

Teachers4Europe:"United in Diversity ("Unis dans la diversité") - Accepting diversity, living in harmony"" About the project

The main aim of this project is to promote awareness of EU's value of respect for its cultural and linguistic diversity and enhance their knowledge and understanding of EU's diversity and unity. The underlying theory that informs practice is that our European challenge relates to how students perceive and accept "other" Europeans and how they perceive themselves in a United Europe. This joint project is designed and developed in order to be implemented in three Greek primary schools, namely the **8th Primary School of Kifissia**, the **5th Primary School of Agia Paraskevi (Helmeio)** and the 2nd Primary School of Penteli as well as a school in Cyprus, the Episkopi Primary School in Limassol, a school in Ireland, the Aghamore National School in Ballyhaunis, a school of Malta and a school in Japan, the Ivy Prep International School Team, in Tokyo. The outcome of this project will be the promotion of EU values and the provision of all the participants with a better insight into the constructs of Unity and Diversity in order to enhance their critical thinking and creativity and improve their communication and collaboration skills.

AIMS

• To provide learners with the necessary information about how the European Union consists of diversity and unity, in that it aims to enrich itself through each country member's diverse cultures, traditions and languages.

• To foster awareness of EU'S value of respect for its rich cultural and linguistic diversity (Article 3, Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

• To enhance learners` competence to express themselves in regard to their European identity and diversity.

- to raise students' awareness and expand their knowledge about the issue of Diversity in their schools and society, in general.

- Students to cultivate creative thinking and autonomy for their own learning, while at the same time them to cooperate and interact with their peers.

- Students to consider the core values needed for all people to achieve harmonious living and move towards the cultivation and adoption of these values by themselves!

EXPECTED RESULTS

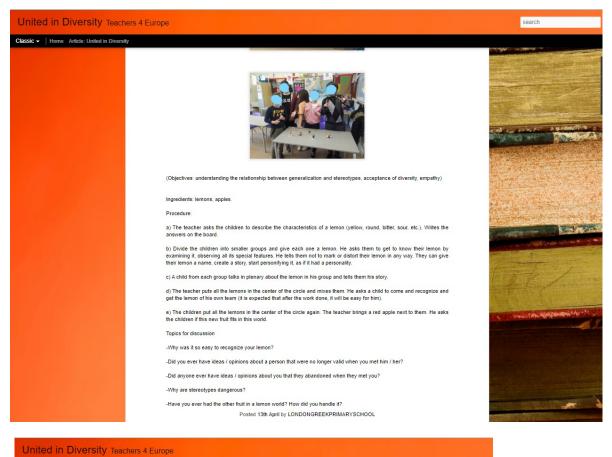
• Learners enhance their knowledge and understanding of EU's diversity and unity.

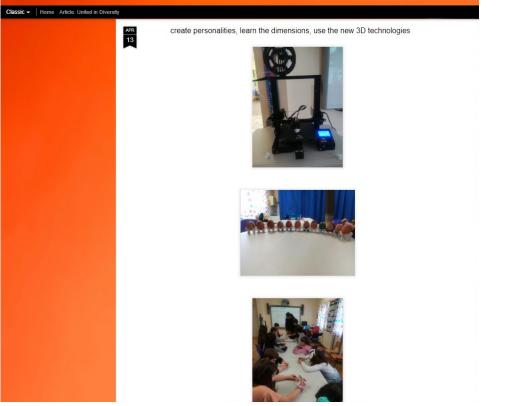
• Learners become aware and embrace the EU value of respect for diversity.

• Learners enhance their self-reflection, their critical thinking and become aware of their own prejudices.

- · Understand the meaning and the importance of diversity
- Enhance knowledge about EU values and present it in alternative ways
- · Learn to respect diversity
- Strengthen inquiry skills

- · Enhance participation, critical thinking and creativity
- · Enhance communication and collaboration with peers





Teachers4Europe:"TClimate change: O.FU -O.P(l)A. (Our future -Our Planet)"

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The role of an educator in the 21st century is two-fold: within the broader landscape of teaching young learners 21st century skills(communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity), it is of paramount importance teaching them such values as promoted by the European Union. This project aims to explore the EU values as seen and experienced through the eyes of young learners. According to this project, students learn about the importance of water in our everyday life, and how climate change affects it, but also they realize that EU has certain policies on the matter. They expand their geographical knowledge not only by tracing the countries in a political map of Europe worksheet, but also a map of Africa. They become aware of their own European identity.

