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Children's Cinema at the Crossroads of Innovation, Resilience and the Future

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16–17 November 2026

Cultural Workshop Ayion Omoloyiton

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Programme

Sunday 15 November 2026

All day	Arrival of international participants and airport–hotel transfers (Airport → Hotel)
Evening	Small welcome cocktail or free time (Hotel)

Day One

Monday 16 November 2026
Library of the University of Cyprus

09:00	Transfer from the hotel to the Library of the University of Cyprus
09:30	Participant registration
10:30	**Opening Ceremony – Official Greetings** ▪ Welcome by the Cultural Workshop Ayion Omoloyiton ▪ Greeting by the Deputy Ministry of Culture of Cyprus ▪ Greeting by CIFEJ President
11:30	Coffee break & Networking
12:00	**Keynote Speech 1** **Vassilis C. Karamitsanis**[GR] CIFEJ Secretary General **Cinema for Children and Young People in the Mediterranean: Building Bridges of Culture and Cooperation**
13:00	Lunch break
14:00	**Keynote Speech 2** **Dr. Longinos Panagi**[CY] Filmmaker - Researcher **The Articulation of Transgenerational Post-Traumatic Experiences in Children's Cinema**
15:00 – 16:00	Coffee break & Networking
16:00	Transfer from the Library to the hotel
19:00	Transfer to Old Nicosia for dinner
22:00	Transfer to the hotel

Day Two

Tuesday 17 November 2026
Cultural Workshop Ayion Omoloyiton

09:30	Transfer from the hotel to the Cultural Workshop Ayion Omoloyiton
On arrival	Welcome coffee
11:00	**Roundtable 1** Moderated by: **Irene Andriopoulou**[GR] Executive Director, CIFEJ / Director, Film Sector Development, ΕΚΚΟΜΕΔ **The Future of Children's Cinema: Creativity, Innovation & New Technologies** **Jitendra Mishra**[IN] President, CIFEJ / Producer, Director, Smile International Film Festival for Children and Youth (SIFFCY) **Athena Xenidou**[CY] Director, Producer, Screenwriter / Artistic Director, Cyprus Film Days for Children and Youth **Ema Pendiuc**[RO] Vice President, CIFEJ / Founder, Little Stars, School of Film and Television for Children **Anna Tsiarta**[CY] Officer, Educational Technology Department, Cyprus Pedagogical Institute **Michael Harbauer**[DE] Goodwill Ambassador, CIFEJ / Director, SCHLiNGEL International Film Festival for Children and Young Audiences **Dr Costas Constandinides**[CY] Assistant Professor, Audiovisual Media, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus **Gerardo Nieto**[CO] Director, Fundación FesticineKids **Michael Kalopaidis**[CY] Film Producer / Artistic Director, Larnaka Film Festival
12:30	Lunch break
14:00	**Roundtable 2** Moderated by: **Katerina Virvidaki**[GR] CIFEJ Athens HQ Coordinator **Children's Cinema in the Mediterranean and Beyond: Cultural Exchange, Sustainable Production & Audience Development** **Alessandro Stevanon**[IT] Artistic Director, Cactus International Film Festival **Anna Skordi**[CY] Cyprus Cinema Office, Department of Contemporary Culture, Deputy Ministry of Culture **Calliope Charalambous**[GR] Director, Athens International Children's Film Festival **Yiorgos Tsangaris**[CY] Graphic Artist, Animation Filmmaker / Founder, Artistic Director of Animafest Cyprus **Anis Lassoued**[TN] Board member, CIFEJ / Director, Producer, Lumières Films **Stavros Papageorgiou**[CY] Director, Producer / Founder, Tetraktys Films **Hilde Steenssens**[BE] Director, Filem'On, International Film Festival for Young Audiences **Mathieu Devavry**[FR] Cultural Attaché and Head of Communication, French Institute of Cyprus (Institut Français de Chypre)
15:30	Coffee break & Networking
16:30	Transfer from Cultural Workshop Ayion Omoloyiton to the hotel
19:30	Transfer from the hotel to the dinner venue
20:00	**Closing Dinner** Powered by ΕΚΚΟΜΕΔ
22:00	Transfer to the hotel

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Optional	Guided tour of Nicosia
All day	Transfers to the airport

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