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REPORT
2017
To the members of the 14th General Assembly of Social Youth Development

Kalamata, 24 January 2018

Introduction

2017 was an especially successful year for K.A.N.E. Social Youth Development, as it managed to double its collaborations both at National as well as International levels, implement 3 successful international training courses, 1 international youth exchange, a big conference on volunteerism and active participation and many more local and international activities and expand its activities on the field of work-based learning.

Additionally, the team of the volunteers of the Youth Centre of Kalamata reached the number of 50, managing to coordinate over 50 weekly workshops, as well as a different event every week, in collaboration with many civil society organizations of the Messinian region.

The 10th Kalamata Street Festival was also very successful, increasing the number of volunteers that supported it to over 70, as well as the parallel activities, with new civil society organizations participating in its implementation.

Closing another successful year, we are setting our goals for 2018. These are the following:

- The sustainability of the Youth Centre of Kalamata, as an independent youth structure run by a team of volunteers
- The implementation of activities focused on work-based learning and the development of activities that will support international learning mobility, esp. in the form of VET traineeships
- Continuation of our activities that aim at active citizenship and participation, promoting volunteerism, combating discrimination, fostering equality, supporting vulnerable groups, training youth and youth workers as well as informational activities for our local community in social, educational, environmental and other issues
- Continuation of the implementation of successful Volunteering Activities projects
- Growth of the Kalamata Street Festival
- Coordination and participation in ERASMUS+ and other European programmes, in line with the aims and objectives of the organisation
- Expansion of the network of the organization at national and international levels
- The general sustainability of the organization and further expansion of its activities
- The recognition of the profession of youth worker and of the importance of non-formal education
- The development of the European ALTIUS network for the promotion of volunteerism and Active Citizenship, which we started in 2015.
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JANUARY 2017

09/01/2017: Re-opening of the Youth Centre of Kalamata after the Christmas Break.
The aim of the youth centre of Kalamata is to promote volunteerism and the active participation of young people, foster skills exchange and development and intercultural and intergenerational socialization and dialogue.
The objectives of the Youth Centre of Kalamata are:

- Promotion of volunteerism
- Promotion of non-formal education and lifelong learning
- Promotion of intercultural learning
- Implementation of cultural, social, educational, environmental and other activities for the benefit of our local community
- Support young people with fewer opportunities
- Support youth initiatives and the development of youth-led activities
- Provide information to youth and local community on subjects that interest them
- Empower youth and foster their active participation in civil society activities

From January until May 2017, the following weekly workshops took place in the Youth Centre of Kalamata

Dance workshops:
- Salsa/Latin
- Brazilian Dance Forro
- Greek traditional dances Beginners
- Greek traditional dances Advanced
- Modern Dance

Language exchange workshops:
- Greek sign language Beginners
- Greek sign language Advanced
- Greek for foreigners Beginners
- Greek for foreigners Advanced
- Polish
- Turkish
- English Conversation
- French Beginners / French Advanced
- German Beginners /German Advanced
- Spanish
- Dutch
- Croatian
- Russian
- Arabic
- Japanese
- Portuguese

Martial Arts workshops:
- Tai Chi
- Self Defense
- Krav Maga

Workshops for children:
- Dance for teens
- Guitar for children

Music:
- Classical Guitar for Adults A
- Classical Guitar for Adults B
- Ukulele

Other:
- Decoupage Beginners
- Decoupage Advanced
- Yoga
- Painting for Adults
- Film making
- Movie club
- Theatre workshop
- Creative arts
- Theatre Documento
- Book club
- Bartending
- Photography/Camera Obscura
- Graphic Design
- Trash Art
- Article writing
- Engraving
Additionally, from the beginning of the new term of the Youth Centre of Kalamata in October 2017 until the end of the year, the following weekly workshops were taking place:

**Dance workshops:**
- Salsa/Latin
- Salsa Advanced
- Greek traditional dances Beginners
- Greek traditional dances Advanced
- Contemporary/Jazz Dance
- Flamenco

**Language exchange workshops:**
- Greek sign language Beginners
- Greek sign language Advanced
- Greek for foreigners Beginners
- Greek for foreigners Advanced
- Albanian
- Italian
- Arabic
- Romanian
- Bulgarian
- English Conversation
- French Beginners
- French Advanced
- Spanish Beginners
- Spanish Advanced
- Croatian
- Portuguese

**Workshops for children:**
- Guitar for children
- Creative Occupation of children

**Martial Arts workshops:**
- Tai Chi
- Self Defense
- Kick-boxing
- Capoeira
- Self Defense
- Kick-boxing
- Capoeira

**Art:**
- Trash Art
- Decoupage
- Art of Collage
- Religious painting
- Video making
- Painting for Adults
- Creative Arts

**Other:**
- Yoga
- Bartending
- Fitness
- Creations with Rugs
- Book-binding
- Ukulele
- Creative occupation activities planning (adults)
- Crochet

**JANUARY 2017**

**02/01/2017:** Employment of Mr Vyron Giannakopoulos as full time staff. Mr Giannakopoulos undertakes the role of project manager and EVS coordinator.

**08/01/2017:** Sending of Ms Eirini Theodoropoulou as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Murcia, Spain for 07 months. Eirini contributed to the activities of ASOCIACIÓN JARDÍN WALDORF DE MURCIA (JWM).

**10/1/2017:** Sending of Ms Stavroula Konisti as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Lisbon, Portugal for 12 months. Stavroula contributed to the activities of Associação Mais Cidadania.
**11/01/2017:** Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Introduction to contemporary dance and improvisation seminar

**11/01/2017 - 13/01/2017:** Participation in the 1st Transnational meeting of the Digital Girls ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project in Sofia, Bulgaria. This was the kick-off meeting of the project and the partners discussed the aspects of the project, delegated tasks and set milestones and the next steps to be taken. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director

The project Digital Girls is an ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project that aims at inspiring and motivating girls and young women to consider careers in the digital technology market. Nowadays the young generation uses digital tools on daily basis but often has neither the confidence nor the initiative to upgrade their passive user skills into “active” digital skills. This lack of “digital confidence” may become an important disadvantage for young people when looking for a job. In this case girls are in a worse situation than boys. Whether this is due to the lack of digital role models or just the general stereotype that “programming is not for girls’ brains”, the reality is that women do not fully participate in the digital sector.

