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"Edu-GamEco"

Multi-Measure project:

Training course: 5-14/10/2017 (Arrival day 4th /10- Departure day 15/10/2017)

Venue: Lefkas, Greece

24 young people from 8 European countries (Estonia, France, Greece, Poland, Spain, Italy, Romania, Slovenia)

Working language: English

Summary of the project:

Playing is an activity of capital importance for the development and well-being of the young person. When at playing, young people develop abilities in many aspect: they are thinking, solving problems, expressing themselves, moving, collaborating, evoking their impressions and exerting their moral conscience. The toy as a playing object has, thus, a basic significance for the process of the development and self-fulfilment of the young. It is a support for their imagination and creativity. It is also a means of escape from tough times and a supportive means of learning about social coexistence.

Despite the obvious importance of toys in the education and the well-being of the young – and the young with special needs as well, the majority of the toys being sold around the world are harmful and put youngsters under the threat of chemical substances detrimental to their health, while they are playing and having fun. It is worth mentioning that youngsters are much more sensitive to external unhealthy factors than adults, as their immunity system is still in the making. This implies that we adults as members of the civil society have the duty to take care of their safety and to stave off any danger.

This duty for preventive actions can be mainly hypostasized through our launching activities which raise the parents' awareness about the ludic and pedagogical aspect of the toys as well as the dangers lurking in improper toys. This way, the parents will be wiser and able to make responsible choices about the toys which go hand in hand with their children's development.

Moreover, it lies with us to enhance the competences/skills of the youth workers/leaders, so that they might be able to play an active part within the local communities and encourage young persons, with whom they



work, to turn to ecological toys, in the frame of a learning process full of respect for the others and the environment.

On the other hand, the market of toys and play-sets is among the most important in our world. Only in Europe, it supplies the needs of more than 78 million youngsters. This implies that, if we want to ensure a mutually supplementary relationship between educational processes and the toy's market, we need to rationalize the latter, by encouraging the development of the social entrepreneurship of the young, in this field.

These two axes (i.e. education and Social entrepreneurship) will favour the dissemination of a toys-related consumer culture responsible and sustainable among the young people.

Given all this, we wish to collaborate with 8 partner organizations which are active in the sustainable development and social entrepreneurship education, coming from 8 European countries in order to carry out 2 short-term mobility:

- A youth exchange of 10 days which will take place on Lefkas and mobilize 40 unemployed people (educators, tinkerers, designers) from 8 European organizations & institutions, including 6 people with disabilities. In this mobility, the youngsters will exchange views, experiences and good practices as regards the use and consumption of ecological toys as well as the negative effects of the noxious toys on the youth.

In addition, the participants will have the opportunity to develop in practice some skills and innovative methods with a view to promote and disseminate a culture of using and consuming ecological, sustainable toys and play-sets.

In this mobility, participants will work out pedagogical videos aimed for the youngsters, parents & and the wide public, videos which propose different approach which raise their awareness and prompt them to positive changes on individual and collective level.

As a result, a tendency towards a more rational selection of toys for the young generation will spread.

- A 10 day training course will take place on Lefkas and mobilize 3 young people who already participated to the previous mobility from each partner organization including people with disabilities. During this course, the participants will develop competences about the education in the social entrepreneurship with a view to promote and commercialization of educational-ecological toys. Apart from this, they will prepare and create on-line trainings about education of youngsters in social entrepreneurship in the sector of educational & ecological toys and a local educational Exhibition at Lefkas for the promotion of viable educational-ecological toys and for rendering local youngsters, teachers and parents prone to a more rational choice of toys for the benefit of the young generation and for promoting the social entrepreneurship in this field. Within this Exhibition, participants will present the outcomes of our project (The videos & the on-line training sessions), they will organize open discussion with person resources and entrepreneurs and several workshops for the local citizens



For better preparation and a strong engagement of the partners, we will organize a preparation meeting before the motilities

Aims of our youth exchange:

The basic aims of the project are:

1- Allowing a group of unemployed young people (educators, youth workers, craftsmen & designers) coming from 8 European countries and different cultural background to expose the realities of the educational, health and environmental consequences of the marketing and consumption of harmful toys And anti-pedagogical toys in their countries and to exchange experiences and best practices on the consumption, promotion and creation of non-toxic and eco-friendly educational toys.

