Dear friends,

30 people from 15 different countries will meet in beautiful city of Patras, Greece. They will communicate, interact, work together and have a lot of fun! In order to be prepared, we kindly ask you to review this infopack carefully. It contains all the information that will be useful for you!



InterPriSE

30 young teachers

15 countries

7 days

25th November - 1st December, 2014

Rodini, Patras, Greece

4 trainers

1 vision

www.intermediakt.org/interprise/

The Project

The project is designed to help young educators who wish to develop their knowledge on the principles of intercultural education and teaching in multicultural environments. Participants will learn alternative teaching methods that relate to modern pedagogy, will experience self-assessment techniques and will reveal the connection of stereotypes and prejudices to socially vulnerable groups.

Through the activities of the training course they will explore the various inadequacies of current education methods and will increase their strengths in the competitive labor market by creating their own innovative solutions.

The ultimate goal to be achieved by the completion of the program is for participants to be more well-informed about their profession and to feel more creative and determined, to develop strong team spirit, to eliminate any feelings of xenophobia and most importantly to be able to exploit their capacity as European citizens in an attempt to build a more humanistic education.

The activities of the training course, except those who need us to be outdoors or in the city of Patras, are planned to take place in the hotel hall which will be rent for the exact purpose. Participants will be working on small groups of 5 or 6 people and trainers will ensure the cultural diversity of groups.

The working method mainly used is the project- based problem solving method, where the participants are given an issue-problem, they work out on the information given or create their own idea and last they present the results to the rest.





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Activities Programme

Monday | 24/11 | Arrivals

Tuesday | 25/11 | Day 1

- Introduction activity, Ice breaking discussion: Needs, issues and objectives of the participants, acquaintance of participants and trainers, discussing educational issues that concern the participants
- Educational Background: Knowledge and skills of the participants regarding pedagogic methods and informal learning
- Establishing our own Intercultural School: Objectives, priorities, issues, needs and outcomes

Wednesday | 26/11 | Day 2

- Presentation of alternative teaching methods: Forms, perspective and use
- Use of New Technologies in school life: New technologies for promoting interculturalism in multicultural school environments
- Plans for future cooperation among participants and their countries: building common intercultural teaching practice
- Intercultural Night: Presenting countries, tradition and habits

Thursday | 27/11 | Day 3

- Visiting a school or educational organisation of Patras actively involved in Intercultural Programmes
- Cultural activity: Visiting the city of Patras' most significant monuments, cultural information
- "Let us hear to the experts": Speeches from faculty members of educational sciences and other educators, discussion with the participants

Friday | 28/11 | Day 4

- Discussing prejudices, stereotypes, xenophobia, racism: Impact on the society, efforts to prevent them
- Drawing a social collage about stereotypes and social vulnerable group, Understanding the connections of them

Saturday | 29/11 | Day 5

- Presentation of Self- assessment: Forms of self-assessment, perspectives and use
- Improvisation and theatrical games: The art of improvising
- Teaching plan on arts and didactics: Use of arts (music, theatre, literature etc) in teaching act

Sunday | 30/11 | Day 6

- Treasure hunt: Finding and forming a puzzle concerning social matters, human rights, migration
- Filling missing pieces with the attempts to be made in the future
- Discussing questions and problems of the participants about intercultural education in Europe

Monday | 01/12 | Day 7

- Drawing cognitive maps for three main concepts: Intercultural education, Teacher, Alternative teaching methods
- Evaluating the training course: outcomes, impact, contribution to the participants

Tuesday | 02/12 | Departures

Profile of Participants

The project is being addressed to young education professionals who are currently unemployed, have recently enter the job market or who are about to finalize their studies. Participants come from the European Union member states or other European countries and belong in the 18-30 age group.

What to bring with you

- Your energy, positive aura and smiles!
- Warm clothes, since in the evening and mornings it can get a bit cold, and also light clothes because we have no idea what the weather can be (spring-ish or closer to winter - the both options are viable for the time of the year).
- Bring indoor shoes or thick socks, comfortable shoes and clothes.
- Your favorite music.
- Let's not forget about the INTERCULTURAL NIGHT, where we would love to try some of your national foods and drinks (don't get your luggage overweight, but make sure you will bring us something traditional so that we will get a glimpse on your culture. Let it be music, symbols, traditional dances, clothes, food and everything you think would be interesting for the rest of the group to know about your culture; We also have another suggestion on how to approach this "request": find in those traditional stuff, YOUR FAVOURITES, what the things that you love the most are, what you get to miss when you leave your country. Bring them first!
- Materials and presentation of your organization to share with the group.
- Proof of all the travel expenses!
- Yours or your organization's bank account details and address of the bank!