**14/01/2017 - 21/01/2017:** Implementation of the international seminar “Feel, Share, Act! Youth Empowerment through Intercultural Learning” in the framework of the programme ALF/CFP/2015/EDU-ART co-funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation.

20 participants from Greece, France, Tunisia and Egypt under the guidance of 2 trainers in Non-Formal Education, shared ideas, exchanged good practices and know-how and, finally, developed skills in creating non-formal learning tools and methods that they can use to promote intercultural learning and dialogue in their local communities.

The seminar was very successful and the participants were able to receive the necessary tools and methods that would help them to implement the local workshops on Intercultural learning (2 days in each of the participating counties).

You can watch a nice video with moments from the seminar, created by the participants, by clicking here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWNRR7tGdFY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWNRR7tGdFY)

You can find pictures from the seminar here: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/kane.kalamata/photos/?tab=album&album_id=798759406958541](https://www.facebook.com/pg/kane.kalamata/photos/?tab=album&album_id=798759406958541)

Additionally, during the seminar, the website of the project was created. You can find it here: [http://www.feelshareact.org](http://www.feelshareact.org)

**15/01/2017:** Publication of LinK newsletter N. 87
18/01/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Conference “ERASMUS+ for Educators”. The conference was organized by K.A.N.E. organization and focused on work-based learning and how educators and educational institutions can use the opportunities for learning mobility in the field of Vocational Education and Training, provided by the European ERASMUS+ programme, in order to support their students to develop their skills and employability.

19/01/2017: Organisation of a conference on Social Innovation in the framework of the ERASMUS+/KA2 Capacity Building in the field of Youth project, titled “Seeding Social Innovation in Local Communities”. The conference took place in REX hotel in the centre of Kalamata. The aim of the conference was to highlight the importance of social innovation either through social entrepreneurship or through individual and group initiative. At the same time, we wanted to present innovative social projects taking place in Kalamata and abroad.

22/01/2017: Sending of Mr Akil Xhura as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Lisbon, Portugal for 12 months. Akil contributed to the activities of Associação Mais Cidadania.

23/01/2017 – 24/01/2017: Participation in the 5th Transnational meeting of the MentorPower ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project in Istanbul, Turkey. This was the final evaluation meeting of the project K.A.N.E. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director.

25/01/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Presentation of the RE:THINK association, the network of neighborhood composting of Kalamata and the Network for the Conservation of seeds of Kalamata

FEBRUARY 2017

01/02/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 88

03/02/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Cutting of the Traditional New Year’s Cake (vassilopita) of the Youth Centre of Kalamata.

06/02/2017: Sending of Ms Andromachi Kanellaki as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Barcelona, Spain for 06 months. Andromachi contributed to the activities of Mundus Association.

06/02/2017: Welcoming of 4 EVS volunteers, Ms Iana Volkova from Ukraine, Ms Anna Szlendak from Poland, Ms Mariam Sassi from Tunisia, Mr Sofienne Ladheri from Tunisia and Ms Joana Marques from Portugal in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteers will be
hosted in Kalamata for 12 months and are part of the ARTIVISTES project, implementing and supporting artistic activities.

06/02/2017 - 08/02/2017: Participation in the 1st Transnational meeting of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project in Roubaix, France. This was the kick-of meeting of the project and the partners discussed the aspects of the project, delegated tasks and set milestones and the next steps to be taken. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director and Mr Bozidar Dimic, representative of SCI Hellas organization

The project “ACT Youth in Movement” is implemented in the framework of KA3 of the European Learning programme ERASMUS+ and aims at creating innovative citizen pathways for young people with fewer opportunities, by providing them with the opportunity to realize a volunteering project with migrants or refugees in Greece or Italy. The project will involve 54 youngsters from the deprived neighborhoods of Roubaix, Liverpool and Brussels and from Greece and Italy in volunteering projects supporting vulnerable migrants.

Objectives:

– Develop volunteering projects to promote the inclusion and integration of unemployed young people at risk of exclusion or victims of discriminations and potential radicalisation
– Allow these young people to get involved with newly arrived migrants in order to develop values of citizenship, solidarity and tolerance
– Disseminate the good practices of the project and success stories of these young people and to make their experience known in their sending communities, and especially in the deprived neighborhoods they come from. The objective is to attract other young people towards volunteering projects and to fight against the risks of isolation and violent radicalization.

In order to achieve these aims, the 6 partners of the project will:

– Share existing good practices related to sending and hosting volunteers
– Create a new training for young people so that they can work properly with newly arrived migrants or refugees
– Send 45 volunteers in projects in Greece and Italy (in projects with migrants)
– Organize 9 volunteering projects at the local level
– Create videos and dissemination tools illustrating citizen pathways of the volunteers, before their departure and during their project to show the values of engagement and solidarity
– Disseminate these good practices and these videos in the deprived neighborhoods to fight against exclusion and radicalization
– Work closely with institutions and organize a large dissemination event at the end in Brussels involving decision makers in order to make recommendations on youth policy.
07/02/2017: Sending of Ms Elefteria Panteli as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Vigo, Spain for 06 months. Elefteria contributed to the activities of Abertal organization.

08/02/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: EVS Café. An event in which K.A.NE.’s EVS volunteers informed local youth about the European Voluntary Service and other international learning mobility opportunities.

11/02/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Stories with a bad end. Narration of popular stories by the Lykotsarda team from Sparti

15/02/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Tsikno-Valentine’s. An event combining Valentine’s day with the traditions of Fat-Thursday.

16/02/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 89 (https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link89_publish)

18/02/2017 - 23/02/2017: Sending of EVS mentor, Dimitris Soumis, as participant to the training course “”Make mentoring your super power!””, that took place in Warzenko, Poland, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

22/02/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Presentation of the work of the SOS Children’s villages-Department of Kalamata.