2- To develop the skills of a the beneficiaries in terms of industry and responsible consumption of toys for young people, to be able to take initiatives in their communities which allow awareness among their peers and the general public of making responsible choices for toys and avoiding harmful and anti-pedagogical toys in order to preserve the healthy development and well-being of the younger generation and to protect the environment.

3- To develop the skills of a group of the beneficiaries in terms of social entrepreneurship in the field of pedagogical and non-harmful toys in order to prepare them to take entrepreneurial initiatives in the field of toys and so that they can play a multiplier role to their peers in their communities and elsewhere to emerge the spirit of social entrepreneurship in the field of socio-educational toys.

4- Create interactive awareness-raising videos and online training sessions with the participants and set up a typical educational fair for sustainable toys in view of:

* To raise the awareness of young people, parents, educators, youth workers and the large public for the tragic effects of harmful and anti-pedagogic toys on the younger generation and on our planet and to generate the right information to help them to do an appropriate and



responsible choice of the toys by in an attractive way through the pedagogical videos.

* To develop a culture responsible and sustainable consumption of toys among young people, parents, educators and the large public through the educational videos that will be created.

* To develop the creative and innovative spirit among young people helping them to create their ecological and educational toys or assisting them to invest in this field through the online trainings that will be created.

* To promote the value of ecological and educational toys among young people and large public and to develop a culture of social entrepreneurship in the field of ecological toys among young people (direct and indirect beneficiaries).

Promo-Video: <https://youtu.be/HyG8Tb0zqqY>

Partners / participants/ Maximum amount covered for the travel cost for each participant :

Participant's profile: young people/unemployed people (no age limit) and young people with disabilities. (Youth leaders, educators, crafters, designers...)

Participants should be interested to the topic & motivated to participate actively in the activities.

Suggestion: Diagonal Spain & RAIDO can involve one or 1 deaf people in each group

MITTETULUNDUSUHING VITATIIM & Solidarity Tracks can involve 1 Participants with disability.



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Partner	Country	Number of participants (young Number of Participants for the Training course)	Amount covered for the travel cost for each participant
MITTETULUNDUSUHING VITATIIM / Estonia	Estonia	03	360€
RAIDO/ Poland	Poland	03	275€
Diagonal / Spain	Spain	03	275€
CREFAD LOIRE/ France	France	03	275€
GreenRope/ Italy	Italy	03	180€
Drustvo SMC Maribor/ Slovenia	Slovenia	03	275€
A.C.T.O.R/ Romania	Romania	03	275€
Solidrity Tracks/ Greece	Greece	05	//

Venue:

Our project will take place in Lefkada Island.

The island of Lefkada, also called Lefkas, is the fourth largest island of the Ionian Islands, after Zakynthos, Kefalonia and Corfu. It has an area of 303 square kilometres, a coastline of 117 kilometres and a population of about 23.000 inhabitants. Lefkada is an island with a wide spiritual tradition and it's situated 378 km from Athens.

Discover the emerald island at: www.lefkada.gr





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Accommodation and food:

You will be hosted in "Hotel LEFKAS" which is in the centre of the city at the seaside very close to cafes, bars, clubs, restaurants, shops, internet café etc.

<http://www.hotel-lefkas.gr/>



You will sleep in rooms of 2 or 3 beds with bathroom, television, and fridge in each bedroom. (The Internet connection is only in the lobby and in the bar.

In the same hotel you will take your meals. You will taste typical Greek and Lefkadian plates.

If you have some special needs for food (vegetarian etc.), please, inform us about it beforehand. We can provide you with just "with/without meat" vegetarian food.

Our working place will be in the cultural center of Lefkas, 3 minutes walking from the hotel.

Insurance: Each participant is responsible about its insurance.

Transportation:

When you arrive to Athens El. Venizelos Airport you have to take the city bus X93 to the **bus station Kifissos**, it will take about 60 min and the ticket costs about 5 €. There you have to take the bus to Lefkas which takes 5,5 hours and costs 34 €. We will pick you from the bus station in Lefkas. Pay attention that there are only 4 buses from Athens to Lefkas (At 7:00, 13:00, 16:30 and 20:30), please organize your flight so as to arrive early in Athens and catch the bus to Lefkas.



Very important: Please **KEEP ALL THE BILLS, TICKETS AND BOARDING PASSES** from your travel, and **to send your boarding pass of your return trip**, when you will be back home.

