

# EPOQUE Project

## Newsletter 1

### The Kick off Meeting

#### What is the EPOQUE Project?

The project ÉPOQUE promotes a smart specialization of prospective teachers, scientists and engineers through an environmental portfolio ready to be integrated into the university syllabuses. It creates a new generation of green teachers, green scientists, green engineers in the context of higher education modernization agenda connected to SMEs and organizations (including schools).

The project is based on a transfer of know-how and good practices between selected partners from Northern and Southern Europe, but also Baltic and Mediterranean Countries. The project will facilitate communication between European countries and develop a variety of results to support the promotion of sustainable development, which is necessary to modernize both the higher education curricula as the adult education programmes, by building up the capacities of future professionals towards a more sustainable usage of natural resources and creation of bridges between the provision of knowledge and the labour market needs. The partner organizations will collaboratively develop:

- An Environmental Portfolio
- A Didactic Manual
- Energy Management System Guidelines
- Adaption of these to an eLearning course that will then be freely available
- Scientific Articles

#### Kick Off Meeting

The kick off meeting of the project took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at the premises of the University of Ioannina and was introduced by the Hellenic National Agency. The meeting aimed at presenting the project objectives and expected results, in a structured manner, reviewing the work plan and setting milestones as well as establishing the internal working methods. The partners



shared their enthusiasm to implement the project and deliver results of high quality.

The members of the EPOQUE consortium are:

- University of Ioannina, Greece – Coordinator
- University of Helsinki, Finland
- Hellenic Open University, Greece
- University of Naples, Italy
- BEST Institut für berufsbezogene Weiterbildung und Personaltraining GmbH, Austria
- Projects in Motion, Malta

## What the Consortium Will Do Next

The next steps for the EPOQUE partnership is the compilation of the report which aims at identifying the trends in the curricula in adult education and higher education of the participating countries and highlight the importance for including issues related to the environment, the sustainable usage of natural resources and energy management. The results of the report will essentially assist the consortium into selecting the appropriate course contents and tools and developing the corresponding contents.

Look out for the results from the National Reports and the overall Headline Findings in the next Newsletter.