23/02/2017 - 25/02/2017: Meeting of the EURORESO network in Sofia, Bulgaria. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director

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01/03/2017: Sending of Ms Angeliki Tsiakalou as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Palermo, Italy for 05 months. Angeliki contributed to the activities of Officina Creativa Interculturale organization.

01/03/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Pranic Healing Seminar

02/03/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 90 (https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link90_publish)

03/03/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Intercultural night. EVS volunteers hosted in Kalamata presented elements of their culture (music, dances, food) to the local people, and also discovered elements of the Greek culture (presented to them by the local people).

08/03/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Who wants to be a Millionaire? Interactive game that combines knowledge and fun
**08/03/2017:** K.A.N.E.’s EVS volunteers, to celebrate women’s day created paper flowers and handed them to women of the city.

**09/03/2017:** Welcoming of Mr Mehdi Djaffar from France, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 12 months and will support the work of the Centre for Stray Dogs of Kalamata.

**15/03/2017:** Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Swapping night. Participants could bring and exchange everyday items (clothes, books, decorations, etc). The items that remained at the end of the event were given to charity.

**15/03/2017:** Publication of Link newsletter N. 91 [link](https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link91_publish)

**22/03/2017:** Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Introduction to Japanese Culture

**22/03/2017 - 25/03/2017:** Sending of 1 participant to the training course “E2 transversal methods from non-formal to a formal education”, that took place in Badalona, Spain, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

**29/03/2017:** Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Seminar on safe and economic driving

**31/03/2017:** 2-hour seminar in the Youth Centre of Kalamata titled “Supporting and guiding students of migrant origin: The MentorPower example”. The seminar was the final event in Greece of the MentorPower ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project. During the seminar, the results of the MentorPower project were presented, followed by a workshop on what is mentoring, what needs it can cover, as well as the benefits that it can have, especially when it comes to the inclusion of vulnerable groups in society and the labour market.

**31/03/2017:** Publication of the results of the MentorPower ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project. These can be found here: [link](http://ngokane.org/%CE%B1%CE%BD%CE%B1%CE%BA%CE%B1%CE%BB%CF%85%CF%88%CF%84%CE%B5-%CF%84%CE%B1-%CE%B1%CF%80%CE%BF%CF%84%CE%B5%CE%BB%CE%B5%CF%83%CE%BC%CE%B1%CF%84%CE%B1-%CF%84%CE%BF%CF%85-mentorpower/)

**31/03/2017 - 08/04/2017:** Sending of 5 young people and 1 youth leader to the youth exchange “Break the Borders” that took place in Viterbo, Italy, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Young People.

**APRIL 2017**

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14th General Assembly – Kalamata, 24th January 2018
01/04/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Anniversary Party for the 9 years of K.A.N.E. Social Youth Development and the 8 years of the Youth Centre of Kalamata.

02/04/2017: Participation in the Let's Do It – Kalamata activities. Local and foreign volunteers took part in the cleaning of the beach on the west-coast of Kalamata.

02/04/2017 - 09/04/2017: Implementation of the seminar ““Imagination and Creativity for Active participation and Inclusion of young refugees and immigrants – ICAN”, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

In it participated 22 people active in the youth field and 2 trainers from 11 countries, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Romania, Croatia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Norway.

The activities were based on non-formal learning tools and methods, that gave the opportunity to the participants to participate actively in all activities and facilitated the sharing and exchanges between them.

The objectives of the project were the following:
– involve the participants in an interactive process of defining imagination and creativity and their importance for young people
– explore how imagination and creativity can be used as a tool for youth development, focusing on young immigrants and refugees, their active participation in Civil Society Activities and their smooth integration into society
– Promote the exchange of best practices and the transfer of innovation.
– Discover and create tools and methods that support the development of imagination and creativity of the young people
– Enable participants to reflect on the already successful good practices and develop new ones.
– Share knowledge about the ERASMUS+ programme and create a network for the development of common projects in the near future

Through this project, the participants developed skills and competences in designing creative activities for youth, managing youth groups and counselling youth for taking initiatives and evaluating their work, focusing on working with young immigrants and refugees and on the creation of activities that promote their social integration. These competences are now passed on to the participating organization, building their capacity and improving the services they provide to young people, and especially to young people with fewer opportunities.

During the seminar, we created the module for a workshop on how to build a CV. You can find it here:
04/04/2017 - 07/04/2017: Sending of 2 participants to the training course “Close the Gap”, that took place in Madrid, Spain, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

05/04/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Together with the Animal Rescue group of Kalamata. To celebrate the International Day of Stray Animals (4th of April), we invited in the Youth Centre of Kalamata the Animal Rescue group to present to us their work and their adorable friends.

05/04/2017: Projection of the environmental documentary-video “The mermaid’s tears” in Boukadoura café.

05/04/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 92 (https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_template_cmp)

06/04/2017 - 12/04/2017: Sending of 2 participants to the seminar “YOUTH TRAINERS REBOOT”, that took place in Payerbach, Austria, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.


23/04/2017 - 30/04/2017: Implementation of the training course “Online portfolios: Use of ICT for the registration and assessment of lifelong learning”, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

22 youth workers will participate in it from 11 different programme countries, Greece, Croatia, fYRoM, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Romania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Spain, supported in this learning process by 2 trainers.

The main aim of the “Online portfolios: Use of ICT for the registration and assessment of lifelong learning” project was the development of skills by the participants, followed by capacity building of the organizations that they represent, in order to be able to suggest and train the young people they are working with, improve the services they provide to the young people and reinforcing the connection between the skills acquired through non-formal learning and the labour market.

