

Ms. Anna Frangoudaki - University of Athens, Center of Intercultural Research and Pedagogic Intervention – Greece (concluding remarks)

Thank you. It is very interesting that I wrote something like your last proposition. First of all I would like to once again to thank Professor McDougall for inviting us. It is not a formality. It is very sincere.

On behalf of my colleague here Professor Dragonas and myself, we would like to thank you deeply we learned a lot also and we think this initiative is very precious and it has to continue. If I may, I would suggest two things for the next meeting on the same subject.

First of all, given the fact that as far as we learned from a lot of participants here and as we suggested from our own experience there is a lot of suffering produced by discriminative and [authoritative] policies.

At the same time it is almost, uneasy, it is possible to change this kind of educational misery in a short time. It is possible. Also one this is negative, the other one is very optimistic. I would like to suggest that we go further the general solutions of this problem that they are all in your recommendations. To go further to the particularities because beyond this general position we have in the recommendations, there are a lot of differences from each case to another.

For example, what we were trying to explain to you about the Muslim minority in our country is that bilingualism for example is not the solution for everything they have schools there were bilingual for the last [18] years. So the power-relations between the groups is a bigger problem and another thing I would like to suggest is that we go beyond the misery that is caused to the victims of discrimination and start discussing the wrong that is done by such policies to everybody.

Thank you very much.