Participation Fee:

- 100% of accommodation and basic food are covered by the programme
- 100% of activities fee are covered by the programme
- Fixed amount of your travel cost (as mentioned above) are covered by the programme
- **Each participant should pay 25 Euros** participation fee.

How you prepare yourself for the exchange:

Before coming, each team will prepare:

1 - A video/presentation which presents traditional toys used by the local community and the effect of these toys on their development.

(Presented toys can focus on two directions

– Natural materials

- Recycling materials)

2 – Bring 5 ideas (sketches) about educational toys

3 - A video/presentation about good practices in the field of entrepreneurship related with educational toys

- Each group should bring at least 2 laptops

- Camera

- To bring National/typical food and drinks for the intercultural evening (songs, dances, national costumes, music etc.)

& Your good mood and energy :)



Useful Greek Words:

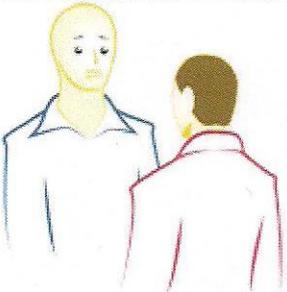
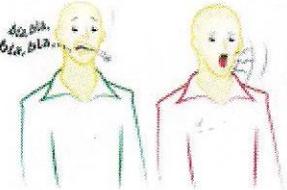
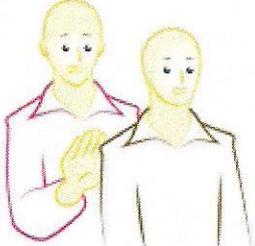
ENGLISH	Greek
Hello	γεια σας! (Yia sas)
Welcome!	Καλώς ορίσατε! (Kalos Orisate)
My name is...	Ονομάζομαι... (Onomazome)
Thank you!	ευχαριστώ! (Evkaristo)
I need help.	Χρειάζομαι βοήθεια. (khriazome voithia)
I'm sorry, I don't speak Greek	Λυπάμαι, δεν μιλάω ελληνικά (Lipame, then millaw Ellinika)
Do you speak German/English?	Μιλάτε Γερμανικά / αγγλικά; (Millate yermanika, anglika)
Excuse me?	Συγγνώμη; (Signomi)
Yes	Ναι (Ne)
No	Όχι (Okhi)
Maybe	Ίσως (Isos)
I don't know	Δεν ξέρω (Then ksero)
I love you!	σ' αγαπώ (Sagappo)
Goodbye!	Αντίο (Adio)

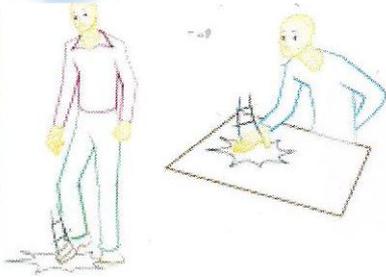


COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES WITH DEAF PEOPLE

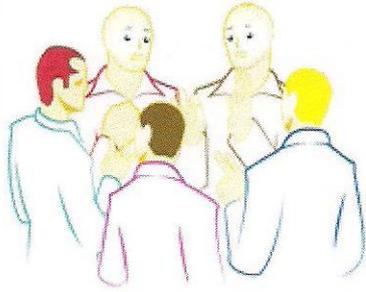
To communicate with a deaf person, the most important thing is do not be afraid to do so and have an open mind. Keep in mind that deaf people are used to communicate with hearing people who don't know sign language or other communication strategies.

Try not to forget some guidelines as:

	1. Do not forget to keep eye contact with deaf people.
	2. Try not to put objects in your mouth and don't shout or make exaggerated gestures.
	3. If you want to call the attention of a deaf person can touch the shoulder or wave your hand in visual space.
	4. If you want to attract the attention of a big group or a person who is in a room you could turn on or off the lights



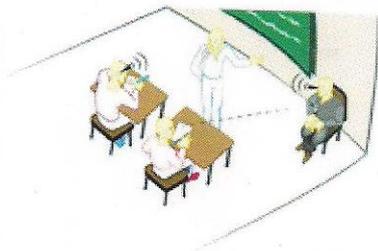
5. You can also call the attention of deaf people by vibration pounding the table or on the floor with your foot.



6. If several deaf people are chatting together they will usually get in a circle to make eye contact.



7. Please don't interrupt the visual space when two deaf people are talking because you will interrupt their communication.



8. Be aware that a deaf person can't be communicating and doing something else at the same time because they require vision to do so.

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