The objectives of this project were:
– To familiarize participants with online portfolios and the ways to create them, in order for them to be able to implement activities to train the young people they are working with
– To discover the role of new technologies and IT in reinforcing youth employability
– To demonstrate how the creation of an online portfolio can work as a tool for the connection of the labour market with the competences and skills that are developed through non-formal education, as well as how the mere process of creating it acts as a factor for the development of creativity, entrepreneurship and digital competences
– To support the participants, and consequently the organization that they represented and the young people they are working with, to develop their competences in using ICT in an effective way, and as a tool to empower young people with fewer opportunities and support them in improving their place in the European Labour Market.

– To present the ERASMUS+ programme as one of the basic tools of the European Union in achieving equal opportunities for all and supporting young people to develop transferable skills and competences.

– To create an informal network between partner organisations and to collaborate for the development of future common activities that support young people.

The trainers prepared and used a series of non-formal learning tools and methods, such as simulations, work in groups, presentations, round table discussions, debates, etc. All activities were designed in a way so as to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of this project as well as of the best possible learning outcome for the participants.

The participants and the participating organizations of this project, are now acting as multipliers of its results, spreading the knowledge about the creation of online portfolios among their colleagues, peers and the young people they are working with at local and international levels, maximizing the impact of the project in their local communities, but also in the wider European community.

**23/04/2017 - 30/04/2017:** Sending of 2 participants to the training course “Migrants' rights / simple needs shouldn't be a dream”, that took place in Berlin, Germany, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

**26/04/2017:** Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Projection of “Mar de Sines”, a documentary film that gathers the testimonies of three generations of fishermen who know the sea of the southwest Portuguese coast as few others: what the sea offers and what the sea claims; The charm of the sea and its harsh reality. After the end of the documentary, we had a discussion through Skype with the creators in Portugal.

**28/04/2017:** Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Live Music with local hip-hop group KAPLOC, followed by open-mic session.

**30/04/2017 - 10/05/2017:** Sending of 5 young people and 1 youth leader to the ERASMUS+/KA1 Mobility of Young people Youth Exchange titled “Music as Universal Spice for Intercultural Communication” that took place in Razlog, Bulgaria

**MAY 2017**

**01/05/2017:** Publication of LinK newsletter N. 94 ([https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_template_cmp_fd0ef606634993](https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_template_cmp_fd0ef606634993))
03/05/2017: Sending of Ms Angeliki Stasinou as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in the Netherlands for 02 months. Angeliki contributed to the activities of the Olde Vechte Foundation.

04/05/2017: Implementation of the event “Stories of Old” in Boukadoura café on the port of Kalamata. During the event, less known facts, stories and historical events and traditions from Greek culture, were presented through 7 stories/presentations. All presentations were interpreted simultaneously in English or Greek (accordingly) as well as in the Greek Sign Language. The event was an initiative of our EVS volunteer from Turkey, Ruya Hazar

08/05/2017 - 09/05/2017: Participation in the 2nd Transnational meeting of the Digital Girls ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project in Dublin, Ireland. The meeting was dedicated on reviewing the first results and the current situation of the project. Partners worked together to make the final selection of the digital role models and to define the specific digital professions for which career roadmaps will be developed. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director

10/05/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Introduction to Greek Sign Language open seminar

12/05/2017 – 14/05/2017: Meeting of the Anna Lindh Foundation Greece network in Rhodes, Greece. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director

17/05/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: “The miracle of India”. Seminar about Indian language and culture

22/05/2017: Visit in the Youth Centre of Kalamata of students of the English Language School of Mr P Giannakeas. The students talked with our EVS volunteer from Croatia, Ms Tea Krizanec and found out about the European Voluntary Service and the other opportunities that the ERASMUS+ project has to offer to young people.

24/05/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata dedicated to the environment. Presentations by ARCHELON organization for the protection of sea turtles and RADICALA organization for creative recycling and protection of the environment

25/05/2017 - 26/05/2017: Sending of 2 Youth leaders to participate in the Advanced Planning Visit for the ERASMUS+/KA1 Mobility of Young people Youth Exchange titled “YOUTH UP,” that took place in Slavonski Brod, Croatia
28/05/2017: Welcoming of 4 students of the Renaissance College (RC), University of New Brunswick, Canada for a 2 month internship. The 4 students were trained in leadership and cultural management, supporting the implementation of the Kalamata Street Festival and the management of the Group EVS that we hosted this summer.

29/05/2017: Welcoming in Kalamata of 3 young people from France, in the framework of an ERASMUS+/KA1 Vocational Education and Training learning mobility project. The trainees were hosted in Kalamata for a total of 2 months, conducting traineeships in different organisations, according to their professional goals. More specifically:

1. Ms Alexia Zampielo did her traineeship directly in K.A.NE. Social Youth Development organization, focusing especially on working on digital electronic systems
2. Mr Simeon Azema was hosted as a trainee by the IPPOSHESI Therapeutic Horse Riding Centre
3. Mr Youcef Ouaoui was hosted as a trainee by Boukadoura café, working in the kitchen together with the cook

31/05/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Presentation of the workshops of the Youth Centre of Kalamata. The short video created with moments from the presentation was uploaded on K.A.NE. TV youtube channel and can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYSe2pp_zws&t

JUNE 2017

01/06/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 95 (https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_june_upload)

01/06/2017: Publication on the K.A.NE. TV Youtube channel of the documentary “KALAMATA through the eyes of the foreigners” created by our EVS volunteers from Tunisia, Mr Sofienne Ladheri and Ms Mariam Sassi. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMOmryCCGKo&t)

01/06/2017 - 02/06/2017: Sending of 1 Youth leader to participate in the Advanced Planning Visit for the ERASMUS+/KA1 Mobility of Young people Youth Exchange titled “un(TOUCHED),” that took place in Brno, Czech Republic.

02/06/2017: Sending of Ms Theodora Panagiotakopoulou as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Arad, Romania for 12 months. Theodora contributes to the activities of the Dominou Association

03/06/2016: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Closing party on the roof-top of the Youth Centre of Kalamata
06/07/2017: Welcoming of 15 short-term EVS volunteers from Italy, Estonia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, Czech Republic, UK and Latvia. The volunteers were hosted in Kalamata for 3 weeks. The volunteers supported the implementation of the 10th Kalamata Street Festival and, through cultural, educational, promotion and organisational activities, the project managed to give the young volunteers a comprehensive learning experience, that had a great impact on them, helping them to develop both personally, as well as professionally. It was a social and cultural project, that presented to the community and to the young volunteers that participated in it, different ways on how they can use their creativity and imagination and be more open to new, innovative things.

