

Application and Dissemination of Knowledge

The pedagogical team of the program consisted of teachers from different specialties and areas of interest. The team members attended five (5) training courses abroad (with the equivalent of 3 groups of 2 teachers attending 3 different seminars and 2 teachers attending 2 different seminars), specifically in the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Ireland, and France. Four (4) of the eight (8) participants attended a training course (Training Course) for the first time through the Erasmus program. The seminars attended were the following:

1. “Leadership and Management for School Principals” - 6 days in Amsterdam.
2. “Digital Tools for Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking (4Cs)” - 6 days in Lisbon.
3. “Social-Emotional Learning and Safety Skills in Finnish Education” - 6 days in Helsinki.
4. “Drama Techniques: Developing Self-Expression, Communication, and Social Skills for All Students” - 6 days in Dublin.
5. “Environmental Stewardship - How to Reconnect with Nature” - 6 days in Nice.

From the very first year of the program’s implementation, the European identity of our school was strengthened, as our teachers had the opportunity to enhance their skills on topics related to the goals of the Erasmus+ accreditation. They also had the chance to communicate with school principals, Erasmus+ program coordinators, and educators from other European countries and exchange ideas and best practices. New collaborations were established, which will be utilized in the upcoming year 2024-2025. At the same time, the foundation was laid to achieve all the goals of the accreditation.

Moreover, by applying the knowledge and skills they gained, our teachers were able to improve communication between students. The universal language of art, along with other new methods, enabled the educators to overcome language barriers and communicate effectively even with students who attend the school but do not know Greek. Strengthening relationships within the school community was particularly evident, even in groups with diverse backgrounds, such as Roma and refugee students.

In collaboration with local organizations such as the 2nd Educational Center of Heraklion and the Municipality of Heraklion, our students were introduced to the concept of sustainable development. Emphasis was placed on developing entrepreneurship, focusing on green professions, thus linking educational activities with the prospects of a sustainable future.

Finally, in accordance with the Erasmus plan, we proceeded to disseminate the results of the pedagogical team’s mobility through press releases distributed by the Directorate of Secondary Education of Heraklion to all schools in the region. These releases were published on the school’s website, the school’s social media profiles, and in the local press.

The links to the published articles are listed below:

1. Mobility to Amsterdam:

<https://www.cretalive.gr/kriti/stin-ollandia-o-dieythyntis-toy-11oy-gymnasioy-irakleioy>

<https://creta24.gr/11o-gymnasio-irakleiou-stin-ollandia-o-diefthyntis-tou-scholeiou/>

<https://www.candiadoc.gr/tag/amsterntam/>

https://www.facebook.com/11oGymnasioIrakleiou/posts/pfbid028Za6uvPwcRpoWXbo2FJWvSF4JV6BP6CP4j6YM9j3hPjSkTHHLD1mN6oxihgKgJTnl?locale=el_GR

<http://11gym-irakl.ira.sch.gr/news/index.php/el/erasmus/accreditation/777-deltio-typou-erasmus>

2. Mobility to Lisbon:

https://www.neakriti.gr/kriti/irakleio/2058085_me-epityhia-i-epimorfosi-ekpaideytikon-toy-11oy-gymnasioy-irakleioy-sti

https://www.facebook.com/11oGymnasioIrakleiou/posts/pfbid0PYmuFhxAFvkwzAiSmhLvzcGHgGADkWxqkTiLmk95wFwP158kPBD6qiAmF6a53G1?locale=el_GR

<http://11gym-irakl.ira.sch.gr/news/index.php/el/erasmus/accreditation/782-epimorfosi-ekpaideftikon-me-titlo-digital-tools-for-collaboration-communication-creativity-and-critical-thinking-4cs-sti-lisavona-sto-plaisio-erasmus>

3. Mobility to Helsinki:

<https://www.cretalive.gr/kriti/sto-elsinki-gia-erasmus-11o-gymnasio-irakleioy>

<http://11gym-irakl.ira.sch.gr/news/index.php/el/erasmus/accreditation/780-sto-elsinki-gia-to-erasmus-to-11o-gymnasio-irakleiou>

https://www.facebook.com/11oGymnasioIrakleiou/posts/pfbid0qZx2ENdjO6hLjrbq9HX562TJ4U451FBoh5c5meHLJiccq6uVYRr8JqzSq9fsbApB1?locale=el_GR

4. Mobility to Dublin:

<https://www.cretalive.gr/kriti/11o-gymnasio-irakleioy-taxideyei-sto-doyblino-me-programma-erasmus>

https://www.neakriti.gr/kriti/irakleio/2059042_11o-gymnasio-irakleioy-taxideyei-sto-doyblino-me-programma-erasmus

https://www.facebook.com/11oGymnasioIrakleiou/posts/pfbid0VQrZJpCMCK9jsiZSbkorW7rB6qDrCkkPXB6Y6gQMNgiqg91cukLcGQzhSimbghrl?locale=el_GR

<http://11gym-irakl.ira.sch.gr/news/index.php/el/erasmus/accreditation/783-to-11o-gymnasio-irakleiou-taksideyei-sto-douvlino-me-to-programma-erasmus>

5. Mobility to Nice:

<https://www.cretalive.gr/kriti/sti-nikaia-tis-gallias-11o-gymnasio-irakleioy>

https://www.neakriti.gr/kriti/irakleio/2059812_11o-gymnasio-irakleioy-sti-nikaia-tis-gallias-gia-periballon-kai-ti

<https://www.candiadoc.gr/2024/06/11/erasmus-to-11o-gymnasio-irakleioy-sti-nikaia-t/>

https://www.facebook.com/11oGymnasioIrakleiou/posts/pfbid02Pfsb6tkT1aKfSqBTz6SoLdLPw4CkMXgeHG46Eo9sUPhHaHbHFb6js5EHXVNMRtrwl?locale=el_GR

<http://11gym-irakl.ira.sch.gr/news/index.php/el/erasmus/accreditation/784-to-11o-gymnasio-irakleiou-sti-nikaia-tis-gallias-gia-to-perivallon-kai-ti-viosimotita-me-to-programma-erasmus>

6. Accreditation:

<https://www.cretalive.gr/kriti/eyropaiki-diapisteysi-erasmus-sto-11o-gymnasio-irakleioy>

Other Publications - Activities

- Creation of a blog for the program:
accreditation11ogymirakleiou.blogspot.com
- Creation of a printed brochure for the exchange of best practices.
- Creation of surveys and their completion by students and parents/guardians to investigate the level of respect for human rights and knowledge related to entrepreneurship (in addition to observations by School Life Counselors).
- Organization of a day for exchanging best practices, during which teachers who participated in the mobilities presented to the entire teaching staff of the 11th Gymnasium and also to the teaching staff of the co-located High School (13th Gymnasium Heraklion).
- Participation with a presentation of all activities/mobilities during the Erasmus+ Day (Monday 21.10.24) organized by the Regional Directorate of Education of Crete.

<https://www.cretalive.gr/kriti/imeres-erasmus-2024-sto-sholeio-eyropaikis-paideias>

<https://europe.pdekritis.gr/archives/3207>