



Launch of ACADIMIA project: European Teacher Academy for Creative & Inclusive Learning

The ACADIMIA project (ref. No 101104783-EDU-2022-1-GR-PEX-TEACH-ACA), co-funded by the European Commission through Erasmus+ program, marks the beginning of an exciting new initiative in teacher education. This project aims to establish a **European Teacher Academy** focused on integrating creative and inclusive methods in diverse classrooms. The academy seeks to address the challenges posed by traditional teacher-centered approaches in education, particularly in classrooms with students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Key Objectives and Impact

ACADIMIA aims to provide educators with the tools and skills necessary to foster **inclusive education and creativity** in the classroom. Through the integration of non-formal educational methods like Drama in Education, Gamification, and Creative Computing, the project will improve the classroom climate and the educational outcomes of students, especially those facing social, linguistic or academic barriers.

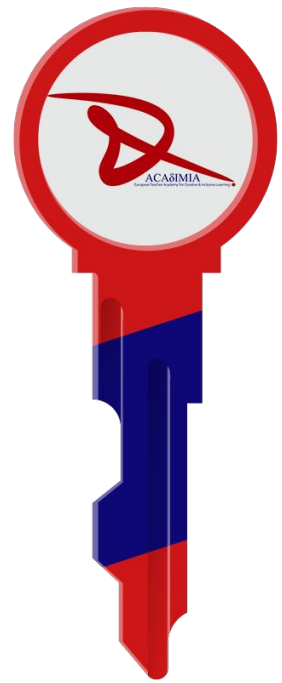
A key element of ACADIMIA is the creation of a **joint curriculum** for teacher qualification, focused on creative teaching methodologies. This curriculum will be delivered through various formats such as online workshops, e-learning courses, blended learning activities, summer camps. Around 900 trainee and in-service teachers are expected to benefit from these activities over the course of the 3-year project.



In addition to teacher training, the project will establish a **professional community of practice** where educators can share knowledge, exchange experiences, and engage in peer learning. This community will ensure that the benefits of the project continue beyond its timeline, allowing for ongoing collaboration among European educators.

The Role of Erasmus+ and Teacher Academies

ACADIMIA is part of a growing number of Teacher Academies funded by Erasmus+ program of the European Union. These academies aim to strengthen the **European Education Area** by promoting professional development, collaboration, and innovation among teachers across Europe. The ACADIMIA project will test mobility schemes between partner institutions and promote cross-border cooperation, which is essential to the Erasmus+ mission of fostering international collaboration and innovation in education.



ACADIMIA Strategic Goals

The strategic goals of ACADIMIA include:

- **Developing innovative curriculum** for teacher training that focus on creative methods for promoting social inclusion.
- **Establishing a multilingual open-access repository** with resources, tools, and materials for educators.
- Promoting **teacher mobility** and collaborative learning through summer campuses and e-learning modules.
- Creating mechanisms for the **recognition of skills and competencies** gained through these trainings, allowing for the mutual recognition of learning outcomes across borders.
- **Supporting policy development** by providing stakeholders with evidence-based practices that can influence national and regional educational policies.



Partnership and Collaboration

The ACADIMIA project brings together partners from across Europe, including Greece, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Bulgaria, Iceland, and Ireland. This diverse partnership will ensure that a wide range of creative educational practices are shared and adapted to local contexts.

As the project progresses, ACADIMIA will organize a series of policy roundtables to transfer its findings to educational authorities, ensuring that the results can influence **policy making and teacher education** on a broader scale.

With its focus on creativity, inclusion, and teacher collaboration, ACADIMIA represents an innovative step forward for teacher education in Europe. It offers a platform where teachers can access high-quality training, gain international experience, and contribute to the development of inclusive and creative classrooms across Europe.

The partners joined to carry out the ACADIMIA project are:

- ACTION SYNERGY SA (GR)
- UNIVERSITAT DE GIRONA (ES)
- UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI FIRENZE (IT)
- UC LEUVEN (BE)
- INSITE DRAMA (HU)
- CENTAR ZA TVORCHESKO OBUCHENIE (BG)
- KENTRO SPOUDON LAIKOU THEATROU (GR)
- GEOCAMP ICELAND (IS)
- HASKOLI ISLANDS (IS)
- WATERPARK MONTESSORI LIMITED (IE)
- TRAKIYSKI UNIVERSITET (BG)



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