09/06/2017 - 10/06/2017: Sending of 1 Youth leader to participate in the Advanced Planning Visit for the ERASMUS+/KA1 Mobility of Young people Youth Exchange titled “SPORT ATTITUDES VS. NO HATE SPEECH,” that took place in Ramnicu Sarat, Romania

10/06/2017 - 18/06/2017: Sending of 6 young people and 1 Youth leader to participate in the ERASMUS+/KA1 Mobility of Young people Youth Exchange titled “PLAY MUST GO ON!” that took place in Izmit, Turkey

16/06/2017 - 22/06/2017: Sending of 4 young people and 1 youth leader to the youth exchange “YOUTH UP” that took place in Slavonski Brod, Croatia, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Young People.

21/06/2016: Organisation of the “Street Music Day” event, to celebrate the International Music Day. The event started on the Municipal Railway Park of Kalamata with music activities for children and the creation of musical instruments using recyclable trash and concluded with a musical parade from the Park to the Port of Kalamata. The event was an initiative of EVS volunteer from Ukraine, Yana Volkova and EVS volunteer from Poland, Anna Szlendak.

24/06/2017: Publication on the K.A.NE. TV Youtube channel of the short video with moments from the “Street Music Day” event created by our EVS volunteers from Tunisia, Mr Sofienne Ladheri and Ms Mariam Sassi. ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndDnAV8dKt8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndDnAV8dKt8))

27/06/2017 – 12/07/2017: Sending of 8 young people to the ERASMUS+/ KA1 Mobility of Young people - Large Scale EVS project titled “World Cup Volunteers” that took place in Castelfranco Emiglia, Italy.

29/06/2017 – 30/06/2017: Participation in the 2nd Transnational meeting of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project in Thessaloniki, Greece. During the meeting the partners discussed the progress of the project as well as the next steps. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director and Ms Fotini Arapi, project manager

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**JULY 2017**

**01/07/2017:** Publication of LinK newsletter N. 96 (https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_95)

**02/07/2017 - 08/07/2017:** Sending of 4 young people and 1 youth leader to the youth exchange “un(TOUCHED)” that took place in Brno, Czech Republic, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Young People.

**04/07/2017:** Welcoming of 3 short term volunteers, 2 from Belgium and 1 from France by SCI Hellas, in the framework of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project. The volunteers were hosted in Athens for 2 months and were working with an organization of refugee women, supporting them in creating artifacts (bracelets, etc) that they can sell after in order to get some income and become more independent and they helped in the City Plaza, an abandoned hotel, occupied by a solidarity group that hosts newly arrived refugees and immigrants from Asian and African countries.

**11/07/2017 - 16/07/2017:** Implementation in Kalamata of the Advanced Planning Visit for the Youth Exchange INVEP 3.0. The Youth Leaders and representatives of the participating organizations met in Kalamata to discuss the details for the implementation of the youth exchange in October.

**11/07/2017 - 16/07/2017:** Sending of 4 young people and 1 youth leader to the ERASMUS+/KA1 Mobility of Young people Youth Exchange titled “SPORT ATTITUDES VS. NO HATE SPEECH,” that took place in Ramnicu Sarat, Romania

**23/07/2017 – 30/07/2017:** Sending of 3 participants to the training course “Empowering children organizations in development of social competences of young people”, that took place in Hafnarfjordur, Iceland, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

**27/07/2017 – 28/07/2017:** Implementation of two workshops on Intercultural Learning at the Municipal Railway Park of Kalamata, in collaboration with the 10th Kalamata Street Festival.

The aim of the workshops was to familiarize the participants with intercultural learning and to introduce them to non-formal learning tools and methods that could be used to develop and promote it. The tools and methods that were used during the workshops were developed by the participants in the international seminar «Feel, Share, Act: Youth Empowerment through Intercultural Learning” that took place in January 2017 in Kalamata, Greece.

**27/07/2017 – 30/07/2017:** Implementation of the 10th Kalamata Street Festival in the Municipal Railway Park of Kalamata.
The 10th Kalamata Street Festival was very successful, managing to have over 12,000 audience in its 4 days in its many events and parallel activities.

This year, in the Kalamata Street Festival, we hosted the following bands:

**Thursday:**
Deejay Nic the Band (Athens)
One Year Delay (Kalamata).

**Friday:**
Koza Mostra (Thessaloniki)
F.A.K.A. (Patra)
Roz Anaptires (Kalamata)

**Saturday:**
Taf Lathos + DJ Micro (Athens)
RadioSol (Athens)

**Sunday:**
Blend Mishkin & the Roots Evolution (Athens)
Bass Delight (Patras)

Additionally, the Kalamata Street Festival featured more than 20 parallel events, combining youth creativity, intergenerational cooperation and preservation of the cultural heritage of our prefecture. The festival hosted theatre performances, concerts, dance groups, sporting activities, educational actions for children and young people, short-film and video-art screenings, painting exhibitions, artistic installations and an environmental stand. It also provided young creators, artists and athletes with a space for expression, and motivate them to participate in more activities in the future, bringing equivalent recognition to their place of origin.

**Participants / Co-organisers:** Region of the Peloponnese – Regional Unit of Messinia, Miden Festival, Filmhouse (New Kalamata Cinema Club), Re:Think, Foifà Natural Cultivation Farm, Europe Direct, Greek Mountaineering club of Kalamata, Photography club of Kalamata, Samareites volunteers of the Kalamata Red Cross, Europe Direct of Kalamata, Puppet Myth, Archelon, the animal loving club of Kalamata, o RADIKALA, puppeteer Tami Rori and artist Stratis Arvithis.

The Association of Cretans “Psiloritis” allowed us to use their facilities during the festival.

