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Welcome Note

Welcome to our first edition!

TRACING OUR EUROPEAN SPIRIT is a cooperation undertaken through the European Programme ERASMUS + between six European schools and it is a continuation of the programme "The Place Where We Live", which was completed in 2017. Through these programmes, students and teachers have the opportunity to visit other countries, come in touch with other cultures and come into intercultural communication, finding similarities and learning to coexist. The logo of the cooperation was the product of a competition between the cooperated schools and their students. The winning logo was designed by the Greek School of Sitia in Crete and gives the European dimension of the goals of the programme. The cooperative schools are presented as follows:

- ⇒ Liceul Tehnologic "Sfantul Pantelimon», Bucharest—Romania—Coordinator School
- ⇒ «Scoala Gimnaziala Nr92», Bucharest - Romania
- ⇒ CLVIII Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. Księżnej Izabeli Czartoryskiej, Warsaw-Poland
- ⇒ Fundacio Escoles Garbi, Barcelona – Spain
- ⇒ General High School of Sitia, Crete – Greece
- ⇒ Realgymnasium des Schulvereines am Benediktinerstift, Lambach – Austria
- ⇒ PASCAL Greek School & PASCAL English School, Lemesos—Cyprus.

Logo Contest

The logo of the Cooperation was selected through the work of the students and a competition was held in Sitia—Crete through the first Transnational Meeting. The winner logo was a product of Cretan Students and gives the European dimension of the cooperation. The logo that we chose for our Erasmus+ Project "Tracing our European Spirit", has been inspired from the Greek myth of Europe. Europe was a beautiful princess of Ancient Greece. She was abducted by Zeus, who was transformed into a bull due to her refusal to submit herself to him. Zeus brought her to Crete where she gave birth to three sons. Europe became immortal after her name was given to the continent. In Greek the etymology of the word Εὐρώπη (*Eurṓpē*) derives from εὐρύς (*eurus*) "wide" and ὤψ "eye, face", therefore it refers to the one who can see everywhere. Hence, the reason that we chose this particular logo. New Europe is still old Europe, with a long tradition that goes back to Ancient Greece that embrace all nations. The colors of the logo (blue, red, yellow and white) symbolize the flags of all the participant countries (Romania, Cyprus, Spain, Austria, Poland and Greece) and the stars remind us of the flag of the United Europe.



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Participating schools

Liceul Tehnologic Sfântul Pantelimon is a public secondary school (mainly a high school), with 515 students, 11-18 years old, studying technological (electrical, mechanical), theoretical (social sciences and natural sciences) and vocational-football. The school is located in a relatively low economic level area. The school's premises were built in 1974 and they include 2 classrooms, a gym hall and a small sports fields, laboratories for Biology, Chemistry, Physics, ICT and Technology.

The school personnel consists of 44 qualified teachers, 24 being permanent employees of the school (titular), almost all having 1st didactical degree. They are up to date as far as new teaching methodologies and aim to bring the maximum academic progress to students.

During the current year 2017—2018 we are enriching our curriculum with an extra subject social sciences, thus moving with the current needs of our school society.



Scoala Gimnaziala nr. 92 is a pre-university educational public institution located in Bucharest. The school was established in 1975. The school is equipped with modernized classrooms, with all necessary facilities to meet the teaching goals e.g. ICT laboratories, a huge school library and many other school areas.

The school curriculum accommodates English and French as foreign languages.

The optional courses meet the needs of the local community with courses of ICT, English, Business Education, School Orientation, Health Education, Education for a Democratic Citizenship. The school also has a rich offer of various extracurricular activities.

Scoala Gimnaziala nr. 92 has a solid experience in extracurricular activities, in projects like Erasmus+, Project Citizen, "Salvati Copiii", POSDRU or Junior Achievement.



The CLVIII Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. Księżnej Izabeli Czartoryskiej in Warsaw is a public secondary school in the south part of the capital of Poland. It is situated in one of the newest, very dynamic districts of the city, well connected with the city centre.

The schools population is 550 students aged 15-18. Most of them are Polish, although there are also students from Ukraine or India.

The Upper Secondary School CLVIII LO offers classes with extended curriculum. Apart from compulsory curriculum our students choose the main subjects and a second foreign language from the following ones: French, German, Russian and Spanish. English is compulsory for everyone.

Additionally, there is the introduction of the bilingual classes where some of the non-linguistic subjects are partly taught in English (Maths, PE, History, Geography, Chemistry, Physics) or Spanish (History, Biology).



Escoles Garbí Foundation (Escola Garbí Pere Verges Esplugues) prepares tomorrow's men and women to become proactive citizens. With our life motif "One Project two Schools", our school population shares a common Educational Project adapted to the different characteristics of each school and their natural areas. Both follow the same methodology, based on the work of our founder and educator, Pere Verges.

