



## 11th gymnasium of Heraklio Traveled to Poland on 17-20 December 2018 under the Erasmus + 229 programme.

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The first meeting for staff was held in Poland and more specifically in the city Kielce, in cooperation with the school **Szkola Podstawowa im Janapawla II w jaworzni**, so that teachers can come in contact and reorganise **Erasmus+ Project titled 'Little Steps make a big difference. Together We care for our home. '**

Three professors from each cooperating school, **Zaklandna Skola of Slovakia, Tefenni mesleki ve Teknik Anadolu Lisesi of Turkey, Institut Moli de la Vila of Spain, and Scoala Gimnaziala Nr. 3 Zimnicea of Romania**, coordinators and teachers involved in the action Eco – Schools, took part in it.

The director of the 11th gymnasium of Heraklion, K. Kotkotaki Antonia, was among them, Mr. Patsakis Ioannis, professor of physics and the Coordinator of the action, Mr. Kyriaki Kydonieos. The meeting was held immediately after contact and registration at the National Network of Ecological Schools for each of the corporate schools.

The national operators of the Green Flag Network provided the necessary information and all guidelines for the implementation of the seven steps to make the schools "eco-friendly" and win the green flag.

During the meeting all parameters were carefully studied, in order to ensure their proper implementation in the project plan.

The coordinators and teachers had prepared the presentations of their schools and discussed the best ways and concrete measures for the successful implementation and effectiveness of the project. It was vital for the success of our project that this action plan be done jointly, taking into account the data and particularities of each school.

We agreed on how to implement the issue and we framed it with activities. It was also valuable for further effective collaboration, meeting and acquaintance among the coordinators, so that the stress and any obstacles to disappear. The debate has helped to define the action plan for the implementation of the programme in the next two years, the modalities of implementation as well as the methods of dissemination and evaluation.

In addition, the methods for measuring progress in achieving the objectives set out in the action plan have been selected.

In addition to the projects mentioned above, the venue school organized a warm welcome, framed by the Christmas feast, as well as a traditional meal involving members of local government and government officials. The program

also included a seminar by experts on the subject of ecological schools and environmental education in general, as well as workshops at the Regional centre of Science and Technology in Kielce.

The teachers visitors were able to attend the course and familiarize themselves with the educational system and curriculum of the school and to visit an ecological kindergarten in which the young students are trained in nature (Kindergarden Base)...!

Particularly interesting was the visit to the Kielche Geological Park, where all the teachers attended workshops and seminars on the morphology of the soil, the fauna and flora of the place.

The cultural programme included a visit to Krakow, a UNESCO heritage site, and a tour of Kielce, the Cathedral of Kielce, the Episcopal palace, the Corona Gallery and the National Museum of Art 19th century, Krakow.

The collaboration of schools through the Erasmus + programme has been an excellent experience in the context of exchanging good practices for education and will have along-term positive effect on all members involved.

The School Director

Kokotsaki Antonia

The Coordinator

Kydonieos Kyriaki