

Evaluation of Erasmus+ project

**CREating with ACt and arTs a safe envIronment in Our ceNters CREACTION
KA153YOU Professional Development Activity 21 to 30 of October 2023**

With this evaluation letter we would like to reflect on the project **CREating with ACt and arTs a safe envIronment in Our ceNters** that took place in Pissouri, Cyprus on October 2023.

In the program took part four participants (youth leaders and workers) from our Association INPLANET which are interested in the topic of the project to empower educators to become anti-bullying ambassadors to create sustainable strategies for preventing and handling cases of bullying at youth centers (organizations, schools etc.). The PDA was in line with their interest and our organization plans for further cooperation with our partners and development.

The stakeholders and trainers managed to create a safe environment where participants were able to explore how gender-based violence directly affects them and their peers. The project and the activities were very well prepared. The daily activities program had a great balance of energizers, group work and self-knowledge sessions, cultural activities, outdoor activities, reflections, and time in the city. There was enough time for the participants to gain new knowledge, discuss it with peers and process all of it just before they go back home. Everyone felt welcomed and could ask for help or advice whenever it was needed. We are satisfied with the project and are currently working on dissemination activities.

Our participants raised their skills in the area of exploring gender norms and stereotypes that are created and enforced by society, including the media. They explored their beliefs concerning what it means to be a boy or a girl in the society they live in.

They were able to go deeper and explore how gender stereotypes impact on their own lives and improve the knowledge and understanding of the nature of gender based violence and its roots causes in the enforcement of gender norms and gender inequality – which is a very important topic nowadays. They explored also non formal training methods like Forum Theater, pantomime etc.

We met several new organizations. With them we shared our knowledge and ideas during activities and later in the free time, made stronger bonds between our organizations that will for sure give us and our target groups more possibilities in the future.

We are very pleased that we took part in this project and consider it to be a successful one. The project's goals were achieved, and the results will soon be disseminated on the local level. We are grateful for all the support and experience our organization gained along the way. We are looking forward to future collaborations and would be glad to be partners again.

The hosting organization has always been in contact with each partner and accordingly with

us as well. Before the main project there have been several online meetings about the organizational stuff and pre-departure possible issues. Also, there were several platforms that were used for whole team's communication: Facebook (messenger), e-mail, WhatsApp. Any problems that participants had during the project were easily and quickly solved. This partnership was collaborative and successful.

Closing we would like to thank all the partner organizations and the participants for their efforts during the program.

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