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EMPOWERING YOUTH: OUR DIARY

The latest news from EKO



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What is EKO's mission?

EKO's primary mission is to contribute to the creation of an inclusive society, free from prejudice and discrimination, which will be in the position to develop and grow a sustainable living environment. Particularly within Greece, its major concerns refer to the challenge of youth unemployment, cultural intolerance and environmental issues.



What are EKO's objectives?

Life-long learning

Intercultural and
interreligious awareness
and solidarity

Non-formal education

Empowering youth

Strengthening cross-
border civil society

Support the SDGs

What we've been up to?

January 2020

Eko represented the Greek NGO network during the visit of 40 students from the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies of Radboud University in Nijmegen. We had the opportunity to present the work of EKO, information on the resources of European programs and opportunities that are open to young people in the framework of the ERASMUS + programs and the European Solidarity Corps.



January 2020

EKO concluded a cooperation agreement for the Pathways to empowerment in Gender-Based Violence prevention program, which is implemented together with civil society actors from Norway, Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, Malta, Kenya, Canada, Colombia and Uzbekistan. Within the framework of this program, EKO participated in the Kick-off meeting in Malta, where we exchanged ideas on the implementation of our joint project on strengthening the capacity of youth and youth workers in gender diversity & LGBTIQ+ rights advocacy.

January - March 2020

EKO organised and implemented three seminars on the project Cycle Management and the Lifelong Learning, International Mobility and Volunteering opportunities that exist under the Erasmus + Programs of the European Solidarity Body and Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs. These seminars were held at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the University of West Attica with a participation of more than 100 young people.



Erasmus+



March - June 2020

During the time of the pandemic, EKO designed, wrote and submitted 6 proposals for future projects. We have also concluded a cooperation agreement as a co-beneficiary in project proposals for 13 projects under the Erasmus + KA2 Strategic Partnerships, 1 program under the European Program Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC), 1 program under the European Program for Business Competitiveness and Small and Medium Enterprises (COSME) and 33 programs under the Erasmus + KA1 program: International Youth Mobility.



May 2020

In the context of the Youth Voice: We Are Shapers, Not Listeners project, EKO conducted an online survey named Engage towards a greener future. Through this questionnaire, 230 young Greeks (15-30 years) had the chance to voice their concerns, opinions and ideas on the most important environmental problems of our times and the way towards a greener and viable future. You can find the results on EKO's [website](#).



UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

May 2020

EKO submitted a report to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Immigrants, Felipe González Morales, following a relevant invitation open to NGOs internationally, which concerned the protection of refugee children and unaccompanied minors in Greece. The report was published on EKO's [website](#).

June 2020

We implemented an Open-Ended Consultation held online in the framework of the project Pathways to empowerment in Gender-Based Violence prevention, with 30 Greek participants aged 18-30. The consultation aimed at determining the appropriate training-teaching-learning methods for filling the existing knowledge gaps of young people and youth workers regarding the rights and special needs of social integration of the LGBTQI + community.

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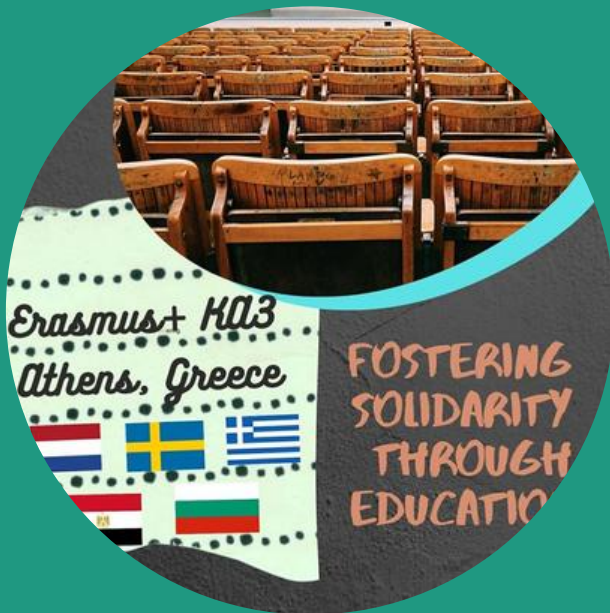
Big news! We are happy to announce the beginning of EKO's formal collaboration with the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean, in the context of their common MSc program Media and Refugee / Migration Flows. The scope of this collaboration is to help educate the next generation of communication professionals in refugee and forced migration issues and to make educational opportunities more accessible to refugees and other ethnic minorities in Greece.

17 July 2020

Our upcoming projects

1st October 2020 - 30th April

In collaboration with the Department of Media and Communication of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, EKO has successfully submitted an Erasmus + project entitled **Common curricula for diversity: education in media and integration of vulnerable groups (ERMIScom)**. ERMIScom aspires to develop a common curriculum among involved Higher Education Institutions (HEI) aiming to enhance the efficacy of media courses to counter fake news and hate speech spread online on social media to facilitate the social integration and inclusion of vulnerable social groups.