Financial Conditions

Participation fee

There will be **NO** participation fee for this course.

Accommodation

Accommodation & meals will be covered 100% for every participant of the project.

Travel

The **maximum** refund the participants can get is the following:

Country of origin - Travel grant per participant

Albania - 180€

Bulgaria - 275€

*Georgia - 360€

Germany - 275€

Italy - 275€

Lithuania - 275€

Netherlands - 360€

Poland - 275€

Romania - 275€

*Serbia - 275€

Spain - 360€

Sweden - 360€

*Turkey - 275€

United Kingdom - 360€

*We'll also cover the visa cost for the participants from Serbia, Turkey and Georgia.

We won't be able to refund your travel cost if the relevant receipts are not presented.

Transportation to Patras

The transportation cost from Athens to Patras and return by bus is 26€ (student ticket) or 34€ (normal ticket).

Reimbursement

- → Very Important!!! Do not through away any of your travel invoices!!!
- → Collect all your travel invoices and scan them when you get back home.
- → Fill the reimbursement form (will be provided by the host organisation).
- →Post all your original travel invoices, along with the filled reimbursement form to the host organisation to the following address:

InterMedi@KT - George Kazantzidis Dionisou 11, Petroto Achaias 26500 Patras, Greece

→As soon as we get your post we will reimburse you to your bank account.

We will need the following travel invoices in order to make the reimbursement:

- Air-ticket, air-ticket receipt and boarding pass
- Tickets* (bus, train, tram, metro, ferry, etc.)
- Visa cost receipt

*The tickets must have dates in order to be reimbursed, so make sure to <u>validate</u> them in the machines.

Travel Insurance

You have to arrange your own *European Health Insurance Card* - social security form for your travel.

Welcome to Greece!

For those who want to know more about Greece and have a web trip to Greece, here you can find a lot of interesting information:

http://www.visitgreece.gr/

Good to remember:

- The currency is Euro
- The time zone is UTC+02:00
- The weather is not predictable. It's rainy...it's cloudy...sometimes it's sunny...please bring with you warm clothes!
- Roaming: The major mobile operators in Greece are Cosmote,
 Vodafone and Wind. You can use your mobile phone if your provider has enabled international roaming. Greece calling code is +30.
- Electricity: In Greece we use the standard two-pin wall socket. The main voltage is 220V/50Hz. Please do not forget to bring an adaptor if you use three-pin plugs (as in the UK).
- Working Hours (Patras):
 - o Shops: 9:00-14:00 on Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 9:00-14:00 & 18:00-21:00 on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.
 - o Banks: 8:00-14:00 from Monday to Friday.
 - o Post Offices: 7:30-20:30 from Monday to Friday. 7:30-13:30 on Saturday.
 - o Pharmacies: 8:00-14:00 from Monday to Saturday. 24-hour duty pharmacies are available and the addresses can be found on any pharmacy.
- You can find young people to give direction in English, but you can also find older people speaking Greek but giving direction in a various creative ways (what about body language? :p)

Useful links:

Athens: http://www.greece-athens.com
Patras: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patras

Train+Bus Tickets Prices:

Regular: 24€ (one way) 38€ (return ticket) Student: 18€ (one way)

29€ (return ticket)

Transportation to the venue

You should arrive in Patras on Monday, November 24 at 21:30 the latest. A bus with members of the organizing committee will pick you up from Patras' bus station and drive to Rodini (without additional cost for you), where the wonderful hotel which will host us is located!

*For the participants who have late flight arrivals and come to Patras later than 21:30, we will still wait for them and arrange their transport to the hotel.

