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No skills to waste: diversity makes the difference

Our events

Nationally...

In summer 2011, KMOP undertook for the first time the training of psychology students who had the need of gaining practical experience in mental rehabilitation units. Specifically, four first-year psychology students supervised and assisted by a scientific group of KMOP, offered volunteering work in July, in the two group-houses of mental rehabilitation of

KMOP, situated in Kapandriti (a suburb of Athens). This was an exceptionally successful activity, since it contributed not only to the wellbeing of the patients and the gaining of knowledge of the students, but also gave an added value to the efforts made to combat social exclusion and stigmatization. It is indeed worth mentioning that the number of citizens of all ages who visit

the group houses to offer voluntary work, or just ask about the work done there has been gradually increasing the last couple of years.



Participation of KMOP in the First Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion in Krakow. (17-18 October 2011)

KMOP was one of three Greek NGO's that were invited by the Greek Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, as well as by the European Commission to participate in the **First Annual convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion**. The European Commission has placed the fight against poverty at the

heart of its economic, employment and social agenda. - the Europe 2020 strategy-. Heads of State and Governments of 27 Member States have agreed a major breakthrough: a common target that the European Union should lift at least 20 million people out of poverty and social exclusion in the next decade.



The First Annual convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion.

In 2011 KMOP participated in the **Non-Governmental Organisation's Report** in application of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. This is an annual report written by a number of Greek NGO's that follows the National report which is sent to the United Nations every year, aiming at the evaluation and discussion of real data concerning child protection and general care in the country of reference. The function of institutions and the state are discussed and measures for improvement are suggested. In the **report of April 2011** special attention was given to the following topics: a) family environment and alternative care, b) basic health and welfare, c) education, leisure and cultural activities d) special protection measures.

Looking abroad . . .

During the implementation of the European project **"LLS-VG - Promotion of LLStrategies for Vulnerable Groups"**, KMOP and its partner EUROTraining had organized several national events - workshops, seminars, conferences - aiming at informing vulnerable groups about existing national and European LL strategies vocational centers and second- chance

schools in order to improve their professional skills and competences. The National Conference took place on **9 October 2011** in Athens. The age of participants ranged from 21 to 50. The participants evaluated the conference from good to very good regarding the subject of speeches, the location and the facilities of the conference. They believed this kind of event contributed to better understand the e-

learning method and the governing bodies and service providers of life-long learning in Greece.



The National Conference on 9 October 2011

Work in progress...



preventelderabuse.eu

The **“European reference framework online for the prevention of elder abuse and neglect”** is a project that aims to contribute to the protection of older people from abuse and neglect, so that they can lead their life in dignity and safety by developing a reference that spreads information and links relevant stakeholders and experts. The project, which started in 2009, has a duration of 24 months, and is currently in its final stage of implementation. The Report of the project has recently completed and is currently disseminated to the stakeholders. The **final Conference** was conducted in Brussels on the **29 November 2011**.

“ SCALING NEW HEIGHTS IN VET ”



Adapting the Rickter® Scale Process to improve and monitor the journey of marginalized groups towards employability

Since October 2011, KMOP participates in 2 different

LdV Transfer Of Innovation projects. The **“Scaling New Heights in VET”** project aims at providing opportunities for marginalized groups to engage with educa-

tion, training and employment so as to gain recognition for existing and newly acquired skills and therefore gain (re) entry into the labour market. This will be achieved by adapting the potent **Rickter Scale® Process** to the needs of the different target groups in the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Greece. KMOP, as part of the new transnational partnership **“Scaling New**

Heights in VET” project, participated at the **Kick-off meeting** on 18-19 October 2011 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (UK), hosted by the Rickter Company team. Following from that, KMOP will participate with 4 trainees at both training courses, which will be held on **6-9 December 2011** and on **6-10 February 2012** in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (UK).

Recognizing that sustainable partnerships create a competitive advantage, KMOP has woven over the last 3 decades a valuable tapestry of cooperative relations with a number of organisations in its fields of competence, ranging from national and European NGOs, international networks and think tanks, private companies and various types of donors

“SET CARE”

In addition, KMOP participates, as project co-ordinator, in the **“Set Care: Self-study E-learning Tool for the Social Home-care Sector”** whereas leader is the Athens Association of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders. This project aims at improving the skills of care workers in Greece and Bulgaria by adapting an innovative Italian methodology of work qualification and recognition of

competencies of the professionals engaged in the field of home care assistance. On **8-9 November 2011**, the **Kick-off meeting** held at the premises of the Italian partner Anziani e Non Solo in Carpi which the partners from Greece – AADR, KMOP, O1Pliroforiki - and Bulgaria – Balkanplan - attended.



Partner with us:

KMOP is constantly expanding its international activity in Europe and beyond addressing priority needs in transition and developing countries. Proposal development and partnership building is an ongoing endeavour, and one in which we look for pertinent partner across a wide spectrum. Recent proposal submissions include programmes as diverse as the European European Integration Fund, FP7, PROGRESS, European Refugee Fund, Prevention and Fight against Crime, as well as a number of proposals under the

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance in Western Balkans. Do you share our vision and are you are a well-established organization or a qualified expert ? Take a look at the following future opportunities that KMOP will pursue:

- **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights** – CVSS 2011 for Kosovo
Deadline: **15 December 2011**

- **PROGRESS: Social experiments**
Deadline: **15 December 2011**
- **Investing in People - Gender Equality:**
Deadline: **26 January 2012**
- **Strengthening the Capacities of Non-State Actors—Actions in partner countries (multi)**
Deadline: **1 February 2012**

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Our programmes at a glance....



