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PaL Lab News



Exciting Updates from PAL LAB Erasmus+ Project!

Inception Meetings Across Partner Countries:

In recent months, we successfully conducted inception meetings across all partner countries. The primary objective was to engage with intermediaries, educators, and policymakers, providing them with insights into the research results accumulated by our team during this period.

These gatherings offered a unique platform for in-depth discussions with stakeholders. We were able to discuss the intricacies of the ongoing research, gaining valuable input and feedback. The focus was not only on disseminating information but also on understanding their specific needs in teaching Roma children and youth.

We are pleased to report that all meetings were conducted with great success. They served as a vital opportunity for us to connect with the educational community dedicated to the Roma community. Through these interactions, we gained profound insights into their actual needs. Armed with this knowledge, we are now better equipped to strategically develop an educational tool that will effectively support them in the teaching and learning process.





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CCREA Brasov - Romania,

The Inception Meeting took place in a relaxed way, the 20 participants introduced themselves and presented the projects they worked on and the expertise they gained in working with Romani children and adults from the community. They were interested in the presentations from the first and second part of the meeting, mainly on the similarities and differences existing in the Roma Communities living in the countries of the project; they also emphasized the



interesting parts of the school systems presented by us. The most important part of the meeting was the one in which we discussed the Competence Matrix. We tried to determine the main factors responsible for the early school leaving of Romani children.

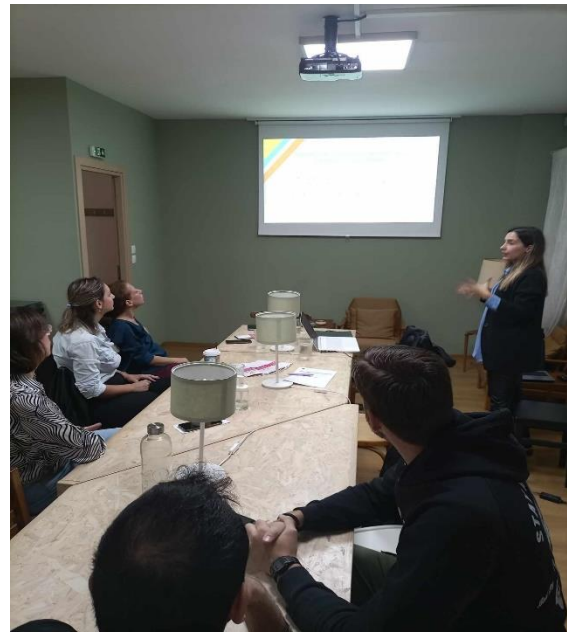
Our grateful and sincere thanks to our host, the CSEI Brasov (School Centre for Inclusive Education), and our participants for making possible the meeting and for the interest they showed in our project!





Aelia Path, Thessaloniki - Greece

The Aeliapath team successfully organized a meeting on October 20, 2023, bringing together educational mediators and policymakers dedicated to the issues of Romani youth and children. During the gathering, we introduced the European program, Pallab, outlining its objectives and anticipated outcomes. We engaged in discussions about the goals of the initiative and talked extensively about the specific needs of educators. This dialogue was crucial in laying the groundwork for the subsequent development of an educational tool tailored to address these needs, ensuring effective training for all involved parties.



ECF, Sofia - Bulgaria

On 21st of October 2023 Educational Cooperation Foundation team organised the Inception meeting for our project, gathering 20 professionals in the beautiful village of Ribaritsa. The majority of the participants were teachers with more than 10 years' experience working with Romani children and their families.

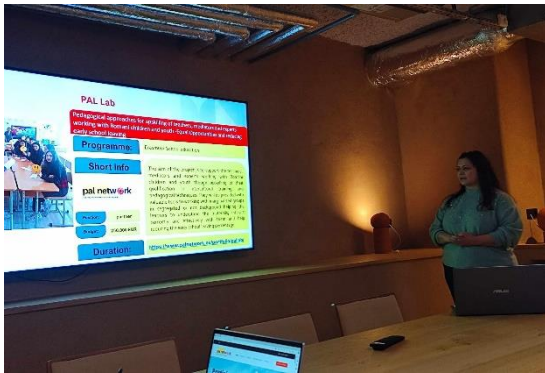


Following the Inception meeting agenda, our team presented the project, its details, WP2, all achieved results, future steps and led an important discussion on the skills and competences that are required by teachers in order to apply the suggested tools and methods for fighting early school leaving of Romani children. The topics were well received with a huge Interest from the audience. The participants were highly engaged, had the opportunity to ask questions, make comments and share their experience as people working with Romani children and adults on a daily basis and facing different problems.





PAL Network, Brussels - Belgium



On the 27th of November, PAL Network welcomed in Brussels more than 25 experts from the wider area of education to exchange know-how and expertise on teachers working with Romani children and other socially excluded groups. Following the presentation of the project and the initial research findings in all partner countries, an extensive and interesting discussion was developed concerning the necessary skills and

competences of teachers, mediators and tutors in order to develop and implement the indicated methods and techniques for reducing and eliminating early school leaving. Participants used their vast experience in working with Romani children to analyse their behaviour and tendency to drop out of school even in early stages.

Moreover, they presented their justified views on the competences they need to develop to combat early school leaving. Our Inception Meeting ended with a common lunch in a nearby restaurant where the discussion and networking continued.





Security to Solidarity CONFERENCE in Tallinn



The project manager of the Turkish partner was at the Security to Solidarity CONFERENCE in Tallinn to give a speech about the projects that are in progress in the Mamak Region. The PAL LAB project was also one of the topics, and concepts presented to the European professionals working in the field.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH FAIR in ANKARA

The Turkish partner presented the PAL LAB project to international visitors in the international health fair held in Ankara, Türkiye. The most interesting part was the statistics that Turkey is the country with the highest number of Romani citizens in Europe. Particularly participants from Europe showed great interest in the details of the project.





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Next Steps:

As we move forward, our team is diligently working on creating a targeted educational tool tailored to address the identified needs within the Roma community. We are excited about the positive impact this initiative can have on enhancing the educational experience for Roma children and youth. We extend our sincere gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and meaningful contributions during the inception meetings. Your collaboration is instrumental in shaping the success of the PAL LAB Erasmus+ Project.

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