IKY Erasmus + Nafplio

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“Social Inclusion Revisited:

Role Modeling in Education”



**Introduction**

This IKY transnational meeting is held to present the invited participants with the results of 2 ongoing Erasmus + projects “ Social inclusion” and Role modeling in Education” Based on the themes of these 2 projects a 2 day activity was organized in hotel Amalia in Nafplio with a variety of lectures and workshops around these two projects. In order to broaden the knowledge about these projects and for the participants to use these good practices in return back home.

This conference was attended by Johanna van Dijk, representing RICHeS

(Rhodes International Culture and Heritage Society), one of the Greek partners in the Erasmus + program T.A.C.K.E.D.

“ **T** raditional **A** rts and **C** rafts to **K** eep away **E** arly **D** rop-out”.

**Sunday, June 9th, 2019**

*19.00 Arrival, Registration, Welcome Event and Buffet Dinner*

After a day long travel from Rhodes to Athens by plane and bus transfer to Nafplio, I was warmly welcomed by the Hosts of the organization. After settling in the comfortable room I went downstairs into the reception area. Here was a buffet with finger foods and drinks for us all. After the introduction speeches we were welcomed with a music event by an intercultural Music band, with an interesting repertoire of music and songs of different cultural backgrounds and nice poetry. A clever way to make the connection and to be pulled into the themes of the upcoming 2 days. The welcome dinner was a nice way to end a long day of traveling.

*Cultural start of the conference*

**Monday, June 10th, 2019**

After breakfast all participants were invited to the conference hall. For the duration of the events headphones were provided to the participants who needed to hear the speakers translated. A big task ahead for the translators who did an amazing job. I was proud of myself that I was able to understand both the Greek speakers as the English spoken ones.

The conference started with the speeches of The President of the Administrative Board of IKY Mr. Kyriakos Athanassiou and Mr. Pavlos Charamis Vice-president of the Institute of Educational Policy, Greece.



From 10. 00 to 12.00

*4 lectures around the Theme: Inclusion through education Challenges and opportunities were presented*.

1. The Greek Epic of the inclusion of Children with autism Spectrum Disorder

By Prof. Angeliki Gena.

2. “Promotion of wellbeing and inclusion in school communities

By Mrs. Chryse Hatichrostiou

3. “The potential of intercultural education towards the crisis of globalization

By Mr. Christos Parthenis.

4. “Promoting the social inclusion of disabled students in educational contexts”

By Prof. Anastasia Vlachou

From 12.00 to 13.30

Parallel working groups were held, the one I attended was facilitated by Lydia Democritus, on the subject of “Highlight and maximize the potential of the Role models initiative for preventing exclusion and exchange good practice examples.





*Workshop with Lydia Democritus*

After the lunch we went back into the conference hall.

We had the honor to witness the

“European Language Label Award Ceremony”

*The conference room of Amalia hotel*

At 18.00 o’clock a transfer bus took us to the center of Nafplio, with an experienced guide we explored the city, she told us nice stories about the history of the town and showed us many places of interest around the city. The day ended in a well known fish tavern of the city. Here we had time to relax and talk with other attendees. These moments are a good way for networking and exchanging information. For me it was nice to meet an organizer of projects from a big school in the Netherlands.



*View on the Castle of Nafplio*

**Tuesday, June 11th, 2019**

The second day of the conference was dedicated to the Erasmus project:

“The Role Models initiative” from 9.30 to 12.00

1. presentations were presented by representatives of this program

1.Thalia Dragona and Lydia Mittis

on the implementation of the role model program

2. Maria Panagiotaki, implementation of the program on Crete

3. Beatriz TouronTorrado

Implementation of the program in Spain: Good practice

Examples of projects tackling Social inclusion and early school leaving

4. Christina Panagiotakou

Educational Programs coordinator, Onassis Foundation

5. Dimitrios Katsavos

Headmaster of the Primary School of Kouloura Central Macedonia.

The role of Erasmus + programme in school and society in helping students

After the coffee break another session of workshops

I attended the workshop that shared practices on ongoing projects focusing on Early Leaving and University Dropout as social inclusion impediments.

During this workshop, I could talk about the project of TACKED which was interesting because with the other participants we could establish a kind of “ missing link” talking about traditional arts and crafts in connection with the craftsmen and artisans creating the opportunity for being role models in the classroom introducing their professions.

After the lunch break all participants returned to the conference room for the

Plenary-feedback about the other results on the parallel working groups.

With these conclusions the Meeting came to an end.



*The participants of the conference*

In the afternoon we attended the Cultural part at 17.00 the busses transferred us to the Epidaurus Ancient Theatre, it was a bit rainy but that only added to the tranquility and beauty of this amazing location.

Not only me, but all the foreign attenders of this meeting were deeply impressed.

Again our guide took us around this stunning archaeological side, museum and on top of it all the theatre.

After this visit the bus took us to Palaia Epidaurus. On a mythical location we shared a lovely meal, in good company.