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Climate schools and German-Greek exchange revived

In Limni on Evia, in Kamares on the Peloponnese and in Athens, previous and new partners finally met again during three weeks in October to make plans for the future. Two years after the end of our climate school project in Athens and the stop of the follow-up projects due to the Corona pandemic, we were able to exchange ideas without writing emails, mainly in the context of a meeting of experts in Kandiliochori (Limni).



Which projects were concretely initiated or updated?

Already the journey to Limni, passing the black burnt tree skeletons, prepared us for the discussions around the RfG emergency aid program. The result was a continuation in the style of the first "goat project". A new aspect is the planned cooperation with [IASIS](#), an organisation that provides psycho-social support for fire victims.

In addition, the energy-saving project at the Mantoudi Technical School on Euboea, which had already been prepared before Corona, will finally be implemented.

Our partner from Rhineland-Palatinate, which already cooperates with RfG through the film "the balcony", sees opportunities to develop further project approaches for schools that combine remembrance work with other sustainable topics that we work on with our climate schools. The framework is provided by Erasmus+ and the German-Greek Youth Office DGJW. A meeting of experts on "Education for Sustainable Development" in Mainz is planned for May 2022.

Our new Greek partner, the NGO [Epekeina Chora](#), offers its conference venue Vitsa (Epirus) and, in addition to our proven Berlin partner from the Bund Deutscher-Pfadfinder_innen (Association of German Scouts), will gratefully engage as an organiser for further expert and youth encounters via the German-Greek-Youth-Office.

Specifically: a meeting of experts together with our partner from the Athens Ministry of Education on the way to Zero-Carbon-Footprint Schools in Athens in March 2022.

For the island of Skiathos, we want to develop a climate protection project using theatre methods, suitable for schools but also for a planned day camp in the summer holidays for the children of workers in the catering industry, among others.

In Kamares (near Patras), the committed doctor offers her rural medical centre, which was renovated with RfG funds, as a place of learning for the successful combination of social, ecological and economic aspects. The contact with the nearby primary school is to be used for this purpose.

In Athens, talks with schools and teachers and the partners who continue to be active after the EUKI energy-saving project from 2017-2019 have aroused interest in three schools for concrete offers. In addition to energy saving, two new school offers on the topics of "renewable energies" and "energy in the hands of citizens" have already been approved by the Ministry of Education.

Listing all of our motivating ideas that came up during smaller and larger discussion groups would go beyond the scope of this article.

For the same reason, I will not mention all the names of the more than 20 people who contributed to the success of these three weeks through their great commitment.

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After the fires on Northern Evia: Meeting with the head of the union for resin collectors