The 10th Kalamata Street Festival was implemented with the support of over 70 volunteers from Greece and Abroad.

**27/07/2017 – 02/08/2017:** Welcoming of Ms Linda Bonfante, project manager in YOUNET organization from Italy, for a study visit in the framework of the
ERASMUS+/KA2 Capacity Building in the Field of Youth project titled “BEE- Building Empowering Environment for Youth Employability”.

31/07/2017: Publication of the Feel, Share, Act: Methods and Activities booklet that was created as a result of the project “Feel, Share, Act: Youth Empowerment through Intercultural Learning”, implemented in the framework of the programme ALF/CFP/2015/EDU-ART and co-financed with the support of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for dialogue between cultures.

The aim of this booklet is to put together some activities, tools and methods that youth workers can use to promote intercultural learning as a tool for youth activation and empowerment.

It starts with some basic information about intercultural learning and effective communication across cultures and then moves on to the presentation of 4 tools/methods that were created during the “Feel, Share, Act: Youth Empowerment through Intercultural Learning” international seminar that took place in Kalamata, Greece from the 14th to the 21st of January 2017.

The booklet in all languages, as well as all of the results of the project can be found on the website created for the project: http://www.feelshareact.org

AUGUST 2017

04/08/2017 - 10/08/2017: Sending of 2 participants to the seminar “Level Up – Power UP”, that took place in Brežice, Slovenia, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.


21/08/2017 - 28/08/2017: Sending of 4 young people and 1 youth leader to the youth exchange “EMIGREES UNDERSTAND REFUGEES! / MUHACIRLAR MÜLTECİLERİ ANLIYOR!” that took place in Pazaryeri, Poland, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Young People.

21/08/2017 - 29/08/2017: Participation in the final seminar of the ERASMUS+/KA2 Capacity Building in the Field of Youth project titled “BEE- Building Empowering Environment for Youth Employability”, that was implemented in Bohol, Philippines. During the seminar, we analyzed achievements and started concrete planning of creation of work-based mobility placements for youth from partners’ countries. We also evaluated achievements of created networking, prepared a comprehensive presentation of the project outcomes and a memorandum for establishment of the Multi-stakeholders platforms. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director and Ms Fotini Arapi, project manager.

23/08/2017 – 03/09/2017: Sending of 5 young people (13-18) and 1 youth leader to the youth exchange “Empowering children organizations in development of social competences of young people”, that took place in Hafnarfjordur, Iceland,
implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Young people.

SEPTEMBER 2017

03/09/2017: Welcoming of Ms Aleksandra Kaczurba from Poland, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer was hosted in Kalamata for 11 months and supported the work of the KEFIAP centre of people with special needs as well as the work of the IPPOSHESI therapeutic horse riding centre.

03/09/2017 - 10/09/2017: Sending of 4 young people and 1 youth leader to the youth exchange “YOUTH UP” that took place in Slavonski Brod, Croatia, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Young People.

04/09/2017 - 10/09/2017: Sending of 4 participants to the training course “SPRINTERS II - A NEW EUROPEAN NETWORK ON MASS SPORTS”, that took place in Râmnicu Sarat, Romania, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.


04/09/2017: Publication on the K.A.NE. TV Youtube channel of the short video with moments from the 10th Kalamata Street Festival created by our EVS volunteers from Tunisia, Mr Sofienne Ladheri and Ms Mariam Sassi. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVd8iZKlZo8)

04/09/2017: Sending of Ms Konstantina Koutiva and Mr Alexandros Tsiakalos as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Lisbon, Portugal for 02 months. The volunteers contributed to the activities of Associação Mais Cidadania.

05/09/2017: Sending of Mr Aristotelis Loukogiannakis as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Estonia for 12 months. The volunteer contributes to the activities of Eesti Toidupank organization.

05/09/2017: Welcoming of Mr Ioan Roeland from France as a volunteer, in the framework of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project. The volunteer will be hosted in Athens by SCI Hellas for 6 months, supporting the work done in the City Plaza, an abandoned hotel, occupied by a solidarity group that hosts newly arrived refugees and immigrants from Asian and African countries.

08/09/2017: Sending of Vasiliki Vasileiou as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Estonia for 10 months. Vasiliki contributes to the activities of A Ruota Libera Onlus organization.
09/09/2017: Organisation of the event “Pame Parko” on the Municipal Railway Park of Kalamata. This event wished to highlight all the activities that can take place on a park and included, Yoga and Dance Workshops, pic-nic, discussions, a photo-exhibition, an evs info-point with information about learning mobility opportunities, creative workshops and many more. The event was an initiative of our EVS volunteer from Ukraine, Yana Volkova and our EVS volunteer from France, Sara Amghar.

11/09/2017: Opening of the Youth Centre of Kalamata for registrations

16/09/2017: Sending of Ms Myrsini Mavridou as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Murcia, Spain for 11 months. Myrsini contributes to the activities of ASOCIACIÓN JARDÍN WALDORF DE MURCIA (JWM).

16/09/2017 - 20/09/2017: Participation in the training activity of the ERASMUS+/KA2 Strategic Partnership in the Field of Youth project titled “SVigoE Punto de encuentro” that took place in Vigo, Spain. K.A.NE. was represented by Ms Jelena Scepanovic, EVS coordinator

18/09/2017: Welcoming of Mr Bilal Zegoud from Belgium as a volunteer, in the framework of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 6 months, supporting activities that aim at raising awareness for the need to support of refugees and immigrants in Kalamata, in Greece and abroad.

18/09/2017: Sending of Ms Ioanna Tsetika as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Marseilles, France 09 months. Ioanna contributes to the activities of Hors Pistes organization.

22/09/2017: Welcoming of Ms Gordana Scepanovic from Croatia, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer was hosted in Kalamata for 03 months and supported the work of the KEFIAP centre of people with special needs as well as the work of the IPPOSIESI therapeutic horse riding centre.

