

Greece National Education Sector Working Group MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 16 JULY 2018 @ UNHCR, ATHENS, GREECE



MEETING AGENDA

- 1) PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT ASSESSMENT
- 2) UPDATES FROM PARTNERS
- 3) UPDATES FROM MoE
- 4) UPDATES FROM THE RECs WORKSHOP (27-28 JUNE)
- 5) AoB

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
1. Presentation of preliminary findings of the school enrollment assessment	<p>The ESWG coordination team presented the preliminary findings of the school enrolment assessment from children living in urban accommodations and UAC shelters from May 2018. From the sample of children aged 5-17 living in urban accommodations and UAC shelters assessed, 62% were registered in formal education. This presents a 7% increase from the previous assessment conducted on December 2017. It indicates an increase in the enrollment rate of all age groups, with the most significant increase in the enrollment rate of age-group 5-6 years old (32%). Additionally, in terms of sex, 65% of the girls aged 5-17 were registered in formal education with a positive enrollment rate of 9% since December 2017, compared to 59% for boys. The positive enrollment rates reflect the hard work that has been done by the MoE and the ESWG partners.</p>	Share the enrollments dashboard once final draft is ready.
2. Updates from partners	<p>IOM: RECs finished with the registrations of all children in Malakasa, Ritsona, Thermopyles and Koutsohero. The RECs from the previous years of experience know which school principals to approach.</p> <p>IOM: In Oinofyta there is an urgent need for NFE and summer activities, with 500 children left without activities during the summer. The situation is much calmer nowadays. There is an old school just outside the accommodation site that is opened and can be used.</p>	

<p>3. Updates from MoE</p>	<p>DRC: Starts classes for adults in Trikala city center.</p> <p>ELIX: Opened a new center in Kypseli which has been operational since the beginning of July. The center of Ayios Nikolaos moved to Ayios Panteleimonas, so if there are children in these areas please inform. During the summer for children of 15-years ol and upwards accelerated learning in positive sciences, work-shops.</p> <p>Solidarity Now: Started operations in Serres. Summer classes are on-going with broader curriculum and outdoor activities. Doing accelerated learning in Thiva in order to prepare students for the next school year in Greek language, Maths and Science.</p> <p>Tita (MOE0:</p> <p><u>RECs:</u> In Athens the RECS most probably will be the same the coming school-year. Around Greece, 75% of the RECs will remain the same. The list has already been published The RECs will be based in accommodation centers and will be responsible for education in those specific centers. As an exception the RECs working in the Eastern Aegean islands will be responsible for the whole periphery in which they are attached to. The current ones are contracted till August and the new ones will start from September. More RECs will be recruited for the coming year for the new sites that are opening.</p> <p><u>Reception classes:</u> There will be an increase in the number of reception classes. Two years ago when the reception classes scheme started there were 300 classes. This past school year the MOE reached 900, and next year there will be more than 1000 reception classes. Also on the islands of the Eastern Aegean, there were two DYEP last year. It is not anymore a question of planning, it is a matter of funding. Reception classes are funded by European structural funds. The Refugee education working group inside the ministry became an independent department of the ministry. As a ministerial department they will not work at the political level but in the administrative. In terms of planning it is a positive development.</p>	
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	Tita: The 24 th of July is the deadline for graduates of non-EU lyceums to apply for entry in Greek universities. More information will follow through the ESWG e-mail.	Tita to share the .pdf for scholarhsips
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The next national ESWG meeting will be held on Monday **30th July**.

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