

# Newsletter 3

## Epoque Validation Period

### **EPOQUE Intensive Study Program**

The University of Ioannina is pleased to announce that in the framework of the program Erasmus +, Strategic Partnerships, performed the Intensive Studies Program (ISP) from 2 to 13 November 2015 at the " Karolos Papoulias" congress center.

Parallel events were the Festival of Science and sustainability at the Cultural Center of the Municipality of Ioannina on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The program, entitled Environmental Portfolio for Quality in University Education (EPOQUE), seeks to create a new generation of scientists with a smart specialization in relation to the environment. With an innovative and environmentally friendly practices promote the project research and aims to combat environmental and social texture problems to improve the conditions of human life.

The academic program of the Master's program EPOQUE compensated teachers and learners and provided the basis for the completion of a cycle of postgraduate studies, where mixed classes of students from the School of Education and from the School of Science and Engineering study, in an interdisciplinary perspective, sustainability issues in the social, economic and environmental field.

Distinguished scientists at the University of Ioannina, set up an expert panel and interacted with the academic community of the EPOQUE Program, contributing to the development of the program both at a local and international level.

### **EPOQUE Internship**

The participating students following the ISP program participated in subsidized internships abroad. Greek and Italian students, majoring in Science and Engineering, implemented energy management systems in Finnish institutes. Educators taught in schools, experiencing the extraordinary Finnish Educational System. Correspondingly, Finnish students - Environmentalists in



their majority - implemented an internship in Italy, exchanging good practices on waste and energy systems. The internships were implemented under the organization, guidance and supervision of University Professors - Academic Leaders of the EPOQUE Project for each participating country. The institutes from Austria and Malta gave detailed instructions to enhance the internship in a good cooperation between the academic and working spaces. The feelings of the students after the experience of internships in Finland and Italy reflect in the most lucid manner the added value of the project.

## **EPOQUE Final Conference**

Leading scientists from around the world will participate in the International Conference EPOQUE -Best Practices in / for socio-economic and environmental Sustainability. Universities from Canada, Australia and European partner universities will show the public what they have developed and what prospects they have deleted. The local, regional and national community will benefit significantly. The main beneficiaries are the students of the University of Ioannina, which will have the opportunity to interact with international renowned scholars, made possible by their professors at the University of Ioannina on the basis of cooperation, collegiality and co-responsibility.