Our students, accompanied by our encouraging teachers, learn to think, feel, love and behave through a series of life lessons, experiences and values, that allow them to develop their own personality from the early stages to the end of their schooling. The school structure resembles an ideal city, where everybody has rights and duties to fulfill. Such an organization promotes and generates a platform for coexistence, whose basis is respect, freedom and responsibility.

Esplugues School, inaugurated in 1965, was built specifically for the educational goals of the Foundation Project, having the school dining room as the main place for all the social and cultural activities. In 2013, "the Cube" was added to the premises and was equipped with the latest technology and resources for the secondary school students.



Realgymnasium des Schulvereines am Benediktinerstift is a Grammar school situated in Lambach, Upper Austria. Lambach has about 4000 inhabitants. The school has about 350 pupils, 35 teachers and 14 classes. The pupils, who are between 10 and 18 years old, come from the rural area - surrounding villages but also towns about 20 km away as there is a good train connection. The school is run by Benedictine monks. They take care of the building and equipment but the teachers are paid by the state. The school offers afternoon activities like the drama club, school choir and also takes part in Science Olympic Competitions.

The monastery which hosts our school as well as the business college, was founded in the 11th century. In the original church are Roman frescoes which date back to that era. This church, as well as the library and the Baroque theatre (which was used for the first time for performing a theatre play in 1770 when Marie Antoinette, daughter of Austrian Empress Maria Theresia stayed in Lambach overnight on her way to France to marry the Emperor of France, Louis XVI), are perfect locations for filmmaking, giving an impression of the importance of monasteries as they preserve the cultural heritage throughout centuries.

From April to November 2016, the Upper Austrian national exhibition, which was visited by almost 300 000 visitors, took place partly in the Benedictine Monastery, partly in its surroundings – the historic/cultural part of this exhibition, was held at the Benedictine monastery.



General High School of Sitia is located in Sitia, a small seaside town on the southeastern part of the island of Crete. The history of the school begins at the end of the 19th century and it has played an important role in the development and progress of the provincial society of Sitia. It's the only General High School in the town, along with the technical school. It's double story with twenty classrooms.

The school operates only as a high school (Lyceum). It's school population accounts to three hundred students between ages fifteen to eighteen years old. Our school curriculum covers Ancient Greek and Modern Language and Literature, Greek History, Mathematics, Geometry, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

The school facilities are: library, basketball and volleyball court, two computer labs and a science lab. The school is surrounded by a big yard with trees and flowers.



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PASCAL Greek School Lemesos, is a secondary school, fully recognized by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus. It belongs to one of the largest and most reputable educational organisations in Cyprus; PASCAL Education which comprises two Greek schools in Lefkosia and Lemesos and three English schools, in Larnaka, Lemesos and Lefkosia, two of which are at the same time accredited International Baccalaureate schools.

PASCAL Education aims to offer education that develops intellectually as well as physically active and creative young individuals who will leave school with an understanding that learning is a lifelong process in which they are active participants. Individuals who are able, with their acquired critical thinking skills, compassion and knowledge to work towards creating a better world in which awareness and understanding of different cultures is a prerequisite for progress and success.

PASCAL schools aim for their students to know that in today's rapidly changing world, it is an absolute necessity to be able to anticipate change, as much as to respond to it adequately and timely. Students are encouraged to take an interest in issues of importance to the global community, such as human rights and the environment and to accept their shared responsibility as global citizens.



1st Transnational Meeting- Sitia - Crete - October 2017

The First Transnational Project Meeting and Learning Activities of the Erasmus+ "Tracing our European Spirit" took place on October 15th to 20th 2017 in Sitia of Crete. On 15/10 the teachers had their first meeting and there was a discussion about the partnership agreement and the calendar of the project. Moreover, the students made their activity teams. The official opening of the meeting took place on 16/10 in the General High School of Sitia. The students had their Presentations of countries/cities/schools and they were given instructions of how to fill their journals. Moreover, they presented their projects based on the Mythology of each country.

During this particular week ,the students had Greek language lessons and visited the archaeological Museum of Sitia, the Minoan Archaeological site of Roussolakos in Palaikastro, the Palm forest Vai and the Monastery Toplu. Hence, there was a workshop about the traditions of four seasons of every individual school and additionally they visited the Minoan port of Mochlos (traditional food and traditional sweets recipes) and the Folklore museum of Sitia.

On the 19/10, students worked on their presentations and soon after they visited Zakros: Digital Museum, Museum of Natural History, Minoan Palace of Zakros. Last but not least, they had a chance to watch a presentation on the Greek Tragedy and the birth of Democracy in Greece.

During the last day of the programme, the students took part in a workshop based on the questionnaire/journal works and presented their impressions, memories and feelings from the visit. The meeting officially finished with a demonstration of Cretan dances and the closing ceremony where they were granted the relevant Certificates.



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