučiūnienė** (Vilnius University)
- 11.20 – 12.20 Development of *Critical Thinking Skills in the English Language Classroom: Insights from the Think4Jobs research.*
Prof. Dr. Roma Kriaučiūnienė (Vilnius University)
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetozar Poštič (Vilnius University)
Assist. Dr. Ovidiu Ivancu (Vilnius University)
Asterija Rudienė (Public Service Language Centre)
- 12.20 -13.30 Lunch (The Narutis Hotel, Pilies g. 24, 01123 Vilnius)
- 13.30 -15.15 **Simulation pitch bootcamp I**
Development of CT skills in research and public speaking. **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Liudmila Arcimavičienė** (Vilnius University)
Research proposal peer review and team research project simulation (1st Year students from the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University)

Development of CT skills in public speaking: individual argument and debate simulation (1st Year students from the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, 3rd Year students from the Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University)

15.15- 15.35 Coffee break

15.35 – 16.15 **Simulation pitch bootcamp II**

Empowering CT skills in 21st Century Language Education. **Asterija Rudienė** (Public Service Language Centre), **Rita Samukienė** (Public Service Language Centre).

16.15 – 16.45 **Panel discussion**

The Impact of CT Skills on the Future Professional Employability of University Graduates

Moderator Assist. Dr. Ovidiu Ivancu

Panellists

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Liudmila Arcimavičienė (Vilnius University)

Assist. Dr. Adam Mastandrea (Vilnius University)

Dr. Michael Pace-Sigge (University of Eastern Finland)

Nicholas Edward Rickard (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetozar Poštič (Vilnius University)

To participate in the event, please register by **27 April** at <https://forms.office.com/e/WdDQ5zrtPd>

The certificates of participation will be issued at the event.

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