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1st Announcement

34th INEPS Conference in PATRAS and KLEITORIA

19th -25th of April 2027

**Creating a “Sustainable Tomorrow” by using Productive Learning as a vehicle
for prevention in the human and natural environment**

Dear INEPSERS,

“Movement PROTASI for another way of life” in cooperation with INEPS organizes the 34th INEPS Conference in Greece (Patras and Kleitoria).

INEPS and PROTASI

It is going to be the 3rd time for an INEPS congress to happen in Patras under the auspices and the organization of PROTASI and local authorities and agencies.

In the course of its evolution and development PROTASI came into contact with Productive Learning and IPLE - the founding body of the informal INEPS network - at the 8th INEPS conference held in Kuopio, Finland, in 1996.

PROTASI’s continued participation in this international network is grounded in the principles and values that underpin Productive Learning (PL); these principles represent the pivotal point where Productive Learning intersects with addiction prevention and the quality of life represented by PROTASI.

Key elements of this cooperation are described below in the definitions of PL and the PREVENTION OF ADDICTION:

***“Productive Learning** is an educational process leading to the development of a person’s role in the community as well as bringing about change within the community itself. The process is realized by an itinerary of product-oriented activities in real life situations and by an educational experience within a group that is facilitated by educators.”*

***“Prevention of addictions** encompasses a set of actions directed at the general population, aiming to foster the individual's physical, mental, and social well-being by mitigating the risk of conditions, situations and behaviors that could cause harm.*

Addiction prevention is implemented through interventions and programs designed to promote health and develop the personal and social skills that ensure well-being - such as cultivating sensitivity, imagination and creative life attitudes, as well as the ability to resist pressure toward negative, deviant or aberrant behaviors.”

PROTASI supports the belief that the Productive Learning school serves as a preventive measure not only against addictions but also against any behavior where young people squander their lives without goals or purpose, increasingly reinforced in these times of profound change.

Although PROTASI’s efforts to establish a Productive Learning school in Greece have not yet borne fruit, PROTASI in collaboration with INEPS and IPLE has organized not only two conferences but also numerous transnational youth exchanges, transnational teacher seminars and a youth conference while also implementing European projects (EUROPLE, PROVED).

Aims of the conference

INEPS and PROTASI invite you to participate in this conference and contribute your experience and knowledge to the formulation of positions and proposals regarding:

- Cooperation between schools, the local community and the labor market, using Productive Learning as a vehicle,
- the prevention of addiction and school dropout,
- the active participation of young people in the learning process,
- environmental awareness regarding the sustainable development of both the human and natural environments,
- intercultural education.

The process of the conference

- 1) **Monday afternoon:** Arrival of participants - Reception and introduction of participants to the volunteers of PROTASI at the CCO (CENTRE OF CREATIVE OCCUPATION) - Welcome dinner “meet Greece “
- 2) **Tuesday morning:** Visits to schools and agencies in Patras
- 3) **Tuesday afternoon:** Guided tour in the Patras Archaeological Museum and free afternoon in the city center
- 4) **Wednesday** at the CCO: Key speeches - Working groups with topics related to the title of the conference - Offered dinner
- 5) **Thursday:** Departure for Kleitoria (stop in Kalavryta and visit to the Municipal Museum of the Kalavritan Holocaust) - Arrival in Kleitoria and settling into rooms and introduction to the CENTRE OF ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION from the pedagogic Team of the Centre - Activities
- 6) **Friday:** Environmental route in the nature organized by the CENTRE OF ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION - Activities - Presentation Market - Kleitoria welcomes Europe
- 7) **Saturday:** Working groups with topics related to the title of the conference - End of the conference - Farewell dinner at Kleitoria
- 8) **Sunday morning:** Departure from Kleitoria to Athens and return of the conference participants to their countries

Organizational issues

PARTICIPATION FEE

The amount for INEPS members is 250 euros and 300 euros for non-members. This amount will cover coach transportations, 3 meals, operating expenses (folders, programs, etc.) The minimum limit of participants is 20 persons while the maximum is 40. Registrations will be confirmed on a “first come – first served” basis due to the conference capacities.

ACCOMMODATION

3 nights in Patras in hotels recommended by the organisers and 3 nights in Kleitoria in the dormitories of the CENTRE OF ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION (4 beds each big room with private bathrooms) or in hotels in the village, if participants prefer to stay there. The place offers apart from the dormitories, breakfast, lunch and dinner with very good food (Greek kitchen) for 150 euros per person for the total of 3 days.

TRANSPORTATION

COMING TO PATRAS from the airport ELEFTHERIOS VENIZELOS ATHENS AIRPORT

There is a bus from the ELEFTHERIOS VENIZELOS ATHENS AIRPORT- express line X93 - running 24 hours, which leaves every 25 or 35 minutes from the bus stop between exit 4 and 5 of the airport to the BUS STATION KTEL-KHFISOS to PATRAS. Every half an hour there is a bus going from the BUS STATION KTEL-KHFISOS to Patras (one way 22,60 €, return 38 €).

LEAVING FROM KLEITORIA to the BUS STATION KTEL-KHFISOS on SUNDAY

07:30 (09:45 from TRIPOLI)

15:30 (17:00 from TRIPOLI)

More information about the content of the workshops and the organization will follow after the interest declared by the participants.

Please send your e-mail of interest to the congress office or to Angela and Holger.

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