

Press Release

Implementation of the European Project NEStOR for school year 2017-2018

In the framework of the European project NEStOR-Networked European School Web Radio, a meeting was held on the 28th of November 2017, between schools implementing the project, during the school year 2017-2018. The meeting was hosted at the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, with the participation of over 70 students and teachers, representing twelve schools, which will implement NEStOR activities, during the current school year.

NEStOR project is funded by the European program Erasmus+. Implemented under Key Action 2 “Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices-Strategic Partnerships for school education”, NEStOR is a two-year project, for the period 1st of October 2016 until 30th of September 2018. The aim of NEStOR project is to create a Web Radio, which will be a flexible, multilingual, modern and attractive educational tool for schools. The project will provide the educational community, both students and educators, with the necessary tools for the cultivation of communication skills, participation of every European learner to a public radio program and the exchange and dissemination of cultural elements through the Web Radio. The project partners from Cyprus are the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute (C.P.I.) and Aglantzia Gymnasium. More information on the project can be found in the webpages <http://europeanschoolradio.eu> , <http://www.pi.ac.cy/NEStOR> .

The schools participating in the implementation of the project for the school year 2017-2018 were selected, after expressing their interest, following relevant circular from C.P.I. (File No P.I. 5.24.06, dated 4/9/2017). More Specifically the following twelve schools will participate in the implementation of the project: Ayioi Omologites Primary School, Alaminos-Dimitraki Georgiou Primary School, Evrichou Primary School, Kato Polemidia A’- Panagias Evaggelistrias Primary School, Lympia Primary School, Makedonitissa B’ Primary School, Aglantzia Gymnasium, Linopertra Gymnasium, Archbishop Makarios III-Dasoupoli Lyceum, Apostolon Petrou and Pavlou Lyceum, Polemidia Lyceum and A’ Technical School of Nicosia.

The meeting was welcomed by the Head of the Educational Technology Department of the Pedagogical Institute, Ms Anastasia Economou and was honored with the presence of the Primary School Inspector, Mr Christos Demosthenous.

At the beginning of the meeting the project was presented, along with the project goal and aims, the stages of implementation of the project in Cyprus, as well as the way that this project supports and reinforces aims of the Ministry of Education and Culture for the development of digital competences for a more effective teaching and learning. A presentation of the Web Radio Portal, which will host the radio productions of the schools, followed, along with a short presentation of the Radio Message and Song School Contest “Kanto na akoustei 2018” (<http://europeanschoolradio.eu/5fest/>). An important part of the meeting was the presentation of the example of the students from the Aglantzia Gymnasium, who implemented NEStOR project in their school during the previous year, as well as the example of the students of Alaminos Primary School, who participated at the European School Radio, with their own radio productions. The abovementioned presentations were both presented by the students of the two schools.

Finally, students participated in a workshop on the production stages of a Web Radio show, while the teachers participated in a workshop on learning design.

More about the meeting, material and information on the implementation of NESTOR in Cyprus for the school year 2017-2018 can be found at www.pi.ac.cy/NEStOR.

