

Official Report

of 1st Transnational meeting (Kick off)

KA2 - School - Strategic Partnerships

Art Ventures in EUROPE - in search of common roots and perspectives

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The meeting was held in Eretria - Greece.

Gymnasium of Eretria - Greece was the host of this meeting.

The Partnership was represented by a delegation consisting of:

- GYMNASIUM OF ERETRIA, ERETRIA Greece : *Ms Anna Karabatsoli - Principal , Ms Vasiliki Mazi - project leader, Ms Elena Arkadi – teacher of the English Language, Ms Argyro Giannakara – teacher of Technology, Ms Aggeliki Giannouli – teacher of the Greek Language, Mr Konstantinos Korres – teacher of Physical Education, Mr Christos Mavoglou – teacher of IT, Ms Vassiliki Dokou – teacher of Religion Studies, Mr Athanasios Skouras – teacher of Physics, Ms Stavroula Fragomanoli- teacher of the Greek Language.*
- Theodor-Frank-Realschule Teningen : *Mr Markus Felder – Principal*
- Istituto Professionale Statale per i Servizi Socio Sanitari De Lilla Bari - Italy: *Mrs Crescenza Ladisa – project leader and Mrs Eleonora Orlando expert in project management*
- Garðaskóli Garðabær Iceland: *Mrs Halla Thorlacius, project leader;*
- Lahden yhteiskoulun säätiö Lahti Finland: *Mr Juha Hirvonen, project leader*
- Institut Màrius Torres Lleida Spain: *Mr Jordi Gasso Argelich - project leader*

Mrs Vasiliki Mazi, was the rapporteur of this meeting.

Ms Anna Karabatsoli, principal of the Gymnasium of Eretria, welcomed all participants and Mrs Vasiliki Mazi, project leader, explained the schedule of the meeting.

Within the meeting the following topics have been covered:

DATELINE

Thursday 12.10.2017	Arrival of the delegations according to the flight schedule. The principal and the project leader welcomed the delegations and presented the Erasmus+ team.
Friday 13. 10.2017	Getting to know the school. The Erasmus+ team made a presentation, consisting of a video related to the new program. The video showed the mayor of Eretria talking about the importance of ancient theatre and light. The video was filmed in the ancient theatre of Eretria. Afterwards, all participants filled out a questionnaire and a quiz related to the video. The group was given a CD with

	<p>Greek songs to acquaint them with Greek culture.</p> <p>The coordinator opened the meeting and he decided to start the discussion with the details of the final product. The aim of this was to focus on a short video that every country has to prepare. Every video should be no longer than 10 minutes. The coordinator will send a sample video containing all technical and software details at a later date. All partners will prepare their own videos according to these details. The deadline for submitting the videos to the coordinator will be December 2018. All partners discussed about the content of the video and e.g. Italy's topic will be the foundation of Rome, Greece's topic will be a medley of Aristophanes' comedies, Finland's topic will be "Seven brothers", Iceland's topic will be the Vikings' saga, Germany's topic might be focused on the 1884 revolution, which gave birth to the idea of a national identity, Spain may focus on stories about pirates and gangsters in the 18th century. There are two options regarding the language used in the video; it can either be in the native language with English subtitles, or in English. All the project leaders think the first option is better but they decide after discussing it with their own teams and the professional video producer. All partners are required to send a short summary of their topic to the coordinating school within two weeks.</p> <p>All participants visited the archaeological museum of Eretria and the ancient theatre sight. A guide, Mr. Tobias Krapf, scientific secretary of the Swiss Archaeological School, was present to explain the significance of the sight and the restoration process taking place at the moment.</p>
Saturday 14.10.2017	<p>Visit to the Canal of Corinth, an important commercial route of modern times. The trip continued in the region of Argolis, an area of paramount importance to the creation of Western civilization, the seat of the Mycenae palace and archaeological site.</p> <p>Visit to the ancient theatre of Epidauros; the theatre is functional to this day. Every summer, there are numerous productions of Greek tragedies, Aeschylus, Euripides, Sophocles, attracting crowds from all over the world. The Erasmus+ team tested the famous acoustics of the site themselves, and were amazed by it. Later, the group visited the archaeological museum of Epidauros and the temple of Asclepius. The guide explained the strong connection between religion and the theatrical performances.</p> <p>Another important cultural opportunity was the visit to the city of Nafplio, which was the first capital of the modern Greek State. The highlights of the city were the fortress of Palamidi, the Bourtzi island and the panoramic Acronafpia. Walking around the old town the team really appreciated the importance of the region and its contribution to the history of modern Greece.</p>
Sunday 15.10.2017	<p>Discussion about the timetable of mobilities. The following timetable was agreed on by the participants</p>

