

NEWSLETTER 1

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"Promoting Open Educational Resources and Practices, as an opportunity to reduce the digital divide in the European educational context, building a more inclusive society"

What is **OLA?**

Open Learning for All-enhancing digital Open Educational Resources for inclusion against stereotypes (OLA) is a two year project (2021-2023) within the EU Erasmus+ Programme financed to:

- give an impetus to the development and diffusion of open educational resources (OER) and practices (OEP), also reinforcing European cooperation
- promote a wider concept of "digital competence", including also the capability of using online platforms and information sources critically and responsibly, as a premise for exercising a conscious and informed citizenship
- spread awareness about stereotypes – starting from, but not limited to gender – and values implicitly conveyed by school textbooks and online resources

What we do?

As OLA partners, we integrate scientific research knowledge, expert know-how and real educational process at school to develop MOOC courses, guidelines for teachers and editors, and an open access online platform for creating and sharing multimedia educational scenarios. By the end of the project, 80 open scenarios related to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) will be released





OLA MOOC RELEASE

We are happy to announce that OLA MOOC about Open Educational Resources, after a first testing phase in the partner countries, will be soon open for the whole educational community at international level.

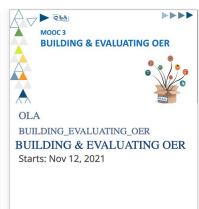
OLA MOOC consist of 5 different courses that address the issue of Open Educational Resources from different perspectives. The courses can be attended independently and are focused on: 'What OER are', an introduction to the issue; 'Reusing OER', with practical suggestions about how to reuse and adapt already existing educational resources; 'Building and evaluating OER', which guides educators in developing their own educational resources according to OLA principles, also with reference to how to evaluate them; 'Open pedagogy and blended education', providing a more theoretical view; and 'Creative commons', related to the various types of existing open licenses.

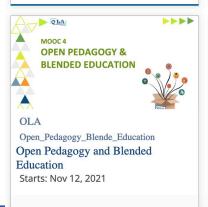
Each course provides an attendance certificate to those who pass the evaluation tests.

Teachers and educators who are interested in attending the MOOC can contact us: ola.management@irpps.cnr.it











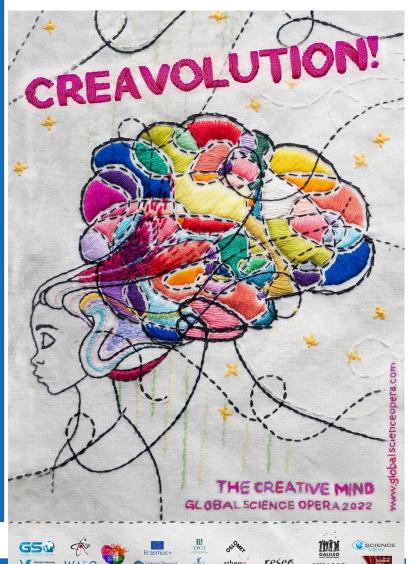




OLA INTERNATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING

Mark on your calendar the 20th of May! That day at 2 CET our Greek partners Maria Boubouka from the 1° Experimental School and Paraskevi Tzouveli of the National Technical University of Athens will keep an international online workshop entitled 'Open Educational Resources (and where to find them)', focused on Open Educational Resources and Open Licenses.

The workshop, open to the whole educational community and lasting about 2 hours, is hosted by the monthly sessions organized by the <u>GSO4SCHOOL European</u> <u>project</u>, aimed at joining science and art through the Global Science Opera (GSO) methodology.



Next GSO edition (November 20) is entitled 'Creavolution', as shown in the poster, addressing the scientific issue of the brain and creativity.

The workshop organized by OLA is precious also for the GSO wide community because, besides original works created by themselves, they can only use open educational materials for the production.

Teachers and educators can follow OLA workshop by this link:

https://hvl.zoom.us/j/685723 49296?pwd=VldVbk5BakN0d mk4bEFxOTIMcXVYUT09

Passcode: 693722





OLA next steps

During these months, all partner schools are working hard to produce OLA educational scenarios related to STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) and according to OLA principles, in order to create a repository of multimedia Open Educational Resources reusable by the whole educational community.

At the same time, all partner countries are organizing OLA national events to catalize several social actors at national and local level around the issue of Open Educational Resources and OLA principles. If you are from Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Romania, or Spain, and you are interested in participating in the national events, please contact us (ola.management@irpps.cnr.it) and we will put you in connection with the national partners.

Just to make you an example of OLA national event, in Italy in May 2021 we organized together with the Ministry of Education a virtual table (online due to the pandemics) with teachers, researchers, educators, students, publishers, policy makers, about the issue of stereotypes and implicit values in education, also with the participation of the Italian deputy Alessandro Fusacchia, leading a law proposal to contrast stereotypes in school textbooks. The report of the table was shared with the UNESCO Futures of Education initiative as a part of their international consultation (if you are interested, here you find the report and here you find more information about the UNESCO initiative).







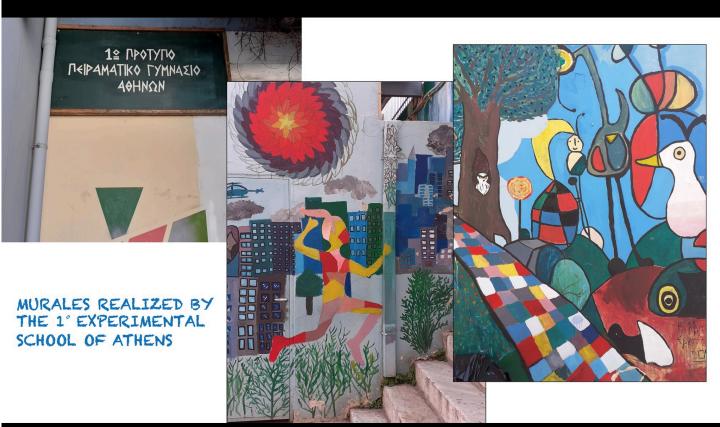
It is a pleasure to share with you some pictures from our 1° Transnational Meeting, held in Athens last November.







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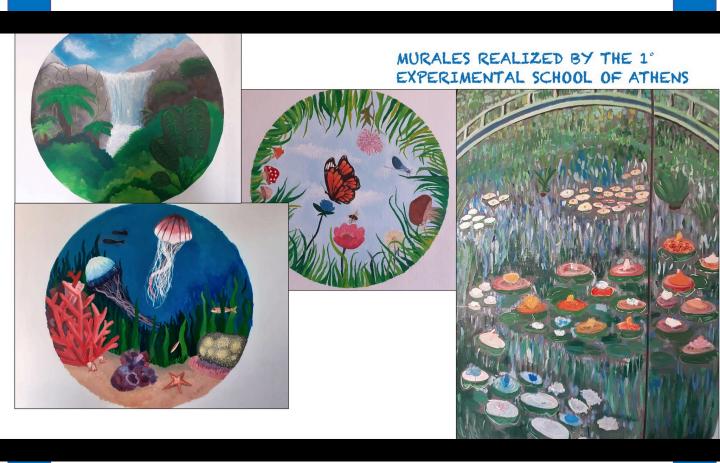


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