

Kickoff meeting for the DRC European project “Digital, Responsible Citizenship in a Connected World”

The kick-off meeting of the ERASMUS+ project entitled: “*Digital, Responsible Citizenship in a Connected World*” took place at the Classic hotel, Nicosia in December 6th and 7th 2017. The project’s consortium is comprised of 5 partners in 4 different European countries: CARDET (Center for the Advancement of Research & Development in Educational Technology) (Cyprus), Future In Perspective Limited (FIP), Tamat Centro Studi Formazione e Ricerca (Tamat), 1st Primary School of Rafina (Rafina), and INNOVADE LI (InnovADE). Cyprus is represented by CARDET, which has the responsibility for coordinating the project. The Scientific coordinators of the project are Dr. Charalambos Vrasidas, Executive Director, CARDET and Professor of Learning Innovations & Associate Dean for e-learning, University of Nicosia and Dr. Efi Nisiforou, Senior Researcher at CARDET and Lecturer in Distance Education and New Technologies at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus.

DRC project aims to infuse contemporary pedagogical practices in quality lifelong learning for students and teaching professions including teachers, school leaders and teacher educators across Europe. In the essence, the DRC project has the following specific objectives:

- To teach students and teachers digital citizenship skills
- To integrate digital literacy and citizenship as part of school curricula
- To promote synergies and cross-fertilisation throughout school education

During the kick-off meeting, a series of presentations took place, aiming at the introduction of the participating partners and the communication of the project scope and goals by the project coordinators. Besides, partners had the chance to get to know each other, present the leading packages, review the outputs of the DRC project, specify the responsibilities of each organisation and define the framework and timeframe of their work aiming to meet the project’s outcomes.

The meeting was efficient and productive, and all project members contemplated on the meeting’s success. The next transnational meeting of the consortium will take place in Ireland, in August 2018. This project has been funded by the ERASMUS+ KA2 - Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices | KA201 - Strategic Partnerships for school education and started in November 2017.

The project duration is

2 years.

