

Greece SubNational Education Sector Working Group

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY 2018 @ SOLIDARITYNOW, THESSALONIKI, GREECE

MEETING AGENDA

- Enrolment monitoring
- Updates from Partners
- AOB.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION POINTS (by whom and when)
Enrolment monitoring	New arrivals will have to be enrolled either on Wednesdays during the summer months , or starting September 1st .	
Updates from partners	<p>YMCA and SolidarityNow announced the launch of a new program during the coming school year, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Development Agency of Thessaloniki and the Municipality of Thessaloniki. The program, funded by Open Society Foundations, is titled “Enhancing the right to education and access to schooling for refugee children”, and involves two components, focusing on early childhood education and youth school support.</p> <p>YMCA will operate an early childhood education center on Prasakaki street, owned by the Municipality. There, they will provide pedagogical-bilingual facilities for refugee children aged 2-4 during the morning hours, and will bring host and refugee community children of the same age together through afternoon care facilities and an after-school creative activities program. The morning zone will address Arabic- and Farsi-speaking children of refugee background and have a</p>	

	<p>maximum class size of 23, while the afternoon zone will be open to all and aims to attract an equal share of refugee and local families.</p> <p>The second component of the program, implemented by SolidarityNow, will provide educational support to children aged 12-18 in the Intercultural School (Διαπολιτισμικό Γυμνάσιο). Teachers hired through this program will reinforce SN's existing presence in the school and enable more classes and levels to be offered to teenage students.</p> <p>*More information will follow on launch dates, as well as the referral procedure to secure places in the morning zone of the early childhood education center.</p>	
Updates from partners	METAdrasi's classes in the 8 th EPAL are going well, reporting 140 registrations. On 6/8, they will be going to the Archaeological Museum with their students.	
Updates from partners	<p>SolidarityNow announced the following developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English classes will be provided in the 8th EPAL of Thessaloniki, following the Greek classes provided by METAdrasi. • The mathematical dictionary in 6 languages, prepared in collaboration with METAdrasi, is ready for printing and will soon be available for distribution, as well as online. The dictionary is meant to aid math teachers in delivering lessons to refugee and migrant children, and was prepared in partnership with UNICEF. 	
Updates from partners	YMCA continues to run an activities program addressed to children staying in REACT accommodation. In addition to that, Greek and English lessons are available for REACT parents every day except Friday.	
Updates from partners	The RIS of Diavata restarted classes after security concerns on site were addressed. Arsis is currently staffing the kindergarten, which operates normally. After the reduction of spontaneous arrivals, all classes have increased attendance.	
AOB	<p>Following the call to all people of Afghan background to bring forward high school or university diplomas, in order for them to be recognized by the Embassy of Afghanistan, concerns were expressed regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether it is safe for asylum seekers to address their embassy • Potential security issues arising in camps like Diavata if only one nationality is offered this opportunity 	

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