

Greece National Education Sector Working Group

MEETING MINUTES



MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2018 @ UNHCR, ATHENS, GREECE

MEETING AGENDA

1. REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS NATIONAL ESWG MEETING
2. UPDATES FROM MOE (ON SCHOOL ENROLMENT ETC.)
3. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS
4. PRESENTATION BY KANEP-GSEE OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING ORGANIZING TOGETHER WITH OAED
5. PRESENTATION
6. GUIDANCE ON THE NEW SCHOOL ENROLMENTS ASSESSMENT
7. AOB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
1. REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting between ESWG coordination team and IOM on the newly established hotels to plan support for non-formal education while children are waiting for school enrolment process – not yet taken place - Melissa Network video on bullying to be shared – discussing with Melissa about the video and how to disseminate 	
2. UPDATES FROM MOE (ON SCHOOL ENROLMENT ETC.)	<p>Updates from MOE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since last Friday (7/12), the Morning reception classes started for gymnasium, lyceum and EPAL started all over Greece. A few of the appointed teachers did not take their positions, which will be replaced before Christmas. Some positions are not conducive – such as remote places, where teachers have to commute for long hours, yet the positions are only for part-time and it's difficult to attract teachers. There will be another opening of ZEP reception class positions. - In collaboration with UNICEF and Greek universities, the teacher training project “teach4integration” kicked off, aiming to train over 600 public school teachers in Athens, Thessaloniki, Ioannina, Crete (Heraklion and Chania) and Volos. The 3 groups of university departments are training teachers: (i) National and Kapodistrian University of Athens 	Interested teachers can apply from here

	<p>(ii) Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (iii) Consortium of University of Thessaly, University of Ioannina and University of Crete Each training will have 60 hours of duration, of which 35 are face-to-face teaching and 25 in distance learning. The selection criteria of participants will be based on key priorities, such as (i) gymnasium (ii) lyceum/EPAL (iii) reception class teachers (iv) regular school teachers that are teaching many refugee children, (v) DYEP, etc. Non-formal education teachers can apply, and will be accepted if there is available space. Apply from https://www.teach4integration.gr/.</p> <p>The topics will cover:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Needs analysis – learning agreement – formative assessment and feedback b. Educational Materials c. Methodology for teaching Greek as Second Language d. The non-language teachers e. Differentiated teaching for language and for other subjects f. Developing participatory activities for language teaching focusing on all skills g. Refugees, refugee education and issues of intercultural communication h. Classroom management in multilingual and multicultural settings i. Children’s Rights and Parental Involvement j. Psycho – Social – Emotional Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten : newly opened in Kos. Leros will need an additional kindergarten teacher. - MOE’s Department for Refugee Education held a meeting with the accommodations partners in urban setting in Athens. They discussed progress and challenges, including over 350 children on the waiting list in Athens. Congestion is also found in Thessaloniki and Ioannina. 350 schools requested for reception classes this year in Athens only. There was a discussion on attendance monitoring among RECs and accommodation partners – to be followed up by the ESWG. <p>Update from IOM on transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IOM is currently providing 120 bus escorts for 205 school every day, including 32 high schools (gymnasium, lyceum and EPAL) with reception classes and 18 primary schools with reception classes. 	<p>Discuss among ESWG on how to monitoring attendance by schools and parents through accommodation partners</p>
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		<p>Volvi may be added by the end of this week. This includes IOM's hotels in Koropi, Rafina and Porto Xeli.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently, IOM's contracts with hotels are until the end of March, but IOM is discussing with the stakeholders for the possibility of extending at least until the end of school year for children to finish the school year. - More school kits are being procured for secondary students 	
3. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADDMA: 290 enrolment (5-15 years) while 270 are attending regularly. There are pending applications for 55 children - Maktab: 6 squats – registered 810 people, including 151 children between 1 years old – 16 years old. 20 children are going to school. - Child Protection sub-working group held an extraordinary meeting on homeless children, with findings of the survey conducted (see attached). The meeting was attended by not only Protection partners but also the heads of UNHCR and UNICEF, Asylum Service, public prosecutor and police. - KEDHL – received 17 new requests for school enrolment from the newly arrived families. Out of 137 children and adults who wish to be enrolled, 87 enrolled (5-17) have been registered thus far. 46 waiting to be enrolled in primary and secondary education - UNICEF in collaboration with the Hellenic Observatory for Intercultural Education held a 2-day workshop, with 10 different sessions of pedagogical approaches on intercultural education. The workshop was attended by over 200 teachers around Athens. A report will be produced and disseminated. 	- Need a strategy to facilitate enrolment
4. PRESENTATION BY KANEP-GSEE		<p>Presentation by KANEP-GSEE of the vocational training organizing together with OAED The pilot project targets 40 students, can be up to 60 students, between 18-24 years of age The pilot training will be conducted in Greek and English, with translations (Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, Kurdish)</p>	Presentation and a market research survey to be shared
5. AOB		<p>ESWG coordination team has received many entries for the ongoing school enrolment assessment from accommodation partners and UAC shelters and hotels. Waiting for a few more accommodations. The analysis will be ready in a few weeks.</p>	

The next national ESWG meeting will be held on **Monday 14th January.**

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