

## A few words about Erasmus+ programs



European Union has been supporting for many years now European schools in order to train their teachers and facilitate the strategic partnerships among different European schools working on a common topic.

There are Learning Mobility for Individuals programs (KA1), concerning the in-service training of teachers of public schools as well as Strategic Partnership School Programs (KA2), concerning the collaboration among European schools.

Our school is actively involved in similar programs. During the years 2011-2013 we participated in a multilateral strategic partnership, called Comenius at the time, along with five other European schools with great benefits for our students, teachers and school.

In 2014, the French teacher Konsta Evangelia (ΠΕ05), was granted by IKY-the Greek national agency- for a program of in-service training (KA1) that took place in Malta and attended seminars about foreign language teaching. In 2015, the physics teacher Ioulia Tsioli (ΠΕ04) was also granted by IKY for a program of in-service training (KA1) that took place in France and attended seminars about astronomy.



This year our school has been granted again by Erasmus+ for in-service training of school staff (KA1). Three teachers of our school will attend a week's seminar in Finland (Elsinki) and Estonia (Talin). The title of the program is «Best Practices Benchmarking». It concerns the

way schools in Finland and Estonia work since they are classified in the first places of PISA. The seminar concerns the structure of schools, their function, collaboration of school with the local society, parents and local businesses, the use of ICT in teaching procedures as well as teaching methods for almost all subjects.

The school's headmaster, Mr Ioannis Bourantas, the PE teacher Mr Athanasios Messalas and the French teacher Konsta Evangelia, will go to Finland where they will get informed and exchange good teaching practices not only about Finnish and Estonian schools since in the seminars there will be teachers from several European countries.

All these initiatives for teachers' training are worth mentioning since they demand good and serious preparation and effort before, during and after the completion of the program.

Our school has always been innovative in training its teachers in order to offer its students the best education.