

Greece National Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2018 @ UNHCR, ATHENS, GREECE



MEETING AGENDA

1. UPDATES FROM THE MOE
 - DYEP AND ZEP, KINDERGARTENS
 - ENROLLMENT
 - HOMEWORK SUPPORT
 - PROGRAM FOR TEACHING GREEK 15+ AND ADULTS
 - INTERPETATION4SCHOOLS PROJECT
2. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS
3. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
I. Updates from MoE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ZEP RECEPTION CLASSES At the first round of hiring teachers a lot did not accept. There are still places to be covered and this is an ongoing process. On Secondary Education seems that ZEP Reception Classes teachers are in all schools according to the plan. Some problems with Lyceums to be resolved: especially with students attendance and the procedure to pass the class. EPAL: Based on the legislation enrollment has stopped for this year GENERAL LYCEUMS / AFTERNOON LYCEUMS: enrollment is still open. So, when students move from one EPAL to another due to accommodation change have to address the case to the Ministry – because EPAL enrollment has stopped. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoE to send the Ministerial Decision - For enrollment problems is recommended to NGOs to contact the RECs and only if the process doesn't work to inform MoE.

	<p>A lot of efforts have been done in order to enroll students during the school year (e.g. on Primary Athens more than 240 children were enrolled from November until now) For Primary Education a third round for Reception Classes is about to come – this will be easiest for schools that already operate Reception Classes, but there are schools that face a problem of infrastructures to accommodate a second Reception Class.</p> <p>The feedback from schools is (generally) positive. There is a need to identify missing children, children who stopped attending and they don't really know where they are.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More DYEPs are still to be created where Reception Centers operate. - There was an important obstacle concerning vaccinations, especially with children coming from the Islands. - Homework support is a very important task for NGOs – it still has to be clear to parents and students that this is not the formal education school. - KINDERGARTENS: there are still a lot to open – the process is not finalized yet. - Need for early discussion about next year's enrollment and communication with the communities. Also, to see options for children enrolled in schools far away from where they live. - 15 + and Adults PROGRAM. We are waiting for the Call for Proposals for the Universities. The case is now on Ministry of Finance. Islands are excluded from this Program. - INTERPRETATION 4 SCHOOLS PROJECT has a positive feedback, although seems to work better in Thessaloniki than in Attika. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is still need to inform parents and students about difference of NFE and Formal Education - Organize a discussion about next year's enrollment - More efforts to identify missing children
<p>2. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IOM: Visits on Stavros Niarchos has been very successful. Now they are planning to support visits for all students (Greek and refugee children together). A similar project to visit the National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos" is to be organized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ARSIS: LEDU – Leros Education Center is now operating, addressing children 7-11 and 11-15 from RIC and urban accommodations. The aim is to support school readiness. During March KEDU (Kos Education Center) will also be operational. 	
3. AOB - TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How we address children in the “limbo” legal status. - How we address communities, especially families aiming to leave for other countries. What education can offer for their children ‘s future. - Need for a more detailed presentation of Levels for Greek Language Learning and Examinations procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - probably a presentation from Greek Language Cener

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NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, 11/3/2018 @ 11:00 AM