

Project on Digital Resistance in VET school EPAL Korydallou

Greece

DESCRIPTION

In Greece, in 2018, the **public vocational school EPAL Korydallou, located in the north-west of Piraeus Prefecture, participated in a project funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe joint programme Democratic and Inclusive School Culture in Operation (DISCO)**. The project was called **Digital Resistance and focused on enhancing learners' critical thinking skills in relation to the phenomenon of online "fake news"** and making them responsible digital citizens. **EPAL Korydallou contributed to the project's final output, a handbook for teachers called Digital resistance**, by writing Chapter 4 entitled "Creation of a digital output". The chapter aims to provide teachers and learners with basic guidelines on how to create a variety of digital outputs after their work on deconstructing fake news using online fact-checking tools in the classroom.

On the basis of the teaching models provided in the handbook, EPAL Korydallou created a dossier with **digital examples on deconstructing specific fake news and developed lesson plans in Greek as a framework for teacher training sessions**. Furthermore, teams of learners from EPAL Korydallou conducted **several activities**, varying from more classical forms such as creating PowerPoint presentations, posters, leaflets, comics and videos, to more original ones such as small workshop campaigns on disseminating news in the school community, a graffiti in the school grounds and a shadow puppet show in the classical Greek Karagiozis tradition – all inspired by their work on fake news and misinformation issues. Since the project ended in 2019, these activities have been **integrated into the school's curriculum** as an annual feature week. To further diffuse the digital resistance methodology and enforce digital citizenship literacy among Greek teachers and students, **in 2021, EPAL Korydallou created a structured educational activity called Digital Resistance: Tracing Fake News Workshop** which has been **approved by the National Ministry of Education for implementation** at secondary education degree schools.