AIMS

Aims:

1. Stimulating students on environmental problems through inquiry-based learning and collaborative approach

2. Enhancing students' four skills (reading, writing, listening and talking) in English as a foreign language

- 3. Creating, communicating, exchanging information and collaborating online using ICT
- 4. Fostering democratic values through debating, analyzing and voting
- 5. Creating a European identity by learning about other countries and cultures

EXPECTED RESULTS

Students are expected to:

- improve/ gain new knowledge regarding environmental problems and EU policies
- create crafts, posters
- improve foreign language skills and competences
- -use English as a foreign language in order to communicate with students from other countries
- use interesting ICT tools, web 2.0 tools, smartphones, tablets, etc. in their lessons and make their learning fun

Teachers are expected to:

-develop professionally

-incorporate into their curriculum lessons in an interdisciplinary way

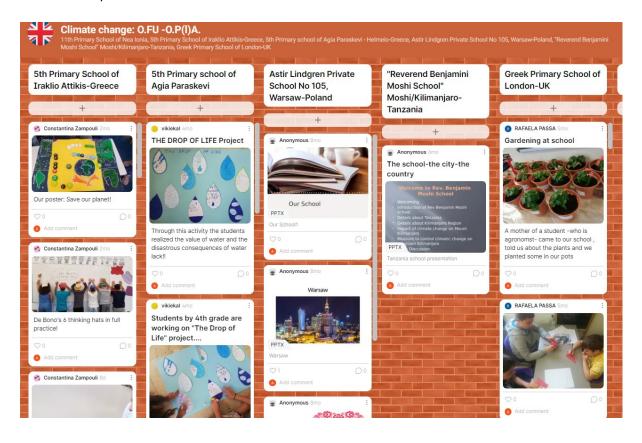
-motivate and raise awareness of fellow teachers on EU legislation regarding the environment and climate change

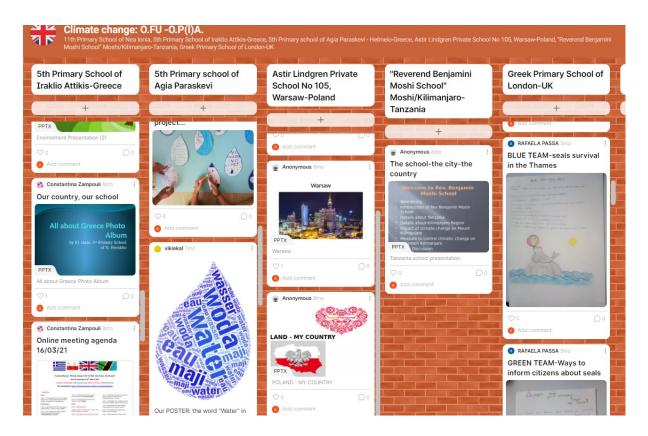
-learn how to use smartphones, tablets, etc. in their everyday teaching

-network with other teachers in the Regional Directorate for Primary Education and in Europe/Africa

-Presentations at school events.

-Work will be posted on school website.





Teachers4Europe:"The wider world, connections and links"

Greece, Indian, Poland, England

About the project

In a world characterized by social change and conflict it is important for students to realize multicultural subjects, challenge stereotypes and become aware of their role as global citizens. Therefore the project will try to create opportunities for exploring global connections, views and values and for engaging positively with other countries and cultures.

AIMS

Provide learners with the necessary knowledge so that they can appreciate the value of different cultures, respect diversity and challenge stereotypes.

Provide learners with the background required to understand how to discover similarities and differences, links and connections between different countries in our globalised world.

Encourage students to look for representations of our multicultural world in various areas of the curriculum.

WORK PROCESS

Step 1

A. Learners will be presented with a large world map (reference will be made to unit 1 of their English book which presents three students from Europe and their education system. Reference will also be made to their Greek Language book and a text about two brothers exploring the globe and reading about different cultures). They will be divided in five groups of four and asked to choose one of the partner school countries of Malta, Cyprus, Germany, France and Romania and decide which country

they would prefer to live in. They should answer these questions: Why would you like to live there? Why is it suitable? Which are the similarities and differences with your country? Do you believe you might face problems settling there? How do you think they welcome new students?

B. They will be presented with photographs and videos of the partner school countries of Malta, Cyprus and Ghana and asked to vote their preferred country giving a reason. Then they could ask another class to vote too.

C. Debate. The class will be divided in two large groups. One group will speak about the advantages of living in Ghana and the other group will try to persuade them not to live there.

Step 2

Learners will be presented with the text about Stonehenge in unit 10 of their Greek Language book and they will be asked to compare the monument in UK with the Cyclops Walls in Greece. In groups they can find similarities and differences between the two monuments and discuss about civilizations. Alternatively they could roleplay and act as archaeologists.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The globe, photographs, videos, debating rules Presentations at school events.

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