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Dear Readers,

We are pleased to share updates about our EURHOPE project, which, as you know, is being carried out in Greece, Italy, and Spain. This newsletter aims to provide an overview of the activities conducted and the progress achieved by each participating country during October and November.

Greece: Training in Thessaloniki, Ioannina, and Kozani

In Greece, our partner Arsis is responsible for training minors in three cities: Thessaloniki, Ioannina, and Kozani. A total of 39 minors (15 girls and 24 boys) are participating in the workshops, which are divided into five groups to ensure better session outcomes. The training sessions are tailored to the needs of the minors. So far, the modules on "Life Skills" and "Digital Competencies" have been delivered, while the module on "Socio-Political Knowledge" is scheduled to begin next week. The minors in Greece have shown enthusiastic participation, and smaller groups have facilitated more interaction and personalized learning experiences.

Spain: Updates in Minors' Protection Centres in Córdoba

In Spain, Córdoba Acoge is working with three minors' centers in Córdoba, each with unique characteristics and challenges. In one center, sessions are held with an average group of 10 children (2 girls and 8 boys), although the number of participants varies due to the temporary nature of the facility. Initially, language barriers posed a challenge as the children spoke different languages. However, by adapting materials and methodologies, inclusivity was enhanced, resulting in greater acceptance and participation in subsequent sessions.

In another center, a group of 8 girls has shown high levels of participation. The sessions are dynamic and engaging, with particular enthusiasm for the "Life Skills" module. Meanwhile, in a third center, which includes a group of 8 children (2 boys and 6 girls) close to 16 years old, participants have demonstrated sustained interest in all sessions, especially in the "Socio-Political Knowledge" module, which has not yet started. These young participants are eager to learn about exchange, mobility, and volunteering opportunities available through European programs.

So far, the "Life Skills" and "Digital Competencies" modules have been completed across all centers and were very well received. Some sessions on "Socio-Political Knowledge" are still pending, but the minors have expressed keen interest in exploring opportunities provided by European initiatives.

Italy: Training in Campania and Molise

In Italy, the EURHOPE project is being implemented in the regions of Campania and Molise by our partners at Centro Studi Progetto Famiglia, involving a total of 21 minors. In Campania, the groups consist of an average of 7 minors each. Participants have completed the "Life Skills" and "Digital Skills" modules and are about to begin the "Socio-Political Skills" module, which has already been translated into Italian. Enthusiastic participation and collaboration, especially during group activities, have created an atmosphere of creativity and belonging.

In Molise, smaller groups of 7 minors per session have allowed for more personalized training. Initial language difficulties were overcome through teamwork, fostering strong group dynamics. The creation of a WhatsApp group has also been an effective tool for maintaining contact outside of sessions. Metacometa colleagues are training 6 minors who have completed the first two modules and are on track to finish the program by mid-January.

Impact and Next Steps

The EURHOPE project is making a positive impact in all three countries, demonstrating that tailored training for minors in vulnerable situations is an effective approach. Through participatory workshops, we have strengthened these children's skills, equipping them with tools for their future. As the project progresses, their interest in European opportunities—such as exchanges, volunteering, and mobility—continues to grow. The "Socio-Political Skills" module is set to begin soon, addressing this interest directly.

We remain committed to providing young people with the necessary tools for their personal development and growth. Collaboration among the seven entities involved in EURHOPE ensures the success and sustainability of this project.

Thank you for your continued support and trust. Together, we keep moving forward!

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