	<p>Iceland: 23.-30.04.2018 (C1)</p> <p>Greece: 08.-14.10.2018 (C2)</p> <p>Spain: 19.-25.11.2018 (C3)</p> <p>Finland: 14.-20.01.2019 (C4-and transnational meeting for the project leaders)</p> <p>Italy: 01.-07.04.2019 (C5)</p> <p>Germany: 06.-13.05.2019 (C6)</p> <p>Final confirmation depends on the agreement of each country's team. However, a decision should be reached as soon as possible in order to book the best available flights. The number of the students and teachers was also decided, even though national agencies cancelled one mobility per country. This represents an obstacle to the fulfillment of the project because it deprives students of the opportunity to get a comprehensive idea of partner countries cultural roots. This issue should be addressed quickly by consulting the national agencies during the next KA2 beneficiary seminar. Possible solutions will also be investigated by each school.</p> <p>As far as communication is concerned, Eleonora Orlando has created a Google drive folder and has invited all project leaders to join. In this folder all partners will upload all the official documents of the partnership divided by mobilities. Each mobility folder will contain the Confirmation from the hosting schools, the list of participants signed by all and scanned and the report of the meeting. Furthermore, all the documents produced during the mobility will be uploaded here. After the mobility the documents will also be forwarded to the project leaders by e-mail. Eleonora Orlando created a mail list that has already been uploaded in the folder.</p> <p>There is also a less formal means of communication, by WhatsApp chat. The coordinator asks e-mails to be used for all official documents and information. As written in the application form the official communication, dissemination and evaluation platform will be E-Twinning. All partners are kindly requested to be up to date with all forms of communication at all times. It will ensure the fluency of activities and the discussion of any potential problem.</p> <p>After the meeting, all partners visited the open-air theater of Seta, a small village which is part of the Municipality of Eretria. The theatre of Seta was built at the late 80's by an actor, Nikos Papakonstantinou, as a present for the village. Papakonstantinou built the theatre alone with his bare hands at the age of 70 and his power of will sets an excellent example of the capability of man to dream, plan and create.</p> <p>In the evening the participants accompanied by the mayor of Eretria, Mrs. Amfitriti Alimpate, travelled to Athens, where they visited the Stavros Niarchos Cultural Centre Foundation. The state-of- the art building houses the Greek National Opera and the National Library. After touring the facilities, the group</p>
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	<p>attended the premier of the opera 'Electra' by Strauss, performed in Greece for the first time. Everyone was highly impressed and enthusiastic about the performance. Later, the participants had to change to enjoy panoramic views of Athens, Piraeus and the Bay of Falirro from the building's rooftop terrace.</p>
Monday 16.10.2017	<p>All partners decided about the distribution of tasks in the partnership:</p> <p>Germany: Final product (Collecting the videos produced, editing and finalizing the common video)</p> <p>Greece: Creation of the project Logo and poster in order to disseminate project documents and results at local, national and international level.</p> <p>Italy: Responsible for the management of E-Twinning platform. Italy (founder) with Greece (co-founder) will apply for E-Twin space.</p> <p>Finland: Evaluation by Questionnaires for meetings and local activities. Preparation of a mid-term evaluation session for all participants. Italy with other partners will also provide some samples.</p> <p>Iceland: Dissemination strategy and plan for school, local, national and international level.</p> <p>Spain: Impact on students and teachers participants at the beginning and at the end of the project through a questionnaire.</p> <p>The impact and the evaluation questionnaires will be given by Google forms prepared by the Finnish partners.</p>
Tuesday 17.10.2017	<p>After we said goodbye to the German, Finnish, Icelandic and Spanish partners the Italian and Greek partners prepared the draft of official report of this transnational meeting. It will be sent both by e-mail to the Google drive folder in order to be approved by all partners.</p>
<p><i>Actions to be completed:</i> Each partner has to send a short summary of each topic. Partners have to agree about the language of the short video. Italy and Finland have to prepare the draft evaluation forms. Spain has to prepare the impact questionnaire draft. Iceland the dissemination plan. Greece the project logo and the poster. Italy and Greece should apply for E-Twinning Space. Germany has to send the sample video with the technical requirements.</p> <p><i>Obstacles:</i> One less mobility per country decided by each National Agency.</p> <p>Suggested solutions to obstacles: Discussion with the National Agencies about the possibility of moving students and teachers from one mobility to another mobility. Exploring the possibility of self-funding this missing mobility by collecting money in different ways such as contributions from families, sponsors, local</p>	

authorities and fundraising events.

Positive outcomes: All partners met face to face and discussed about the next steps of the project in perfect harmony.

Certification of attendance for all participants were prepared and distributed by Vasiliki Mazi.

All participants thank Greek partners for the warm hospitality and the successful organization of the meeting.

Eretria, 18.10.2017