24/09/2017: Welcoming of Ms Jae Amira from the UK as a volunteer, in the framework of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 6 months, supporting activities that aim at raising awareness for the need to support of refugees and immigrants in Kalamata, in Greece and abroad.

25/09/2017: Beginning of the workshops in the Youth Centre of Kalamata

25/09/2017 - 26/09/2017: Filming in Athens of interviews of role-models in the framework of the Digital Girls ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project. The first interviewee was Ms Zaharenia Atzitzikaki, a Lead Designer at
Workable. The second interviewee was Ms Androniki Pavlidou who works as a CEO at Datalization company.

28/09/2017 - 05/10/2017: Sending of 3 participants to the training course “Identity from the street”, that took place in Poland, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

28/09/2017: Welcoming of Ms Ophelie Cottier from France, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 11 months and is supporting the work of the Day Care Centre for children and teenagers with autism of Kalamata.

30/09/2017: Welcoming of Ms Sheila Gomez Valdivieso from Spain, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer was hosted in Kalamata for 03 months and supported the work of the KEFIAP centre of people with special needs as well as the work of the IPPOSHEISI therapeutic horse riding centre.

**OCTOBER 2017**

03/10/2017 - 11/10/2017: Implementation of the International Youth Exchange INVEP 3.0, in the framework the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/mobility of young people. 20 young people and 5 youth leaders from Greece, Tunisia, Italy, Spain and Turkey, met in Kalamata for a youth exchange aiming at the promotion of volunteerism, solidarity, friendship, democracy and intercultural dialogue.

04/10/2017: Welcoming of Ms Maja Dokudowicz from Poland, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 11 months and is part of ARTIVISTES project, implementing and supporting artistic activities.

04/10/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 99 ([https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_october](https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_october))

06/10/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Opening Party. Party to celebrate the opening of the Youth Centre of Kalamata for one more “school” period!

08/10/2017: Cleaning of Divari beach. Local and EVS volunteers of K.A.NE. and the Youth Centre of Kalamata participated in an initiative to clean the Divari Beach, an NATURA 2000 protected area. The action was implemented in collaboration with Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation.

09/10/2017: Sending of Mr Yiannis Sykovaris as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in the UK for 10 months. Yannis contributes to the activities of ASHA foundation.
10/10/2017: Welcoming of Ms Razmina Duma from Romania, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 11 months and is supporting the activities of K.A.NE. organization.

11/10/2017: Welcoming of Ms Paquita Couppey from France, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer was hosted in Kalamata for 11 months and supported the work of the KEFIAP centre of people with special needs as well as the work of the IPPOSIESI therapeutic horse riding centre.

11/10/2017: Implementation of the event “Volunteer: Who, me? Yes, you!” on Othonos square in front of the Youth Centre of Kalamata. Volunteers from different countries introduced the basic elements of volunteerism in an interactive and pleasant evening for children and adults that aimed at motivating and raising awareness about volunteerism! The event was implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+/KA1 youth exchange “INVEP 3.0”.

11/10/2017 – 12/10/2017: 3rd Annual Meeting of the MCN network in Lisbon, Portugal. K.A.NE. was represented in the meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director, only on the 1st day.

12/10/2017 – 13/10/2017: Participation in the 3rd Transnational meeting of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project in Palermo, Italy. During the meeting the partners discussed the progress of the project as well as the next steps. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director and Ms Jelena Scepanovic, project manager.

12/10/2017: Implementation of the event “Did you hear the Earthquake”. The event took place in Kounies café in Amfias street and was dedicated to the social aspect of the big earthquake that happened in Kalamata in September 1986. The event included presentation of video and audio interviews of people that experienced the earthquake, as well as an exhibition of photographs by local photographer Nikos Iliopoulos. The event was an initiative of our EVS volunteer from the UK, Molly O’Doherty.

17/10/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 100 (<https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_october_ii>)

18/10/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: CV seminar. In this seminar, our expert, Ms Vassiliki Dadavassili gave useful information, tips and good practices on writing a CV and presenting oneself during a job interview.

21/10/2017 - 26/10/2017: Sending of 2 participants to the training course “Inclusión Social a través del Arte”, that took place in Zaragoza, Spain, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.
22/10/2017: Participation of volunteers of the Youth Centre Kalamata and K.A.NE. to the event for the celebration of the 85 years of the Greek Guiding association. We supported the event, acting as a stop in their Treasure Hunt, showing some dance steps. The event took place on the central square of Kalamata.

22/10/2017 - 29/10/2017: Sending of 2 participants to the training course “Integration should be the cocktail of the world”, that took place in Berlin, Germany, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

24/10/2017: Welcoming of Ms Mirella Karadzhova from Bulgaria, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1-European Voluntary Service. The volunteer was hosted in Kalamata for 2.5 months and was part of ARTIVISTES project, implementing and supporting artistic activities.

25/10/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Brazilian Dance Forro seminar

30/10/2017 - 05/11/2017: Sending of 4 participants to the seminar “Simply Meeting: From Bubble to Doable - Reinforcing & Sharing the ETS Framework”, that took place in Weimar, Germany, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

NOVEMBER 2017

01/11/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 101
(https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link_1st_november)

01/11/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Presentation of the activities of the newly founded group “Messinian Travellers”

02/11/2017 - 03/11/2017: Participation in the 3rd Transnational meeting of the Digital Girls ERASMUS+ KA2 strategic partnership in the field of youth project in Prague, Czech Republic. The meeting focused on further discussing different issues and focus on the current tasks and activities. The main subjects during the meeting were: finalizing the production of the 'Role Models' Guide to the Digital Galaxy', developing the career road maps and starting the campaigns for promoting the online platform. K.A.NE. was represented in this meeting by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director and Mr Vyron Giannakopoulos, project manager

03/11/2017: Welcoming of Mr Antoine Werquin from France as a volunteer, in the framework of the “ACT Youth in Movement” ERASMUS+ KA3 support in Policy Reform project. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 6 months, supporting activities that aim at raising awareness for the need to support of refugees and immigrants in Kalamata, in Greece and abroad.
06/11/2017: Welcoming of Ms Antia Fernández Martínez from Spain, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 08 months and will support the work of the Youth Centre of Kalamata.