December 2020

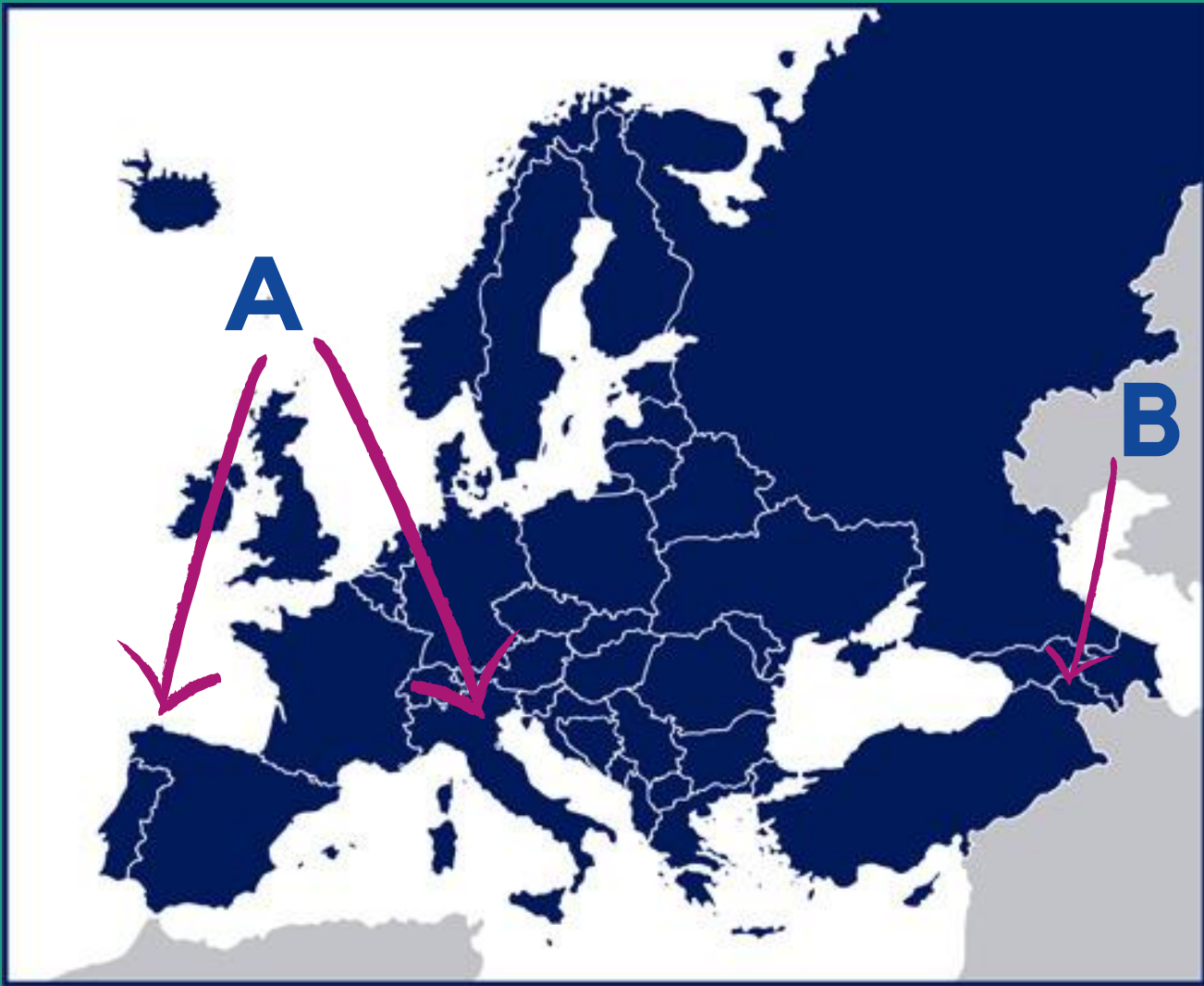
We have learnt recently that our **Fostering Solidarity through Education - SOLIDinEDU** project was approved. SOLIDinEDU concerns educational approaches and policies that are apt to promote social inclusion and active participation matters. It will unite 40 participants from 5 different countries (Bulgaria, Egypt, Greece, Netherlands and Sweden) who will together explore and empower their voice and proactiveness for promoting solidarity values, volunteerism and empathy among both communities and individuals!



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Our upcoming ESC projects



A. The European Solidarity Corps project, ESCII International School of Opportunity & Change with a duration of 9 months. Eko sends and coordinates the stay of two volunteers in Ferrol, Spain and two volunteers in Altamura, Italy.

B. The European Solidarity Corps project, ESCII SOS - A Home for Every Child with a duration of 6 months. Eko sends and coordinates the stay of 5 volunteers in Yerevan, Armenia at Kotayk SOS village.



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