

Greece National Education Sector Working Group

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2017 @ UNHCR, ATHENS, GREECE

MEETING AGENDA

1. UPDATE ON MOE KINDERGARTEN
2. UPDATE ON LYCEUM AND EPAL
3. UPDATE ON REFUGEE EDUCATION COORDINATORS
4. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
<p>I. UPDATE ON MOE KINDERGARTEN</p>	<p>Update from the MoE on off-site procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten for 5 to 6 year-olds (children born in 2012) is part of compulsory education in Greece and should be enrolled in local kindergartens - There is no plan for reception classes for kindergarten - Same procedure for admission as primary (vaccinations, asylum card, health record cards) - Some kindergartens (e.g. Athens) have no more capacity to accept more children. In this case, NGO partners should get “protokolo” numbers from the kindergartens and submit to info-refugee-education@minedu.gov.gr and/or eswg.greece@gmail.com <p>Updates from partners</p> <p>ARSIS – successfully enrolled 10 children in local kindergartens without any problem. Some principals said that they have to first go to Primary Education department (Protobathmia). No space in Kipseli</p> <p>KEDHL (in Livadia) – enrolled 22 children in local kindergartens (100%) without problems. Other areas that enrolled children in kindergartens are Crete, Kilkis and Lesvos (Iliaktida).</p> <p>Inside accommodation sites (under DYEP scheme)</p> <p>There have been 3 kindergartens operating in accommodations sites since last year. There is a plan to establish kindergartens by MoE in all major (longer-term) sites (around 30) but this is not yet finalized due to administrative procedures.</p> <p>Type I: kindergarten space procured through AMIF – this is yet to be finalized and will take a couple of months at least.</p> <p>Type II: using available spaces donated by UN agencies and NGOs. MoE received donations by UNHCR and some other NGOs. When the specs meet the standards, and when furniture is in place, MoE can start - Eleonas, Schisto, Skaramangas, Polykastro, Kouchohero</p>	<p>ESWG coordination to discuss with Ifigenia on the locations of accommodations and kindergartens</p> <p>Apartment NGOs to work on kindergarten enrolment</p> <p>Naoko will work with refugee.info to publish a blog post about kindergarten enrolment</p>

	<p>(UNHCR container, DRC connected with public electricity, Pyna- Equiped Andravida/Myrsini), waiting for decree and the recruitment of teachers. How about Ritsona and Malakasa? IAMYOU and Secours Islamique Francais have been running non-formal ECE programmes there. – we need to look at the space and if it matches the standards, the MoE can consider.</p> <p>ESWG agrees that formal kindergarten is a priority over non-formal ECE run by NGOs. ESWG will collaborate as much as possible with MoE to start formal kindergartens.</p> <p>3-4 years old – this is not compulsory for MoE and NGOs are encouraged to keep doing non-formal ECE</p> <p>Teachers under the Municipality unemployment scheme : there are some qualified teachers available without clear instructions. In the next meeting, we will discuss how to work better with these available teachers (via Ministry of Labour).</p>	<p>Naoko and Ifigenia will work on the list and identify available facilities in accommodation sites</p> <p>To be discussed in the next ESWG meeting</p>
<p>2. Lyceum and EPAL</p>	<p>MoE published a circular to prepare the establishment of reception classes for lyceum and EPAL. The plan is to produce a ministerial decision by the end of October.</p> <p>Updates from partners ARSIS – pre-registration done for some students but without reception class teachers, it is difficult to keep up KEDHL (Livadia) – 1st EPAL will accept 15-18 years old Thermopiles and Ritsona – school directors said to refer to the defterobathmia → need protokolo numbers</p> <p>There are some good news from Chios and Lesvos that they enrolled UACs in EPAL.</p> <p>One week to pass the information and enroll was too short. Can this be extended? MoE has already sent the circular to the principals so cannot change the date officially, but accommodation partners can continue facilitating the lyceum/EPAL enrolment.</p> <p>Lyceum/EPAL enrolment in accommodation sites is tricky as there is no means of transport. IOM is requesting for more funding from ECHO to extend the coverage.</p> <p>Lavrio – prefecture included the children in the camp to include in the transport service</p>	<p>Investigate possibilities in intercultural schools</p> <p>NGOs to seek support from prefectures for transport!</p>

	<p>Can we support intercultural schools more to extend the capacity?</p> <p>Guardianship for unaccompanied children in squats There are only 4 public prosecutors in Greece who are responsible for UACs. For guardianship for UACs – Guardianship evolves many risks and it has to pass the case to the court, and the court will appoint guardians. Can school principals be temporary guardians for UAC? This will involve a lot of risks and cannot be legally possible, and possibly can put principals in trouble. The only alternative is to make a person as a temporary guardian responsible for particular issues, such as within school. However this entails an amount of responsibilities (for accidents, anything that entails in school, trafficking), METAdrasi works with these cases – guardianship network, they undertake this duties, asylum procedures, foster parents - but they prioritise younger children. Can be shelter managers? No.</p>	<p>A small task team to be formed and seek ways...</p>
3. Refugee Education Coordinators	<p>MoE: RECs are in place in some camps already. There has been some confusions in the beginning but JD sent today to RECs and there will be an orientation session. They represent the MoE in the camps but they are not advisors for non-formal education. RECs are in sites and they can coordinate for school enrolment. They report to IEP on the number of students, how the reception classes are going, etc. Next month there will be RECs in urban sites – they have to visit schools and urban accommodations How about unofficial camps (squats?) – will have to see ways. RECs are also responsible for lyceum + EPAL enrolment</p>	
4. AOB	<p>DYEP – plan is to start by the end of the month</p> <p>ESWG coordination team needs to compile a package of circulars</p> <p>Greece Council for Refugees presentation will be on the next ESWG meeting agenda.</p>	<p>Despina to prepare and will share with the ESWG members</p>

Next meeting: Monday 16 October 2017, at UNHCR (Michalakopoulou 91), from 11am until 1pm.

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