

PRESS RELEASE

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3rd Technical Meeting of the beneficiaries of the EduTourism Project "The promotion of educational tourism for the promotion of natural and cultural heritage in Greece and Cyprus"

On Thursday 24 November and Friday 25 November 2022, the 3rd Workshop of the Beneficiaries of the EduTourism Project, within the framework of the INTERREG V-A Greece-Cyprus 2014-2020 Programme, co-funded by the European Union (ERDF) and national resources of Greece and Cyprus, was held under the organization of the Hellenic Mediterranean University (ELMEPA). The meeting was held with the physical presence of representatives from each Beneficiary and there was also the possibility to follow the meeting online, through the Zoom videoconferencing platform, in order to enable all stakeholders to follow the meeting. The meeting took place at the Municipal Gallery of Malevizi in Heraklion, Crete.



The final objective of the Act is the development of educational tourism for young people aged 16-25 years and the connection of Crete and Cyprus in historical, cultural and environmental terms. The eligible areas share many common morphological, historical and cultural characteristics, which makes the Project particularly interesting.

In this meeting, the representatives of the participating stakeholders (National Youth Council - H.N.Y.C. , NGO FOUR ELEMENTS, Hellenic Mediterranean University - HMU, Nicosia Region Tourism Development and Promotion Company - ETAP, Municipality of Archanes-Asterousia - ACHAS, Development Company of Larnaca - Famagusta Districts Ltd - ANETEL) discussed the development of the Work Packages of the Act, as well as future steps.

More specifically, on the first day of the meeting, the representatives of the Beneficiaries of the Act discussed the progress of Work Packages 3-6 focusing on the outstanding issues to be focused on by each Beneficiary and possible changes in the timetable and budget. After the completion of the status quo study related to Work Package 3, the Beneficiaries decided on the themes for the Educational Tourism Routes in Crete and Cyprus. Concerning Work Package 4, the Beneficiaries have finalised the training modules and the start of the trainings is planned. Finally, regarding Work Package 5, the Principal Beneficiary informed that the training platform is ready and a sample of training material has been uploaded.



On the second day of the technical meeting, the issues related to the 1-2 Work Packages were discussed respectively. Regarding Work Package 1, the timeline for the submission of the six-

monthly progress report was discussed, beneficiaries were informed about the development of the management manual and dates for the next beneficiaries' workshop to be held in Nicosia were discussed. Finally, for Work Package 2, the publicity plan was presented and the responsibilities per beneficiary regarding information and publicity actions were discussed.



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