07/11/2017 - 14/11/2017: Implementation of the seminar “Youth work for Empowering, Activating and broadening the Horizons of young people - Y.E.A.H.” in Podgorica, Montenegro by the 1st affiliated organization of K.A.NE., NGO TRAINING CENTRE "TARABA". This was the 1st international project implemented by TARABA and it was implemented in the framework of KA2/Capacity Building in the Field of Youth of the European learning programme ERASMUS+.

The aim of this project is to promote youth work and non-formal learning as a tool for promoting the empowerment, personal development, activation and inclusion of young people, as well as the collaboration among stakeholders from different sectors (local authorities, private companies, general public) for the creation of a more fruitful environment for the implementation of youth work practices and the recognition of non-formal learning.

K.A.NE. was represented in this project by Mr Filaretos Vourkos, Director, as trainer and Ms Jelena Scepanovic, EVS coordinator and Ms Evgenia Chronopoulou, EVS mentor as participants.

08/11/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Lindy Hop dance seminar

08/11/2017: Sending of Ms Kallirroi Gentilini and Ms Georgia Ormyliotou as ERASMUS+/KA1 EVS volunteer in Spain for 10 months. The volunteers contribute to the activities of COGAMI organization.

08/11/2017: Visit of K.A.NE.’s EVS volunteers to a high-school of the region to create Christmas decorations together with the students of the school and talk to them about EVS and other learning mobility opportunities.

15/11/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Projection of the environmental documentaries “Plastic Ocean” and “Straws”. The projection was followed by a discussion about environmental awareness and information about how we can reduce the use of plastic and protect our environment

16/11/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 102

(https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link-15th_november)

18/11/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Intercultural night. EVS volunteers hosted in Kalamata presented elements of their culture (music, dances, food) to the local people, and also discovered elements of the Greek culture (presented to them by the local people).
21/11/2017 – 21/12/2017: Implementation of the ERASMUS+/KA1 short-term European Voluntary service project with the title “AgroteVs” in the village of Vounaria in the region of Messinia, Greece. In the project participated 13 young people from France, Sweden, Portugal, Poland and Croatia.

AgroteVs’s main goal was to empower young people with skills and competences while at the same time promoting a more natural and healthy lifestyle and highlighting traditional practices, methods and tools for the development of rural entrepreneurship, promoting agriculture, livestock farming and agrotourism.

The project had a significant impact, both on the young participants and the local community, giving them the opportunity to learn about the opportunities offered by the European Learning Programme ERASMUS + and enabling them to gain experience and develop skills and competencies that will contribute to their personal and professional development, as they will become confident to become more creative and more skilled in taking initiatives.

22/11/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: EVS Café. An event in which K.A.N.E.’s EVS volunteers informed local youth about the European Voluntary Service, the European Solidarity Corps and other international learning mobility opportunities.

22/11/2017 - 26/11/2017: Sending of 2 participants to the seminar “LAVA”, that took place in Nicolosi, Italy, implemented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme/KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers.

29/11/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Contemporary and modern art seminar

DECEMBER 2017

01/12/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 103
(https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link-1st-december)

04/12/2017: Welcoming of Ms Angelina Kaisina from Russia, as EVS volunteer in the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme, KA1/European Voluntary Service. The volunteer will be hosted in Kalamata for 08 months and will support the work of the Youth Centre of Kalamata.

05/12/2017 - 08/12/2017: Volunteering Week. K.A.N.E.’s and Youth Centre of Kalamata’s volunteers, in view of the International Day of Volunteerism, 5th of December, organized 4-days of activities for the promotion of volunteerism. The activities included an information desk on Othonos Square, open workshops led by volunteers on the square, collection of clothes for refugees et al.

06/12/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Belly Dance Seminar
13/12/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Projection of short-movies by Scarlet Web team. The projection was followed by Skype discussion with the director.

14/12/2017: Employment of Ms Athanasia Kanellopoulou as part time staff. Ms undertakes the role of researcher and project manager.

15/12/2017: Publication of LinK newsletter N. 104 (https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata/docs/link__104)

16/12/2017 – 17/12/2017: Activities for children in the Christmas Houses on the central square of Kalamata

20/12/2017: Event in the Youth Centre of Kalamata: Presentation of the work of the Greek Guiding Association and implementation of creative activities for children.
Collaborations 2017

National stakeholders:

- Region of the Peloponnese – Regional Unit of Messinia
- Municipality of Kalamata
- Municipality of Pylos-Nestoros
- KEFIAP centre for people with special needs in Kalamata
- Day care centre for children and teenagers with Autism in Kalamata
- RE:THINK//Farma Fifa Permaculture
- Kallitexniko Steki
- Second Chance school of Kalamata
- Centre for environmental education of Kalamata
- Miden Festival
- Association of Friends of People with Special Needs
- Let’s do it Greece
- Europe Direct Kalamata
- KETHEA-KYTTARO support centre for people with substance abuse problems
- SOS children’s villages – department of Kalamata
- Animal Rescue group of Kalamata
- Mataroa
- Filmhouse (New Kalamata Cinema Club)
- Greek Mountaineering club of Kalamata,
- Photography club of Kalamata
- Samareites volunteers of the Kalamata Red Cross
- Association of Cretans “Psiloritis”
- Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation
- Foundation for Youth and Lifelong Learning
- Crochet club of Kalamata
- University of the Peloponnese
- Network of neighborhood composting of Kalamata
- Network for the Conservation of seeds of Kalamata
- Hubit: Art&Technology
- Liaison Translation & Interpreting
- Routes of the olive tree organisation
- Boukadoura Café
- Kounies café
- Messinian Travellers
- Kalamata Lindy Hop Exchange
- Plastic Free Greece
- Archelon organisation for the protection of sea turtles
- RADIKALA
- Greek Guiding Association
- English language school P. Giannakeas
- United Societies of the Balkans
- SCI Hellas
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The president

The vice-president