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INVITATION

34th INEPS Conference in PATRAS and KLEITORIA, Greece

Creating a "Sustainable Tomorrow"

19th -25th of April 2027

Using Productive Learning as a driver for prevention in the human and natural environment

INEPS and PROTASI

This will be the 3rd time the INEPS conference is held in Patras under the auspices of the Prefecture of Western Greece and the organization of the *Movement PROTASI for another lifestyle* as well as local authorities and agencies.

PROTASI's continued participation in the *International Network of Productive Learning Schools and Projects (INEPS)* 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.

Aims of the conference

INEPS and PROTASI invite school educators, community organizers and scientists who are involved in the learning process of students to participate to this international conference and contribute with their experience and knowledge to the discussion and exchange 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 sessions will uplift promising best practice and hold space for this complex work. Please find the preliminary program and information about the participation fee, transfers and accommodation attached. Please use the Registration Form for your registration (separate document). Join us April 19-25 for a week of learning, connection and action with educators, community organizers and youth advocates across the productive learning field.

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Annex: What is Productive Learning?

Productive Learning is an educational approach developed by the Institute for Productive Learning in Europe (IPLE) and the International Network of Productive Learning Projects and Schools (INEPS). It was inspired by City-As-School New York, a pioneer in curricular integration of "out of school" resources for formal education and member of INEPS.

Today more than 100 schools in Germany and INEPS partners in more than 10 countries are using Productive Learning

- to individualize educational offers according to the needs of the students,
- to connect school based learning and real-life experience to improve education and vocational orientation,
- to facilitate the transition from school to vocational training and further studies for all students, also the ones considered "at risk" of dropping out.

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Preliminary Program (25/10/2026)

PATRAS

Monday, 19/4/2027 ***Arrival & Welcome***

16:00–17:30: Arrival of conference participants at PROTASI (Sarantaporou 20- Patras); registration/attendance sign-in; selection of the school to be visited; distribution of conference folders

17:30–19:00: Conference opening with a brief welcome and framing of the conference (PROTASI, INEPS, Local Education Authorities) in the main hall of PROTASI

19:00–21:00: "Meet Greece" - a brief tasting session of local products; welcome reception in the PROTASI foyer featuring a buffet and food prepared by volunteers; opportunity for participants to meet PROTASI's volunteers

Tuesday, 20/4/2027 ***School Visits & Cultural Tour***

8:30–10:00: Meeting at the CCO; detailed presentation of the week's program; division into groups for departure to the schools (on foot, by private car, or by taxi) accompanied by members of "PROTASI"

10:00–12:30: Visits to schools

Objective: For conference participants to learn how vocational and general learning are implemented in the Greek education system and to understand the role of prevention in schools. Each group will designate a representative to report from the visit during the next day's plenary session
Participants may attend:

- workshops at Vocational High Schools (EPAL)
- student projects
- presentations of best practices
- discussions with students
- meetings with educators

12:30–15:00: Free time for lunch

15:00–17:30: Group meeting at the Archaeological Museum, guided tour

17:30: Free time in the afternoon to visit Patras: the city center's pedestrian streets, the Ancient Odeon (Upper Town), Saint Andrew's Church; free time for dinner

Wednesday, 21/4/2027 ***Working groups on topics related to the conference***

9:00–9:30: Meeting at PROTASI

9:30–10:30: Plenary session; reports from school visits

10:30–11:30: Introductory talks:

1) Productive Learning as a Tool for Sustainable Education
2) How do Environmental and Health Education contribute to sustainable communities?
3) Productive learning and prevention of addictions

11:30–13:00: Parallel workshops (participants will have selected their workshop in advance during conference registration). The aim of the workshops is to examine the prospects of the conference's key themes, such as:

1) What we, as educators and prevention professionals, are doing towards "Creating a Sustainable Tomorrow" - proposals within the INEPS framework.
2) How Productive Learning is being developed in each country (necessities and obstacles) - proposals within the INEPS framework.
3) How Productive Learning (PL) connects to and contributes to addiction prevention and environmental sustainability - proposals within the framework of INEPS.

13:00–14:00: Light lunch (catered) and coffee

14:00–16:00: World Café, dedicated to the following topics:

- Climate Education
- Active Citizenship – Prevention in the human and natural environment
- Inclusion
- Local Communities & Networking

19:00: Dinner hosted at a Restaurant

KLEITORIA

Thursday, 22/4/2027 ***Continuation of the conference in the mountains***

8:00: Departure from Patras to Kleitoria

10:00–12:00: Stop in Kalavryta; guided visit to the Kalavryta Holocaust Museum.

13:00–14:00: Arrival in Kleitoria and lunch

14:00–17:00: Room check-in and rest; preparation of the Presentation Market (setting up country-specific tables using materials brought by the participants)

17:00–18:30: Welcome by the Pedagogic Team of KEPEA (Environmental Education Centre); getting to know each other"; presentation of the KEPEA (natural environment, educational programs)

18:30–20:00: Tour of the participating countries' tables and presentation of their projects.

20:00–21:00: Dinner

Friday, 23/4/2027 ***Environmental excursion and activities***

7:30 – 8:00: Breakfast

8:00 – 15:00: Departure from KEPEA by coach (packed lunch). The excursion will be organized by KEPEA. Themes: Biodiversity, Water, Forests, Climate Change, Sustainable Development. Participants are invited to collect data, take photographs, complete worksheets and create short presentations.

15:00 – 16:00: Return and rest

16:00 – 17:30: Archery and games on the KEPEA grounds

17:30–19:00: Reflection Circle including presentations

19:00–20:00: Dinner

20:00: Kleitoria welcomes international guests. Meeting with teachers, students, and local stakeholders

Saturday, 24/4/2027 C*losing the conference*

8:00–8:30: Breakfast

8:30–12:00: Final working group sessions; each group will produce a deliverable for a joint declaration

12:00–13:00: Presentation of results (each group presents its work)

13:00–14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 16:00: Joint Declaration

Participants are invited to sign "The Kleitoria Declaration", based on the following key principles:

- cooperation
- sustainability
- inclusion
- active youth participation
- Productive Learning

The declaration may be published on the conference website and send to the participating schools as a joint outcome.

16:00–18:00: INEPS Plenary Session and conference evaluation

18:00–20:00: Closing ceremony including presentation of certificates, photo presentation of the week

20.00: Dinner

Sunday, 25/04/2027 ***Day of departure***

07:30 Departure for Athens and return of the participants to their home countries

Organizational issues

PARTICIPATION FEE

The amount is 250 euros for INEPS members and 300 euros for non-members. This amount will cover coach transportation, three 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.

In case you are accompanied by another person not participating to the conference, please let us know if you want him-her to be included in the list for the meals , bus transfers, museum tickets.

ACCOMMODATION

Three nights in Patras in hotels recommended by the organizers and three nights in Kleitoria in the dormitories of the KEPEA, (4 beds each big room with private bathroom) 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 three days.

TRANSPORTATION

ARIVAL 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. There you connect with the bus for PATRAS (duration of the itinerary 2 hours and 15 min). 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)

Depending on the requests we can arrange a private coach to transfer participants on Sunday morning from Kleitoria directly to the Athens airport. The cost is about 35 euros, a minimum of 20 persons needed.

Please sign the application form (separate document) and send it to protasi@protasi.org.gr

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