Following the successful implementation of the previous year, KMOP is implementing for this year eight "help at home" programs for 690 beneficiaries all over Greece. The project is serving the fol-

lowing regions besides Athens: Komotini, Alexandroupoli, Ksanthi, Thessaloniki, Piraeus and Kimi. The aim of the project is to encourage the active involvement of the elderly in self health care within their family and social environment and the prevention of social exclusion.

KMOP's "Help at Home" for the Elderly in Greece offer:

- **Nursing care** provided at home by nurses
- **Social care** provided by social workers
- **Home help** provided by home aids

In the late 1990s, KMOP began expanding abroad, and has to date participated in many trans-national European projects, on gender equality, equal opportunities, education and training.

"HOPE"



HOPE- Smart Home for Elderly People addresses the needs of **Alzheimer's patients** aiming to assist their everyday activity. Its work involves the development an innovative intelligent system that collects and analyzes data drawn from various re-

sources with the help of sensors. In the final stage of the project, all the proposed activities have been successfully completed. Moreover, KMOP participated in the **AAL Forum** in Lecce, Italy (**26-28 September 2011**), which is the annual conference of the AAL JP and aims to gather the AAL community

to show the progresses made by the new ICT solutions for active and independent ageing and to discuss the way forward for innovations in the ambient assisted living world. Along with the AAL Forum, the final meeting of the project's partners was held in Lecce during the same period.

"Job-keeping or vocational integration for victims of domestic violence project"



KMOP in partnership with other organizations from Belgium, France, Spain and Bulgaria runs a two year "Daphne" project, the goal of which is to ensure that in professional environments it is very important that there exists a 'front line' assistance to persons

subject to domestic violence and reduce the impact of such violence on the professional inclusion of these persons. It also aims at encouraging working environment or professional inclusion arrangements in a way enabling these persons to take the necessary steps to get out of the situation of violence.

The **booklet** of KMOP "Combating Domestic Violence" is a complete guide addressed to all kinds of professionals that have contacts with victims of domestic violence. KMOP will participate in the **Final Conference** in Brussels (**21-23 November 2011**).



The booklet of KMOP

Moving forward...

Upcoming events

KMOP has plenty of events and activities lined up - a varied programme with something for everyone. Don't miss in the next issue more news from :

- Under the LL-VG project ,an information day seminar, a festival and a **conference** are going to be organized, from November 2011 to the end of January 2012.
- A **seminar** is to be conducted in the Municipality of Korydallos, under the VIT project, in the following March



'Focusing on the needs of the most vulnerable can spur economic growth today and lay the foundation for a more sustainable and prosperous tomorrow. And now more than ever we must be accountable to the most disadvantaged...'

Antonia Torrens, President of KMOP

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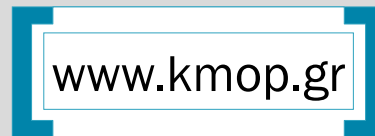
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Our Mission

KMOP is a Greek non-profit, social NGO with humanitarian values, believing in every individual's potential to enrich society. By providing dedicated professionals, dynamic leadership and standards of excellence, we aim to empower vulnerable groups through professionally supported integrated social services, local development of underprivileged areas, and the building of employability skills.

Our Vision

KMOP is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of socially vulnerable groups, bringing about sustainable improvements in their lives.



Special focus...

Fight against trafficking in human beings

RS-Pristina

The project *"RS-Pristina: IPA – strengthening institutions in the fight against trafficking in human beings and domestic violence (EuropeAid/130894/C/SER/XK)"* funded by the European Commission will be implemented in Kosovo for a two year period. Through this programme, KMOP expands its activities beyond the EU frame and for the first time is leading a large-scale international project of this nature. There are three European partners involved. Two of them are from **Italy (Association on The Road and the Italian Department of Equal Opportunities)** and one from **Cyprus (Four Assist Development Consulting Limited)**. The overall objective and the purpose of the project is to build a safe house and strengthen institutions through procedures and systems to reduce trafficking and smuggling of human beings, protect trafficked individuals and victims of domestic violence and tackle organised crime in line with the national strategy on anti-trafficking. On 9 November all partners gathered in Pristina for the **kick off meeting**.

GATE

The *"GATE: Guardians for separated children Against Trafficking and any form of Exploitation (HOME/2010/ ISEC/AG/)"* project funded by the European Commission, involves four European partners from Greece, Italy, the Netherlands and Cyprus with the aim to strengthen and qualify the competences and capacities of guardians for separated children against trafficking and exploitation.

The initiative will be developed over the next 18 months and the purpose of the project is to contribute to the enhancement of EU standards for anti-trafficking work and policies and for the protection of victims, integrating them in a multidisciplinary and children's rights-centred perspective.

On **24 and 25 November**, the Kick off meeting took place in **Rome** (Italy).

Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.

**Mother Teresa
(1910-1997)**