

PRESS RELEASE

The international consortium composed by team leader VITECO (Catania, Italy), IDEC (Athens, Greece), CENFORM (Bucharest, Romania), *Liceo Statale “Ettore Majorana”* (Italy), 3rd Gymnazium of Nikaia (Greece) and Scoala Gimnaziala CIUGUD (Romania) is glad to inform you on the upcoming implementation of the 2 years old Erasmus + project “MY Smart School - MYSS” (<https://myss-project.eu/>), which is taking place from 01.04.2021 until 31.03.2023. The project is funded by the European Commission, its budget is 240.330,00 EUR and all MYSS project’s activities are organized in Romania, Italy and Greece.

MYSS project aims to address the need to reshape traditional schools toward distance learning, a scenario that became essential during the COVID pandemic and may continue for the upcoming school years. Thanks to the project, professors, schools and educational institutions are provided with new user-friendly digital equipment, tools and a secure platform that will help them to better approach distance learning. The aim is to help all teachers to discover flexible and concrete digital solutions for their distance learning needs. The main outcome of the MYSS project is focused on its intellectual outputs, closely related to the development of various solutions tailored to the needs of primary and secondary school teachers in every partner country.

- IO1 - a series of new e-courses for teachers related to how to approach teaching and communication through online video sessions.
- IO2 - an innovative e-platform for teachers and students.
- IO3 - Teachers’ Diaries and Recommendations, a handbook focused on teachers’ best practices in using MYSS innovative new tools, exchange of successful experiences on e-learning and suggestions for improving its use.

Project aims to contribute to the development of innovative resources and digital tools which will contribute in the medium-long run to effectively face Distance Learning, thanks to the development of:

- a new model of education for primary and secondary school teachers based on “open online” educational resources and a digital learning platform;
- an “e-learning platform” with tailored and flexible digital tools and assessment instruments, to be used during online classes for teachers and students of primary and secondary schools;
- a set of recommendations defined and validated by teachers to be practically used during online classes also after the project lifetime.

Based on the challenges highlighted by teachers in dealing with distance learning (before, during and after Covid), MYSS project intends to:

- Train teachers on how to properly approach students through the video screen and reshape the curriculum according to the new learning scenarios. New e-learning courses, freely available on the MYSS platform (<https://platform.myss-project.eu/>), have been designed to help them reach students in an efficient and impactful way.

- Recreating a virtual family dimension and providing teachers with a unique and mobile friendly online platform with various features and graphical tools to create teaching materials in a very flexible way. In addition, teachers' best experiences will be summarized in a handbook of "Diaries and Recommendations", which will allow new interested teachers in all Europe to have a useful guideline directly from their peers.

The MYSS project's implementation has entered in its last 6 months of implementation and more information and its project results and latest news are available on <https://myss-project.eu/> as well as on MYSS social media official channels (FB - <https://www.facebook.com/MYSmartSchoolProject> - and LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/79359915/admin/>).