

Evaluation Letter by Volleyball Sport Club “Gram v Raya” Svilengrad for the project “Myths and Facts: Unveiling the Truth”, Pissouri, Cyprus

The Youth Exchange “Myths and Facts: Unveiling the Truth”, Cyprus, was held in 2025 19-26 of October close to a small village Pissouri in “Hylatio Hotel”. Our journey started way back from the activity period. We started with the selection of our participants in May 2025. Our selection was based on participants and students who shows consistency in our daily activities and school events. After selecting our participants, we held few online meetings with ACPELIA and the other partners to prepare and hear what we should expect during our project and October 19 came faster than the group expected.

The project provided non-formal educational methodologies to our participants allowing them to go out of their comfort zone, to express themselves in various interactive workshops and activities that included group work, practical tasks, digital tools and self-reflection sessions. These activities helped the participants to develop competences improving their cultural awareness, enhancing emotional intelligence and communication. During the project there were visits to nearby villages and cities, which enriched our group cultural awareness and created bonds through informal environment. All eight members of our group enjoyed the whole project at its best. The youngsters stated that the project opened their views, understandings and feelings about the outside world of their current surroundings. It will leave a great mark in their lives.

Of course, the project doesn't end with leaving Hylatio Hotel, it continues with the follow-up activities they needed to prepare after returning from the project and present everything they learned and they gained with their friends, relatives and students. After their follow-up event, many new youngsters were willing to take part in other projects in the future and were happy to be there.

At the end, these youth exchanges prepare and improve youngsters at young age to grow professionally and non-professionally in their personal and social life. Opportunities like this makes a huge difference for us, locally and abroad.

Kind regards,

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