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P R E S S R E L E A S E

RECIPE Program

Directorate of Western Thessaloniki for Primary Education participated, from 30/3/2014 until 3/4/2014, in the conference which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, under the **RECIPE** program (2013-2016). The RECIPE program -**Regional Educational Centers in Pedagogical Europe** – is concerned with the role of Regional Education Centers in reducing school leaving. It uses quality methods of scientific research in order to investigate the ways in which schools, in cooperation with the Regional Educational Structures can effectively deal with the high percentage of school leaving appearing in various European countries. Primary goal of 2020 Europe is to reduce school leaving to a percentage below 10%.

Within this framework five countries, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Norway, and Portugal, got together for the first time in Greece in the fall of 2013 and later in Copenhagen on 30-03-2014.

The program's goals are, among others:

- The identification and recording of school leaving in the participating countries.
- The promotion of the countries' efficient school practices, the implementation of which can contribute to the reduction of school leaving.
- The exchange of ideas, views, practices between the countries, aiming for the improvement of the educational procedure.
- To strengthen the cooperation between European countries in order to address common and non-educational issues.

The goal of the conference in Denmark was to present:

- The educational systems in the participating countries,
- The percentages of school leaving,
- Some efficient practices which contribute or can contribute to the reduction of school leaving, and
- An initial presentation of μελετών περίπτωσης that will be conducted in every country, following the aforementioned goals.

The agenda was setup for the next conference which will take place in Portugal.

During the visit, the Greek team had the opportunity to visit the Albertslund Municipality, a single-grade school for 16-year-old children who tend to drop out of school. This school offers a special program

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whose goal is to offer the children professional guidance, to broaden their professional horizons, in order for them to return to their previous school or to continue with their studies. The professional choices offered to students deal primarily with the fine arts, without of course neglecting involvement in basic educational areas, in order to keep the students in touch with them in the prospect of redefining the former's attitude towards school.

Also, they had the opportunity to converse with local entities and be updated on their cooperation with schools. Additionally, the host country presented current educational procedures for the configuration of the timetable and selection of educational practices, which are successfully used in Denmark's schools and aim primarily to offer a compensated education. Finally, the Greek delegation visited Production High School, a school of vocational education, was given a tour of the premises, conversed with the educational staff, and attended the daily course program.

The **Greek team** consists of: The Primary Education Directorate of Western Thessaloniki, 14th Public School of Stavroupolis, Public School of Arethousa, 3rd Public School of Ambelokipi and 1st Public School of Stavroupolis.