Athens to Patras by bus

Patras Bus tickets prices:

Regular: 19€ (one way)
34€ (return ticket)
Student: 14€ (one way)
26€ (return ticket)

X93 Bus Tickets Prices:

Regular: 5 € Student: 2.5 € In order to take the bus for Patras you have to go to "KTEL Kifissou", the central bus station in Athens. A bus trip to Patras takes about 2.5 hours (express route) or 3 hours (regular route). They both cost the same. You have to issue a ticket for Patras when you get there, look for a sign called "Patra" or "Achaia" at the ticket office. Advanced booking is not necessary. The routes are roughly every half hour

To get to "KTEL Kifissou" you have the following options: You can get there directly from Athens International Airport by taking bus X93. The trip takes about 60 minutes. It departs every 40 minutes. You will get off the bus at the end of the line, which is the terminal station at the "KTEL Kifissou".

http://athensairportbus.com/en/X93-bus-from-airport-to-kifisos.htm

• If you find yourself in the centre of Athens you can go to "KTEL Kifissou" by taking bus 051. To take bus 051 follow these instructions: From Omonoia square (metro station Omonoia) find the street "Agiou Konstantinou" that starts from Omonoia. Take this street and turn left at the 3rd street (called "Menandrou"). The bus stop for bus 051 is a few meters away. Final stop of bus 051 is "KTEL Kifissou".

Athens Airport to Patras by train

To come to Patras without visiting Athens you can take a suburban railway train directly from the Airport to "Kiato". It is operated every hour, leaving every XX:44 from the airport and arriving 1,5 hour later in Kiato.

Then from Kiato to Patras there is a bus connection operated by the train company leaving 13 times per day (<u>schedule</u>). The last bus from Kiato leaves at 20:30 (so you have to depart no later than 18:44 to be on time in Kiato) and arrives in Patras at 22:00.

Accommodation

The Training Course will be held at Rodini Hotel, Rodini, Greece, which is about 20km (about 30 minutes) far from Patras. You can have a look at the Hotel here: http://www.hotelrodini.gr/

Accommodation arrangements include: breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks.

Internet Access: There is free wifi access in the lobby and other public areas of the hotel, as also in the rooms of the first floor.

Departure Day

In the morning of the departure day (December 2nd) we'll transport all of you by bus from Rodini to Patras city center (without additional cost for you), in order to take a bus or train for Athens/Airport

Getting around Athens

If you have some time to spend in Athens, here is some useful information:

- To get from Athens Airport to the centre of Athens (Syntagma) you have to take bus X95.
- To get from Athens airport to the nearest metro station (Ethniki Amyna) you can take bus X94.
- To go to the bus station for Patras from the centre of Athens you have to take bus 051 (see above for info).
- To get to the train station from Athens centre you have to use the Metro. You must take the Metro with direction to Sepolia and get off at "Larissa Station" (it could also be displayed as "Stathmos Larissis").

Also refer to the website of <u>Athens Urban Transportation Organization</u>. and the Athens Metro Map



Host Organization Profile



WHO WE ARE

The Interactive Media Knowledge Transfer (InterMedi@KT) is a non-profit organization working as a broker for vocational education, training and innovation. We aim at supporting, inspiring and empowering actions of evolving business and entrepreneurship. Located in Patras, Greece, we provide an effective promotion of knowledge and vocational training through e-learning activities. What is more we are looking to expand our network of activities and partners on both a national and international level, believing in and pursuing exchange of knowledge, experience and know-how, along with the empowerment of a "citizen of the world" profile for EU citizens.

WHAT WE DO

We provide a gateway for informing and educating young, existing and future entrepreneurs regarding their opportunities, challenges and risks. We introduce national and international frameworks, proposing means for surviving and becoming competitive in business. We conduct research on a continual basis, in collaboration with multiple organizations and countries, in order to ensure innovation and sustainability.

HOW WE DO IT

We believe in the transfer of knowledge – we try to push it forward and to acquire it from any potential sources. Joining initiatives and networks seems as a great opportunity to exchange knowledge, as the members involved may experience similar challenges and/or opportunities. InterMedi@KT aims at the creation of a network of contacts at national and international level, composed of individuals, organizations, companies, institutions, and other entities that operate on similar goals and actions, and can support the visions of our organization. Through this network, we aim to assist and empower civil society, deepening democracy and promoting social cohesion among European citizens, through the successful transfer of knowledge and information as supplies for vocational training.

Acting as an intermediate advisor, we come in contact with professionals who are experts in their field and able to provide us with the essential information, so that we in turn can offer appropriate guidance to citizens. Our means of communication mainly include web-based platforms and e-learning activities. We keep on track with technological advances, and in turn provide portable and easily accessible information to our end users.



Contact details

Please, for any kind of question or problems do not hesitate to contact us:

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So, we hope you now have all you need!
Looking forward to meeting all of you in Patras!!!!

The InterMedi@KT Team George, Greg, Myrto, Panagiotis

