**ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME**

**KEY ACTION 2 – COOPERATION FOR INNOVATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES**

**KA201 – STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION**

**High School “Publio Virgilio Marone” promotes the project**

**“THINKING ALLOWED”**

**Teenage students have their say on Human Rights**

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In partnership with:

* Formamentis, Rome, Italy;
* Ies San Rosendo, Mondoñedo, Spain;
* Liceul Tehnologic "Mihai Eminescu" Dumbraveni, Suceava, Romania;
* Lycée La Martinière Monplaisir, Lyon, France;
* A’Arsakeio Geniko Lykeio Psychikou, Athens, Greece.

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| **THE PROJECT** |

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| "THINKING ALLOWED - Teenage students have their say on Human Rights" was born to promote greater and more active participation among young people between the age of 15 and 17 as European citizens and thus contribute, in line with the statement Paris, 2015, to the promotion of values relating to freedom, equality, dignity, human rights and respect for diversity.  The project was also born in response to the attacks of December 26, 2016, which highlighted the need to cooperate, co-ordinate, exchange experiences and ensure that best ideas and practices of teaching and education are shared throughout the Union.  The idea behind the project is to work simultaneously on two aspects: sharing and identifying best practices that can also benefit from the use of computer systems and realizing transnational exchange moments where students can meet with peers from other European countries on issues related to human rights.  As for the first aspect, it is believed that a comparison between school realities in countries that have adopted a different approach to civic education teaching (Spain, France and Greece have provided civic education as a teaching material distinct from the others, while Italy and Romania have put their teaching transversally) can contribute to the comparison of the most effective best practices. In this regard THINKING ALLOWED also aims to stimulate a reflection on the teaching and transmission methodologies as well as the civil values of the European dimension of citizenship.  The activities foreseen by the project will aim to train students to identify common aspects of different cultures and legislation in the protection of freedom and diversity. Comparing with others will enable them to learn to appreciate diversity while at the same time contributing to the improvement of language and digital skills.  ***WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES FORESEEN BY THE PROJECT?***  ***ACTIVITY C1***  ***Venue: Italy;***  ***Participants: Teachers.***  The objective of the activity will be to allow the participating members to share their experiences in the use of innovative teaching techniques such as the use of computer technology, cooperative learning, and participative learning, on the other It will allow for an in-depth discussion of the pedagogical debate to support the use of these methodologies. The five-day activity, of which 2 are dedicated to the trip and 3 are dedicated to training.  ***ACTIVITY C2***  ***Venue: France;***  ***Hosting partner:*** ***Lycée La Martinière Monplaisir, Lyon ;***  ***Participants: Students with accompanying persons.***  The mobility will aim to deepen the human rights issue from the point of view of different issues such as migration and bullying. The mobility will last 5 days plus 2 days for travel arrangements.  ***ACTIVITY C3***  **Venue: Spain;**  ***Hosting partner:*** ***Ies San Rosendo, Mondoñedo ;***  ***Participants: Students with accompanying persons.***  The mobility in Spain will have the objective of addressing the issue of protecting human rights with respect to gender discrimination. The mobility will last 5 days plus 2 days for travel arrangements.  ***ACTIVITY C4***  **Venue: Romania;**  ***Hosting partner:*** ***Liceul Tehnologic "Mihai Eminescu" Dumbraveni, Suceava ;***  ***Participants: Students with accompanying persons.***  The mobility in Romania will have the objective of addressing human rights and gender equality. The mobility will last 5 days plus 2 days for travel arrangements.  ***ACTIVITY C5***  **Venue: Greece;**  ***Hosting partner:*** ***A’Arsakeio Geniko Lykeio Psychikou, Athens;***  ***Participants: Students with accompanying persons.***  Mobility in Greece will have the purpose of reflecting on the concept of citizenship, human rights and social issues as they are perceived by UE institutions and vision. The mobility will last 5 days plus 2 days for travel arrangements.  **By the end of November 2017, A’Arsakeio Geniko Lykeio Psychikou,** *hosting partner of* ***Activity C5,*** will select **18** of its students**,** who will carry out the abovementioned activities according to the following timetable:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **PERIOD** | **COUNTRY** | **ACTIVITY** | **NO.STUDENTS** | | February 2018 | Spain | C3 | 6 | | May 2018 | France | C2 | 6 | | October 2018 | Romania | C4 | 6 | |

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| **HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?** |

***WHO CAN PARTICIPATE AND HOW WILL STUDENTS BE SELECTED?***

One of the first selection criteria is age: students of the A’ Class of A’ Arsakeio Geniko Lykeio Psychikou can apply to take part in the project. The selection of the students will be announced by means of an official notice about the opening of the call on the school website. The call will remain open **from 30th November to 12th December 2017**.

Candidates will have to:

- hand over a written application (Annex I) to be downloaded from the school’s website and filled in as well as add a copy of his/her ID and a permission signed by his/her parents due to their age of minority. All the documents are to be handed over to the contact person in charge of the participants’ selection.

- face an oral interview during which a total score of 10 points will be assigned to each one of the candidates.

The score will be awarded according to the following criteria:

* interest in the issues addressed (1 to 4);
* linguistic knowledge in English language (from 1 to 2);
* school performance (from 1 to 2);
* no previous participation in cultural exchanges (in line with the spirit of the Erasmus Program + will be given precedence to candidates who have never traded abroad and who, without European funding, could not afford a similar experience. Students with this background will be assigned a maximum score of 2 points).

**The applications and all the required documents should be handed in to either Ms M. Dimitropoulou or Ms A. Alexaki.**

One week after selection, a list of beneficiaries will be published on the school website. The matching student-country will be determined by draw.

***All personal data transmitted by candidates for their participation in the selection, according to Legislative Decree 196/2003, will be used solely for the purpose of managing this and any procedures related to the project implementation.***

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| **PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS** |

Participants will be provided with the following services:

* Round ticket from and to the Country of destination;
* Accommodation in host family;
* Full board provided by the host family;
* Cultural activities.

Any extra cost aimed at covering personal expenses or additional local transport costs will be borne by the participating students and their families.

Services may vary according to the hosting school.

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| **IN CASE OF WITHDRAWAL** |

Once the sending school has already incurred expenses in the name and on behalf of the participating students (i.e. air ticket purchase, etc.), they will be obliged to repay possible penalties (except in extreme cases related to health issues or death of one of the family members).

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| **FURTHER INFORMATION** |

For further information, you can contact the reference person of your school or the Facebook page of *Thinking allowed - Erasmus+* or send an email to [a-lyk-ps@arsakeio.gr](mailto:a-lyk-ps@arsakeio.gr)

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