

Press Release n° 3

**Project: Sustainability as the art ... of resilience****3rd Transnational Project Meeting, Athens (Greece), Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd February 2023**

The third transnational project meeting of the project “*Sustainability as the art ... of resilience*” (www.tenforsustainability.eu/SustainArt.html) was held on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd February 2023 in Athens (Greece), with participants from the following organizations: *Ten For Sustainability* (Project Applicant and Coordinator, Italy), *Geoclube - Associação Juvenil de Ciência, Natureza e Aventura* (Portugal), *Asociația de Dezvoltare Intercomunitară Harghita* (Romania), *Scientia Nova* (The Republic of North Macedonia), *AIFED - Asociación de Innovación Formación Empleo para el Desarrollo Sostenible* (Spain), *Challedu* (Greece) as the meeting hosting partner. The project is co-financed by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union.

The project stems from the perspective that the resilience literacy, as the capacity of people to creatively adapt, can be activated and accessed by using art and culture contents and toolset as an essential dimension, referring to art and culture both in their universal sense, as well as how to arts-based culture public perception and experience are shaped.

The transnational project meeting has been an opportunity for the participants and their respective organizations to share the outcomes of the performed research and needs assessment activities towards the identification and exchange of good practices having focused, among others, on the following:

- *national and/or local cultural and or policy frameworks as regards connecting environmental sustainability to art/culture and creativity, in your field of interest/operations. Every partner organization will elaborate in relation to their specific area of interest/operation;*
- *existing practices using local folklore, myths, characters, legends (or other creative practices) as drivers towards the activation of resilience to the benefit of individuals and communities;*
- *practices connecting environmental sustainability to Greek mythology/philosophy.*

Following the two days of meeting works, the following meeting's outcomes are worth to be highlighted:

- *Greek mythology is present in every European cultural tradition, for instance for everyone in Europe Hercules' columns symbolized the end of the civilized world. In particular, it's worth highlighting how the myth of the 12 labors of Hercules can be deemed as a symbol of resilience.*
- *Another very relevant example is the Myth of Persephone: “When Persephone cut the fairest flower of the meadow where she rejoiced in the spring, a hole opened under her feet and she fell into the arms of Pluto. Goddess Demeter's grief and love for her daughter forced Zeus to make a compromise between her and Pluto. For Persephone to return half the year to her mother and the rest of the time to live with her husband in the Underworld.” The myth can help symbolize what may happen when we destroy what nature provides and that anyone who turns against nature is punished: for the Ancient Greeks, anyone who goes beyond the limits of nature is punished.*

A local dissemination event, organized by every Partner, will end the project activities.

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FOLLOWING pictures taken during the meeting



